

# Denton High School Library Newsletter

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## LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 2013

- ⊙ # of students using a "blue" pass = 987
- ⊙ #of dismiss students in the library = 674
- ⊙ #of IB students using the library = 21
- ⊙ #of students using a lunch pass = 62
- ⊙ Total number of books checked out = 834
- ⊙ Total number of classes in the library = 53



## Breakfast Book Club

**Meeting 8:15 a.m. Thursday,  
Nov. 7th in the library work-  
room. Come share what you're  
reading!**



## **Books are still important!**

**Not only are books important for increasing reading and writing skills, but there are other useful ways to get books into your or someone else's life. Here are just a few:**

***Give a book as a present.*** We find that teen readers still like to have a book in their hands when they read. There's nothing like curling up with a good read on a rainy day.

***Donate a book.*** Our library, as well as the public library, takes donations. We're also happy to donate what we cannot use in our library to the PTSA's Book Cents program every year. This gives others a chance to purchase books inexpensively and you the opportunity to recycle those reads you are done with. You can bring book donations to the library any time.

***Donate a book in memory or in honor of someone you love.*** The library is happy to accept donations for books in memory of those you may have lost. We also accept donations for those you'd like to honor; for example, your teen's birthday or a special occasion. Please come by the library for more information if you are interested.

***Get creative with books.*** Old books make great props for decorations. Take a look at Pinterest for ways to make your older books into lamps, bookends, shelves, and other crafty ideas.

## **Teen Read Week Contest a big hit!**

A special thank you goes to the faculty who promoted and helped with the library's Teen Read Week contest. There were many wonderful entries, and the students had a lot of fun with it. Read more about it inside this month's newsletter.

***"Books think for me."***

**~ Last Essays of Elia. Detached Thoughts on Books and Reading**



## Discovery Education Database

Discovery Education is available through Region XI. Please contact Ms. Pouster if interested. Information to create account available upon request.

### Some highlights:

1. Teachers create personal accounts
2. Classroom accounts can be created (good for absent students)
3. Streaming videos and other media:
  - \*English/Language Arts
  - \*Mathematics
  - \*Science
  - \*Social Studies
  - \*Health
4. Curriculum Standards included
5. Common Core Standards included
6. Closed captioning available for videos
7. Builder Tools:
  - \*Assignment Builder
  - \*Quiz Builder
  - \*Writing Prompt Builder
8. Classroom Manager
9. Teacher Center
  - \*Lesson Plan Library
  - \*Continuity of learning for absent students
  - \*Calendar
  - \*Thematic Focus
  - \*Interactive Maps

### Top 10 books checked out since August

1. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher
3. *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
4. *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
5. *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins
6. *Insurgent* by Veronica Roth
7. *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
8. *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
9. *Forever* by Maggie Stiefvater
10. *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

### BOOK REVIEW

#### *"Wild Awake" by Hilary T. Smith, Katherine Tegan Books, 2013*

Kiri, a 17-year-old classically trained pianist, has the house to herself while her parents take their dream vacation. She is supposed to practice her piano daily to get ready for a big recital. But when she gets a strange phone call from a man claiming to have her dead sister's belongings, Kiri puts the practicing on hold to find the truth. Kiri soon uncovers a big family secret – that her sister was murdered rather than dying in a car accident – and begins a spiral into a deep depression. In Skunk, who is a bit strange himself, Kiri finds a kindred soul who helps her find the truth about her sister and herself. Their friendship leads them to a love which helps Kiri face her newfound reality as well as her disappointment in her parents for keeping the truth from her. Teen girls will like the romance and how Kiri deals with the pressure of finding out all kinds of truths about her family.





## The DHS Teen read Week Contest was a HUGE success!!!

The students were asked to create something to celebrate books and reading, and they really came through with poetry, short stories, monologues, drawings, sculptures, and so much more! With almost 40 entries, choosing the winners was certainly difficult for judges Shelli Webb, Maricela Sanchez, and Martha Slack. To honor the fine work of these students, the DHS library threw a luncheon and awards ceremony. Prizes and funds for prizes were donated from these generous local businesses: Recycled Books, Atomic Candy, Denton Movie Tavern, Clear Channel radio 106.1fm, as well as from anonymous donors. Every student who entered was allowed to select a prize, and we all appreciated the support and generosity from our community leaders. Thank you to all those who entered, donated, judged, planned, or assisted us with the DHS Teen Read Week Contest – IT WAS A BLAST!

## WINNER'S CIRCLE!!!!

**Gabriella W** - 1<sup>st</sup> place – creative writing  
**James R** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – creative writing  
**Eman E** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – creative writing  
**Omar A** - Honorable Mention – creative writing  
**Isaac B** - Honorable Mention – creative writing

**Adonis P** - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 2D Art  
**Laura D** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 2D Art  
**Karen N** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 2D Art  
**Jackie W** - Honorable Mention – 2d Art  
**Grace N** - Honorable Mention – 2D Art

**Sarah S** - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3D Art  
**Lexy G** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 3D Art  
**Simone S** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 3D Art  
**Mara H** - Honorable Mention – 3D Art  
**Cierra F** - Honorable Mention – 3D Art

*"We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today."*

~ Lady Holland's Memoir, I, 12



## **THE FIVE W'S OF WEB SITE EVALUATION**

### **WHO**

**Who wrote the pages, and are they an expert?**

**Is a biography of the author included?**

**How can I find out more about the author?**

### **WHAT**

**What does the author say is the purpose of the site?**

**What else might the author have in mind for the site?**

**What makes the site easy to use?**

**What information is included, and does this  
information differ from other sites?**

### **WHEN**

**When was the site created?**

**When was the site last updated?**

### **WHERE**

**Where does the information come from?**

**Where can I look to find out more about  
the sponsor of the site?**

### **WHY**

**Why is this information useful for my purpose?**

**Why should I use this information?**

**Why is this page better than another?**

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*"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."*

~ Locksley Hall, l. 141