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INTEREST:

- The book collection is Growing!
- New Library Hours: 7 a.m.—6 p.m.
- Watch for new Graphic Novels
- Research Project Info
- Get ideas for incorporating fiction titles with your curriculum

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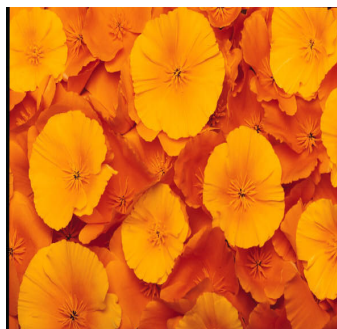
## Watch the Collection Grow

Pam and Mardean have been working diligently on ordering more books for our growing collection.

We initially focused on contemporary fiction titles from all genres and reading levels. The first large fiction order was placed in September and we are looking forward to sharing the books with all of the students. We encourage teachers to send students to the library anytime for book suggestions. Also, we are always on the lookout for great fiction titles, so let us know if you have any suggestions.

Our next order of business is to increase the nonfiction books to augment those areas where specific research is done. If you have a research assignment planned at

anytime in the coming year please send Pam an email with your topic. She will find current, age-appropriate titles for your students to use.



**The book collection will grow before your eyes!**

Mardean is updating the classic literature section and ordering more nonfiction titles.

We are also creating a Graphic Novel collection (see the article on page 3 for more information) and updating the Professional Collection with new titles on teaching literacy across the curriculum.

As students stop in with assignments and faculty members share future plans, the nonfiction collection will increase exponentially.

So, please stop in, share suggestions, have some chocolate (yes, Mardean does keep a stash of chocolates in our back room) and check out a new book.

## Meet the New Librarian

Pam Harland started in September and is excited to meet everyone and work on integrating research and literacy skills into your classes.

Pam comes to us from Hampton Academy in Hampton, NH. She and her husband moved to Rum-

ney earlier this year when he became the Technology Coordinator for the Lin-Wood school district.

Pam has been a librarian for 14 years and has loaned books on bookmobiles in Indiana and provided online research for Alan

Greenspan at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. She loves libraries and books and helping students become effective users of information.

Pam spends her free time skiing, cooking, and playing with her boxer dogs.

# Featured New Fiction Titles



**Twice Told: Original Stories Inspired by Original Art**

This collection contains 18 original stories inspired by the artwork of Scott Hunt. The contributors, all YA authors, were given one of nine charcoal drawings and asked to write a story inspired by it. Pieces by two different authors are paired with each one, hence the "twice told" aspect of the title. This title would make a nice connection in a creative writing assignment.



Simmons, Michael.

## The Rise of Lubchenko

Our hero caught his father selling smallpox virus to terrorists.

Dressen, Sarah

## Just Listen

Annabelle is ostracized after a party and must face her Junior year friendless.

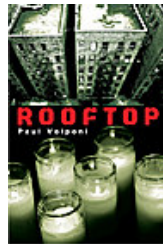


Johnson, Harriet McBryde

## Accidents of Nature

Jean won't let cerebral palsy keep her from being "normal."

# More New Fiction



Volponi, Paul

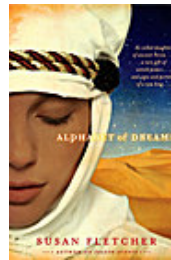
## Rooftop

Witness to a shooting

Fletcher, Susan

## Alphabet of Dreams

3 wise men & 1 teenage girl



Fredericks, Mariah

## Crunch Time

How to prepare for SATs

# Research Projects

If you have a research project (small or large) coming up during the school year, now is the time to notify Pam.

Pam's schedule is flexible and meeting times and locations are at your convenience.

If you are starting to plan a new research project, Pam is the person to talk with. She can help you craft plagiarism-

proof research questions, project ideas, book selection lists, and website links.

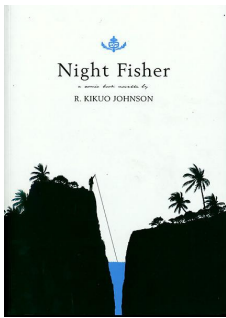
Once you have a project in mind, share your topics with Pam and she will order new titles for your students to use.

When your research projects begin you can bring your classes to the library or Pam will come to your classes to

instruct students on research methodology. She can teach your students how to locate, evaluate, use, and cite various types of information resources.

Keep in mind that Pam is here to help you and to teach your students how become effective users of information.

# Graphic Novels ... not just comic books anymore



**Night Fisher** contains masterful artwork and storytelling.

While searching for books to attract teenage boys into the library, many librarians have added Graphic Novel collections to their stacks.

Graphic Novels, in their simplest definition, are book-length comics.

However, thanks to complex story lines, sophisticated writing and illustrations these volumes have evolved into something more. The subject matter of Graphic Novels is no longer limited to the fantastical adventures of superheroes. A good example is Art Spiegelman's Maus, which is a significant and moving piece of Holocaust literature.

Due to the fact that graphic novels are such a rich addition to modern literature, we are setting up a

Graphic Novel area in the PRHS Library.

Also, it is important to keep in mind that Graphic Novels appeal to reluctant readers of both genders. Students who find little enjoyment in reading may discover that Graphic Novels are their key to reading enjoyment.

In addition, students who read Graphic Novels are not only reading words, but also learning to decode facial expressions and other visual nuances that lead to a fuller definition of literacy.

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## Letters About Literature

Do you have a student who is excited about a book he or she has read? Would the student like to share this with the author?

Your student may select a fiction or nonfiction book, a short story, poem, essay or speech and write a personal letter to the author, explaining how his or her work had a meaningful affect on his view of the world or himself.

This national reading and writing promotion is sponsored by the NH Center for the Book at the NH State Library and includes a level for high school students.

Submission deadline for the state level of the competition is December 8, 2006. Guidelines are available from the PRHS Library or at the State Library website:

<http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter/programs/guidelines.pdf>

## New Library Hours

The library is now open from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. every day of the week.

Students and staff are welcome to use the library for studying, research, homework, or entertainment (hopefully finding a good book to read!)

Cheryl Davis is now working from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in order to accommodate the new hours.

We are hoping that the library will provide a place for students to study before and after games, practices and meetings.

Please encourage your students to use the library any evening during the week.





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*“What good is information if you can't get to it?”*

The purpose of the Plymouth Regional High School Library is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information.

### Library Quotes ~

A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up children without surrounding them with books.... Children learn to read being in the presence of books.  
— Horace MANN (1796-1859)

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.  
— Groucho MARX (1890-1977)

Libraries are not made, they grow.  
— Augustine BIRRELL (1850-1933)

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This database provides a specialized collection of nearly 550 education journals, including more than 350 peer-reviewed titles.

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<http://scholar.google.com>



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