

Book Club

Meeting

Dates:

*Driving with
Dead People*
April 14th

*I Can't Keep
My Own
Secrets*
May 19th

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** Netbooks! **

The library recently acquired **20 Dell Netbooks** through a generous grant for student and teacher use.

The netbooks are Dell Latitude 2100s. They are wireless and light-weight, which allows for more student mobility and collaboration in the library. Students are able to take the technology where they need it.

Each netbook has a built-in webcam, as well as wireless access to the PRHS network, the Internet and the Microsoft Office suite.

Students in Mr. Blais' AP

Government have been using the netbooks for access to online resources during class. Mr. Blais is thrilled with the mobile ac-



cess to current information during his class. "The netbooks allow us access to real time information that give the students the ability to independently work

with relevant resources." The AP Government students are currently examining exit poll data to look at voting trends and bias in the media.

During the fourth quarter, students will be able to check the netbooks out of the library and take them home overnight. We are hoping that students who currently don't have

access to Microsoft Office or other computer resources will utilize this resource.

Digital Portfolio Deadline Is Here for Seniors

The deadline for completing the new Digital Portfolio graduation requirement is **April 15, 2010** for all seniors planning on graduating in June.

Seniors who want to complete the requirement should submit a "portfolio completion form" to any member of

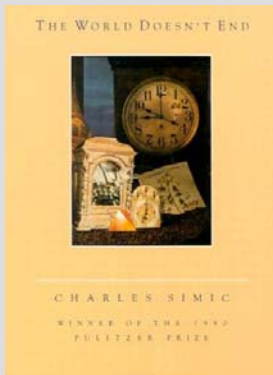
the Digital Portfolio review committee:
Maura Dougherty, Pam Harland, Lena MacLean, Janice Prescott, Anne Simensen, Jennifer Werda or James Thorpe.

If you are lost, frustrated, or confused we are here to help!

E-mail us at:
hslibrary@prhs.sau48.org
phone (603-536-1444x2017)
or stop by the library on any school day:
Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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**Featured
Non-Fiction**



*The World
Doesn't End :
Prose Poems*
by Charles Simic

Yugoslavian-born Charles Simic, who came to the U.S. in 1954, is known as a creator of poetic fantasy.

In this volume, he creates bizarre, startling and entertaining visions in short descriptive lines.

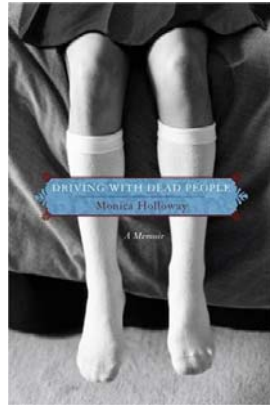
This collection was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1990.

Charles Simic is professor emeritus in Creative Writing and American Literature at the University of New Hampshire. He lives right here in New Hampshire.

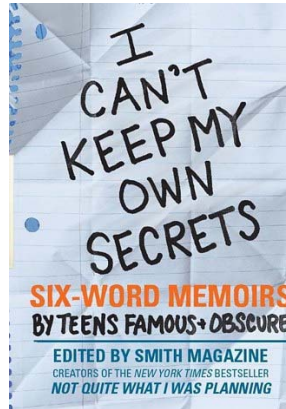
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Spring Book Club Titles

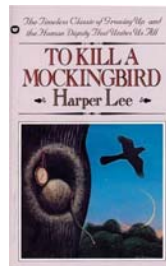
Driving With Dead People
by Kristin Cashore



*I Can't Keep My Own
Secrets*



To Kill a Mockingbird
by Harper Lee



During the month of March students and faculty members from all over the school read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee as part of the Big Read sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the NH Center for the Book.

Mr. Schrier held a movie showing in the library one afternoon, inviting students and faculty to watch the Gregory Peck classic film together.

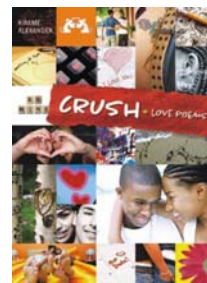
April is National Poetry Month

Here are some of the most popular poetry books in the PRHS Library:



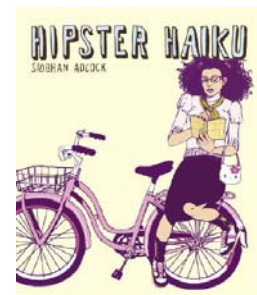
*Technically It's
Not My Fault:
Concrete Poems*
By John Grandits

811 GRA



*Crush:
Love Poems*
by Kwame Alexander

811 ALE



Hipster Haiku
By Siobhan Adcock

811 ABC

Library Databases vs. Websites

Do you wonder why your teachers insist that you use library databases (like EBSCO) rather than search engines (like Google) for your academic research? Here are the top three reasons why we want you to use the library databases:

1. Library databases get their information from published works by experts in the field while websites can be written by anyone.

2. Library databases only publish information from a source where the facts are checked by experts while website content is not usually checked by anyone.

3. Library databases are updated frequently (sometimes hourly) while websites may not indicate when a page was last updated, nor if it is

the most current information available on a topic.

We encourage you to use Google to find out the lyrics to your favorite song or a video of a cat playing the piano, but when locating information for a research project, start with our databases. [<http://prhslibrary.com> | click "databases" | enter: lavalamp]



Kindle Update

This month the Kindles are being used in an English class. The lucky students in Mr. Thorpe's World Literature class are currently reading Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist* on the Kindles.

The students are learning to bookmark and manage titles, highlight important passages, as well as take notes on the devices. The technology has a certain "coolness" factor that has several students in the class more excited to read.

Jason Torsey said that he actually finds it easier to read from the Kindle. "I find that the words look more clear and that I don't hesitate as I read out loud. I love using them!"

Mr. Thorpe noticed that his students are more excited

about reading when approaching the text on a Kindle. The book seems more inviting to them, considering the digital text platform.

Mr. Thorpe shares this: "The Kindles have given me the opportunity to cover more text during a class period. Students are more engaged while reading, and stay engaged for longer periods of time.



I've also been thrilled with the amount of help that students have given to one another during the learning period with the Kindles. If we run into any technological issue in the classroom, the students who are proficient in that area have shown pride and willingness when helping others. This has created more cohesion in the classroom, and I've enjoyed letting the students teach one another at times."

"Overall, I've noticed more participation, more willingness to read out loud, and more general awareness of themes we are studying in the text."



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<http://prhslibrary.com/>

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

Poetry Quotes

Genuine poetry can communicate before it is understood.

~ **T. S. Eliot**

I've written some poetry I don't understand myself.

~ **Carl Sandburg**

Painting is silent poetry, and poetry is painting that speaks.

~ **Plutarch**

PRHS Library By the Numbers

Statistics are a great way to see how the library is growing and changing.

Total Check Outs by Month
January 2010: **965**
February 2010: **867**
March 2010: **1145**

Number of items in the PRHS Library (books, cameras, jump drives, dvds, etc.):
17,533

Number of Kindles available for students to check out: **20**

Number of titles on each Kindle, as of April 2010: **215**

Top 5 Students with the most checkouts this quarter:

Michael Bowman: 149
Chelsea Martel: 66
Martinez Courriveau: 57
Brendan Wallace: 55
Katie Guilmett: 26

Number of Seniors with completed Digital Portfolios: **158**

Number of books in the PRHS Library “poetry” section:
397

Number of netbooks in the PRHS Library:
20

Average number of netbooks used each period:
8

