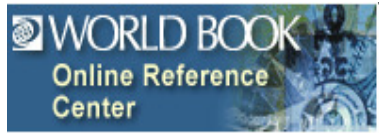


Get it while it's Hot!



We were able to get a FREE trial to World Book Encyclopedia for twomonths.

It's definitely worth looking into. If you like it, please tell us. If you don't like it, we want to hear that too. That will help us decide if it's worth purchasing for next year. Remember the free trial offer ends May 15. We have placed it on the library's Data Base/Electronic Resource page.

Word Clouds

I've be playing with word clouds and having the time of my life. The two sites that I have been using are wordle.net and tagxedo.com. Each one has different uses. Wordle will make a cloud in a shape you can only slightly control but words that are used more often come out larger. It's a great way to analyze a piece of written text. Tagxedo allows you to put text into a specific shape that you select. Stop by the library to get a quick tutorial on both these products!



Old Bridge H.S. Library Newsletter

April 1, 2011



What's This?

This is the first of our monthly newsletter. We will be highlighting happenings, resources, and special projects that we do in the library. Any suggestions are welcomed. Please stop by and speak to Karen or Yvonne and see how together we can cooperate, collaborate, create and communicate together.

Databases

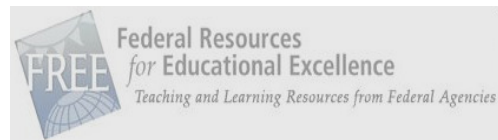
Many of you attending Yvonne's workshop on databases. You learned a good deal about authentic research and resources. If anyone missed this workshop and would like to know how databases can enhance your lessons stop by either library and Karen or Yvonne will be glad to help!

We've been accessing our databases and other electronic resources lately. We are excited to tell you that we have two trail subscriptions. The library has been a very busy place lately. All those last minute projects are piling up. Available time in the lab and library are at a premium. Sign up as soon as you can.

Quote of the Week

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body" – Joseph Addison
What shape is your body in? What shape is your mind in?

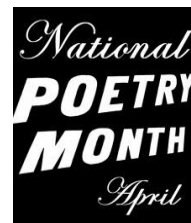
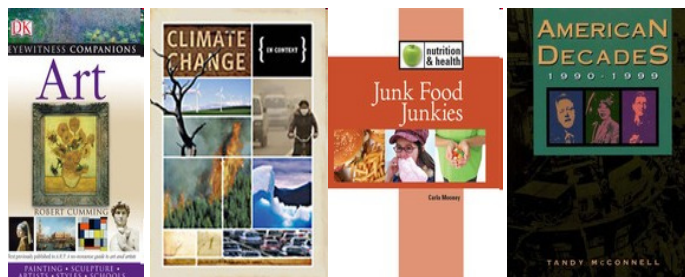
Federal Resources for Educational Excellence



When Uncle Sam gives you something for free, you really should take notice. **FREE**, or Federal Resources for Educational Excellence, is a U.S. Department of Education website that compiles free teacher resources available from dozens of federal agencies. Educators can sign up for the FREE RSS feed, which notifies users when new resources are added. Otherwise, they can browse by topic, from music history to life sciences.

E-Books

Did you know that the library has 9 E-books for you and your students. In an effort to move our students into more academic research we have dip our toes into the E-book pond. We tried to purchase books for a variety of disciplines. Go to the library page and click on E-books. Didn't know we had a page? Go to the school's website, scroll over to students and down to library/media center. By the way, the password for the database page is: purple



April is...



School Library Month
National Poetry Month
Jazz Appreciation Month
National Autism Awareness Month

National Blue Ribbon Week (4/3-4/9)
Paraprofessional Appreciation Day (4/6)
National D.A.R.E. Day (4/7)
UN World Health Day (4/7)

Passover (4/18-4/26)
Holy Week (4/17-4/24)
Turnoff Week (4/18-4/24)
Boston Marathon (4/18)
Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day (4/18)
Maundy/Holy Thursday (4/21)
Earth Day-40th Anniversary (4/22)
Good Friday (4/22)
National Jelly Bean Day (4/22)

National Humor Month
National STD Awareness Month
Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month
World Habitat Awareness Month

National Library Week (4/10-4/16)
Week of the Young Child (4/10-4/16)
Young People's Poetry Week (4/10-4/16)
National Library Workers Day (4/12)

Administrative Prof Week (4/24-4/30)
Sky Awareness Week (4/24-4/30)
Easter (4/24)
Easter Monday (4/25)
Richter Scale Day (4/26)
Administrative Professionals Day (4/27)
Take Our Children to Work Day (4/28)
Poem in Your Pocket Day (4/28)
National Arbor Day (4/29)

Science Resources



We have many science resources on our webpage. Check out Facts on File Science OnLine. There are Diagrams, Experiments, Biographies, Timelines, Videos and Animation. Just go to the library home page and click on DataBases. Don't forget the password is purple. What else do we have? There is Science Reference Center from Ebscohost, World Book Encyclopedia and an E-book on Climate Change. Please stop by for a demo of these products.