

Wolverine Library Lowdown

Wakeland High School



Teen Read Week is Here!

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One of the promotional events that is sponsored by the American Library Association every year is Teen Read Week. Always the third week in October, it is a week to promote reading for pleasure among teens. This year's theme is *Read Beyond Reality*. In the WHS Library, we will be hosting three main events besides having some special displays.

1. **First Line Matching Contest**—Students may come into the library to try and match the first line from a book with the correct title. Those who

are correct will receive a small prize and be entered into the drawing for a Barnes and Noble gift card on Friday.

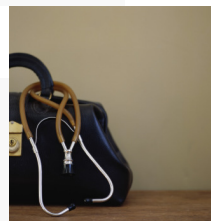
2. **Vote for your favorite Tayshas book**—Tayshas is a reading list selected for high school students by the Young Adult Round Table of the Texas Library Association. Students who have read at least three of the titles on the list may vote for their favorite. The winning book will be announced on Friday morning.

3. **Book Trailer Screening**, Thursday, October 22, after school—Book Trailers are like Movie Trailers; commercials for books. I have a trailer loop that lasts about 30 minutes that will be our main feature, with popcorn provided, of course.

Upcoming Events:

- October 19-23 Teen Read Week
- October 19 Faculty Book Club Meeting after school—we are reading *The Help*, join us!
- October 31 Gary Burns Fun Run
- November 6 FISD Chili Cookoff

Librarians can make “Lab Calls”



Are your students doing research in the computer lab? As more and more quality research materials are available online, you may find yourself signing up for the lab. I would encourage you to visit the

library for research and the lab for creation. However, if that is impossible, your librarian will travel to the computer lab to help show students effective searching skills, and specific ways to use our subscription

databases to their best advantage. Students need to learn now how to find what they are looking for online, and tell if it is reliable information. Let me know if I can be of service to you in this way!

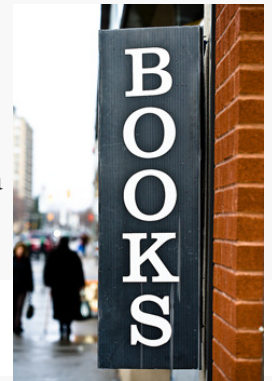
Reading for pleasure is important...so let me entertain your class for a few minutes

Holidays are coming. Students and teachers could use a little recreational reading in their lives. In fact, reading is one of the most important skills students need for academic success at any level. (I can provide references on request.) One of my goals for our WHS library this year is to increase circulation and therefore reading among our students. One of the best ways to get students

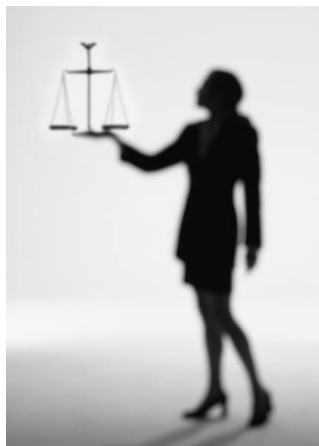
interested in books is to talk about them.

I would like the opportunity to tell students about books. You can schedule a time to visit the library for as little as 15 minutes to hear about books, or I can come to your classroom. With a little advance warning, I can prepare a program of books that have to do with your subject, current issues, or you could just

let me talk about my favorite new books. It is up to you. Should you prefer a presentation made to a group of classes, we can arrange that as well. My booktalks can also include multimedia elements.



Web Site Evaluation



If you would like a form to use to help students with web site evaluation, please check our [WHS Library Website](http://tinyurl.com/yzy4rqc). <http://tinyurl.com/yzy4rqc>

There are two forms to choose from on the web site evaluation primer page. If you would like any help with this topic, please let me know.

All speech students this semester have attended a seminar on web evaluation, and I am hoping to see the second

semester students as well. Evaluation is one of the 21st Century Skills—a new buzz word in education. This is an easy way to incorporate evaluation into what you are already doing.

[Evaluation Form 1](http://tinyurl.com/yhew5bg)

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[Evaluation Form 2](http://tinyurl.com/ygdd48h)

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Web 2.0 spotlight: Voice Thread

Looking for something new to do with students? Tired of watching the same mind numbing powerpoints? Want a new way to integrate technology? Try **Voice Thread**. Basically, it is a web application that allows you to upload pictures, video, or documents and then comment on them. Groups of students may comment on the same set of images,

as in a group discussion. It is very interesting, and one of the more stable web 2.0 applications that I have seen. For more information, watch this voicethread

<http://tinyurl.com/3lkbdh>.

The website is

<http://voicethread.com>

