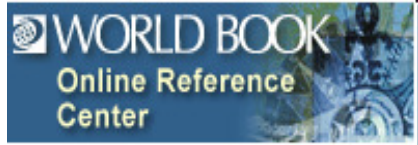


Get it while it's Hot!



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

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 meets our needs. Remember the free trial offer ends May 15. We have placed it on the library's Data Base/Electronic Resource page. The userid is americassl and the password is tulip.

The library has been a very busy place lately. Available time in the lab and library are filling up. Sign up as soon as you can.

Word Clouds

I've been 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.

Databases

Many of you attended 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 evaluating our databases and other electronic resources. We are excited to tell you that we have two trial subscriptions. Please visit Coin the career library. It can be found on the library database webpage.

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?

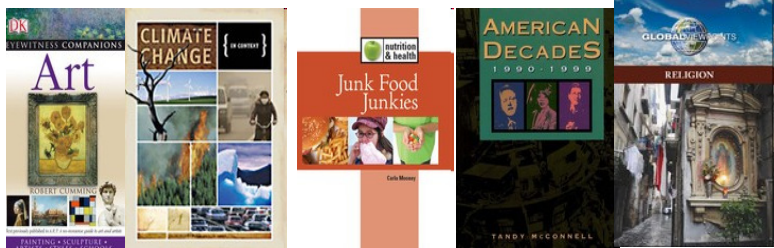
Federal Resources for Educational Excellence



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. The URL is: <http://free.ed.gov/>

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 dipped our toes into the E-book pond. We tried to purchase books for a variety of curriculum areas. 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. The password for the database page is: purple. The nine books are Art, America's Role in the World, Climate Change, American Decades, Encyclopedia of Drugs, Junk Food Junkies, Religion, Encyclopedia of U.S. History and Encyclopedia of World History War.



April is...



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

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

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)

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)

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. 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.