

October, 2009

Homewood-Flossmoor High School



News from the Library

Please join us for fun fall events, and catch up with some good news!

Library Book Circulation is Up 30% at H-F

So far this year, our circulation of library books is 30% higher than last year at this time. The data compares both semesters of summer school, plus the months of August and September for 2008 and 2009. Please know... whatever you are doing in your classroom to encourage reading, literacy and research, it's working, and we couldn't be happier! The numbers are up for fiction and all categories of non-fiction. *Please help us to keep these numbers going up by scheduling a library book talk or research information session for your classes soon.*



Celebrate Teen Read Week October 19th thru 23rd

We're joining hundreds of school and public libraries across the country to celebrate Teen Read Week – an event that encourages teens to read for the fun of it. Please encourage your students to drop in the library and play the “FACT OR FICTION?” Game. Everyone who guesses correctly will win a prize, and all participants will be entered in a grand prize drawing.



Scholastic Book Fair -- November 3rd thru 6th

Mark your calendar and plan to shop at the H-F Library Book Fair! We'll be open all day November 3rd and 4th for students and staff, during the afternoon and evening parent-teacher conferences November 5th, and during the H-F Best Practices Conference on November 6th. *Proceeds from the book fair help us to*



add new books to the library, and to fund an annual scholarship for a college-bound H-F senior.

Twilight Celebration Thursday, November 19th 3:15-5:45 p.m. in the Library

Calling all *Twilight* fans! To mark the release of the movie, *New Moon*, we're planning a get-together featuring a trivia contest, prizes, refreshments, and a screening of the original *Twilight* movie. Students must register in advance. There is a signup sheet in the library.



Banned Books Week Contest Winners Announced



September 26 – October 3 was Banned Books Week. This annual event celebrates our freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment by highlighting the issue of access to information and spotlighting actual or attempted book bannings across the United States.

Our lucky contest winners are:

1st Prize – Micaiah Hamer

Micaiah won an “I’m With the Banned” T-shirt and an autographed copy of Ellen Hopkin’s book, *Crank*.

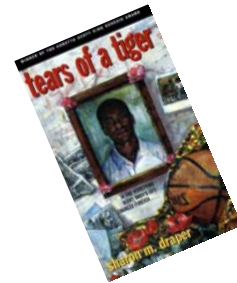
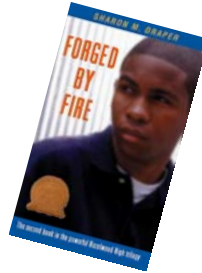
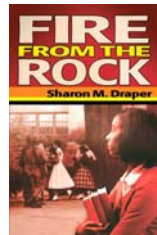
2nd Prize – Bryan Collier

Brian won an autographed copy of *Glass*, by Ellen Hopkins.

3rd Prize – Khailia Johnson

Khailia won an autographed copy of *Keysha’s Drama*, by Earl Sewell.

Announcing H-F Reads Second Quarter Titles! A Collection of Books by Popular Author Sharon Draper



Sharon M. Draper is an award-winning teacher and writer whose books include the popular “Hazelwood High” and “Jericho” trilogies. Rather than just feature one of her many books, we’ve decided to put the spotlight on a selection of Sharon Draper’s books during the second quarter. Stop by the library to borrow one today!

New Research Database Added – Daily Life through History

What was life really like for ordinary people in other cultures throughout history? How did they raise their children? What did they do for fun? From marriage customs in ancient Egypt to resistance music in modern Latin America, from the fashion sense of the Mongols to the importance of film in modern India, the world comes alive in this inter-disciplinary resource. This database covers the arts, religion, food, literature, language, romance, rites of passage and coming of age, marriage customs, social and government structure, sickness and cures, warfare, sports and games, holidays, festivals, and more. Check it out by choosing the “Online Databases and E-Books” link from the HF Library home page.

