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Team Teaching Research Skills

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

Once you have told us your topic, given us your handouts, and scheduled a time to bring your classes in, the Library gets to work behind the scenes.

First, we scour the shelves looking for books that your students can use— we pull out reference and non-fiction books and set up a reserve shelf for your class.

Next we hit the computers— looking through our databases and reliable internet sources for resources that will be beneficial and appropriate for your students. We can make a SiteJot list (see article on p.3) for your

class, or simply keep the ideas in our back pocket, just in case students need some extra help.

Finally, on the day of your class, we make sure that we have plenty of copies of our “Citing Sources” handouts, we reserve tables and computers for your students, and we eagerly await your arrival.

Once your classes are here, we can do a rapid-fire research talk (in which we show your class where their books are, what computers are available, and hand out the “Citing Sources” handout).

At this point we can go into greater detail about specific sources (book or online), discuss note-taking strategies, and/or explain more about research

techniques in the Library, or we can leave your class to begin their research immediately. It is entirely up to you how much involvement you would like from us.

We would also love to introduce you and your classes to the new NoodleTools system (see article on p.3)

Even if you don't want to come to the library— let us know what topics the students are going to research, so we can be prepared with the best information and answers.

The important thing is that you let us know about your assignments, so that we can help your students to become effective users of ideas and information.

Literature of Harrassment

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services gay and lesbian young adults comprise one of our most "at risk" student populations. One in three gay teenagers drop out of school before graduation, at least in part in response to hostile receptions at school or in the

home. Faced with such challenges, gay adolescents turn to drug or alcohol abuse in disproportionate numbers, and they attempt suicide at alarming rates.¹

Find out more about these sad statistics and more importantly,

about what you can do to help.

We have created a booklist of fiction titles currently held in the PRHS Library.

If you see a title that you would like to read, email us, and we will check it out to you and put it in your mailbox. (cont. on p.2)

¹ Gibson, Paul. (1989). Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide. In Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide. Washington D.C.:U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Rainbow Boys & Rainbow High by Alex Sanchez

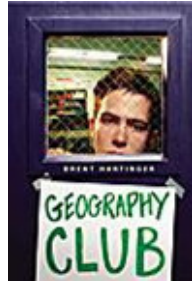
Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other in Rainbow Boys.

Rainbow High is the sequel in which the 3 boys struggle with coming out, homophobia, and college choices.

Watch for Rainbow Road coming soon to our library.

Featured New Fiction Titles:

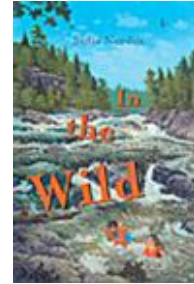
Literature of Harassment (homosexuality & bullying titles)



Hartering, Brent
Geography Club
Homosexual outcasts form a new club at school

M.T. Anderson
Burger Wuss

Planning revenge on a bully at competing fast food restaurants



Nordin, Sofia
In the Wild
Amanda spends a week in the forest, struggling for survival... with the school bully



Jones, Patrick
Nailed
Brett struggles to keep his individuality in a school full of jocks

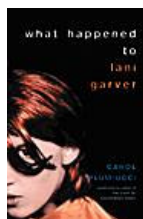


Garden, Nancy
endgame
Gray Wilton, bullied at school and at home, takes matters into his own hands



Alex Flinn
Breaking Point
Under the spell of a charismatic boy— students make bad decisions

Plum-Ucci, Carol
What Happened to Lani Garver
Is Lani a boy or a girl? The students at school don't know



Bauer, Marion Dane
Am I Blue?
Short stories about coming-out and being gay



Sloan, Brian
Tale of Two Summers
Hal is gay, Chuck is straight, but they are still best friends



Noodle Tools: a Great New Research Product

Plymouth Regional High School now has a subscription to Noodle-Tools featuring NoodleBib.

NoodleBib is a fully-integrated note-taking and documentation program.



NoodleBib includes a wonderful note-taking component which enables you to extract, organize and synthesize information that you find during the research process. NoodleBib is a flexible teaching tool which supports both individual learning preferences and a variety of teaching styles.

NoodleBib assists in the process of generating, editing, and publishing an MLA works-cited list or an APA reference list. NoodleBib acts like a wizard for creating bibliographic citations. It walks the user through the process of inputting citation information with clear, simple instructions that differentiate between source types with ease.

Take a tour, sign yourself up, and look around.

Go to: <http://www.noodletools.com>

Click on **NoodleBib**

Our school Username: **PlymouthHS**

Our school password: **03264**

It will ask you to choose your personal username & pw.

Please ask Pam or Mardean if you need assistance or want us to teach it to any of your classes. We will provide more information soon.

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Vocabulary
Wordlist

NoodleBib
SiteJot

Filamentality

Portaportal

Zoho

Online Bookmark Utilities

Online bookmark managers allow you to store all your bookmarks/favorites in one online location, making them easy to access and manage from anywhere.

SiteJot (www.sitejot.com) allows you to organize bookmarks by category. The bookmarks are then displayed on a simple, well laid out page.

You can make your bookmarks



www.sitejot.com

public and allow students to view your bookmarks.

Filamentality (www.filamentality.com) is a fill-in-the-blank tool that guides you through picking a topic, searching the Internet, gathering good Internet links, and turning them into online learning activities. Support is

built-in along the way.

Portaportal (www.portaportal.com) is another utility that lets you store links to your favorite websites online. The next time you come across a website that you like, simply copy the URL, come here and add it to your portal. This way no matter where you are when you surf the web, the bookmark will be waiting for you.

See Pam or Mardean for help.

What Else Is New?

The library recently acquired a brand new laminator. No more hand cutting the wrap— no more giant laminate carriers. Our new machine is high-tech and does a superb job of laminating.

Come to the library and ask Mardean for a lesson.

Last month was an exciting and busy month for us. Boxes of new books arrived and by the end of the month we had added almost 600 fiction titles and 300 non-fiction titles to the shelves!

So, if you have a moment to spare, please stop in to browse through the contemporary fic-

tion and the new non-fiction shelves for something different to read. And encourage your students to try one of the new titles.

Enjoy the new books -- and keep your suggestions coming.





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Check out our new PRHS Library Wiki:

<http://prhslibrary.pbwiki.com/>

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 ~

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.

— Ray BRADBURY (author)

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.

— Walter CRONKITE (newscaster)

Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled—"This could change your Life."

— Helen EXLEY (book publisher)

Zoho : The Tool You Didn't Know You Needed

Are you trying to find a solution to the problem of students transporting files back and forth between home and school?

Zoho is the answer.

Zoho is a free online suite of programs that aims to bring the off-line office environment to the web.

Zoho allows users to share and group edit documents, spreadsheets and slide shows (powerpoints) that are saved to the Zoho website.

Zoho's word processing

environment is easy to use and contains a spell check option (which very few other web-based software programs have.)



Work that is done in the Zoho environment remains private unless you want to share it with an individual, a group, or the world.

Students can work on documents at home and at school simply by storing

them on the Zoho website. They can also work on group projects by sharing their files with classmates and teachers.

Go to www.zoho.com to see their other tools including a planner, a website monitoring service, web editing application, and a poll builder.