

Between the Pages

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Journey through World History and Discover

What should I read? I can't find any good books! I've got to find a book for S.S.R.! Don't panic. Grab a book brochure from the LRC counter to get the inside scoop about the newest titles in fiction, non-fiction, and picture books. You'll also find brochures for a host of book genres. If you've exhausted those recommendation ideas ask your friends what they've been reading. Remember books displayed throughout the library on the counters and end caps are some of the newest titles. Eighty-one new titles were added to our collection in January.

Since January we spotlighted twelve LJHS staff members and their **Top 10 List** of books they've read. Beginning this week we will be focusing on LJHS students. We have selected twelve of your classmates to share their favorite titles with you. We are planning on adding additional students as the year moves along. Check out their pictures and top ten book favorites. You are sure to find one that interests you.

The month of January was a busy thirty-one days for our eighth

graders. In the lab the eighth graders have been busy writing, editing, and organizing their thoughts as they work on their autobiographies. Each chapter of their book focuses on a different time of their life and will include photographs and events in their lives. During their unit about **The Giver**, Ms. Mersky's class visited the LRC to view a Photo Story based upon the book, **The Aliens Are Coming**, the picture book tells the story of the Columbia Broadcasting System's broadcast of H.G. Wells', **War of the Worlds**. Included in the presentation were sound bites from the original Orson Wells narration and background information about the evening's broadcast. **A Brave New Soldier**, a World War I picture book, was used in an LRC PowerPoint presentation as part of the 8th grade's study about the "war to end all wars." After the presentation the 8th graders browsed through the LRC's collection of WWI titles and used the internet to research information to include in their paper about a very specific topic from that event.

6th grade literature classes completed their unit of Greek mythol-

ogy in January. In preparation for their test Mr. Marx and Ms. Hernandez compiled over one hundred questions to be used as a review for their final unit test in a "Jeopardy" game format. Ms. Nelson's literature classes played "Jeopardy" to prepare for their test. Each of the students were paired with a classmate and participated in "Jeopardy," "Double Jeopardy," and "Final Jeopardy". The game came complete with electronic scoreboards, buzzers, sounds, and music. It was a fun-filled day as our Greek scholars struggled and shined reviewing the gods and goddesses. As our 6th graders continued their journey through ancient history Mr. Marx and Ms. Hernandez presented **Gladiator**, a story about Ancient Rome and the gladiators. The presentation focused on the Colosseum, the Circus Maximus, and the architectural marvels of the ancient empire.

The LRC along with the LJHS student council is hosting the 8th annual KwaNdengezi Classic 3-on-3 basketball tournament on February 17th. Each team is comprised of 3-4 players, staff members can be included on the

roster. Registration for the tournament is \$15 per team. Although costumes are not mandatory over the years the event has become a mid-winter Halloween costume extravaganza. The tournament is bracketed. A champion is crowned in both the girls and the boys brackets. Concessions will be sold and team pictures will be taken.

Mind Reader Captions

A special month long contest rolled out in January...Mind Reader! We asked you, our readers, "What if you could read minds?" The LRC gave you a chance to try. We presented to you a new picture every day and asked you to create an appropriate caption. Clever and humorous! Every day staff members selected three winning entries. Daily winners received a 'goody' bag. All winning entries were displayed with the selected picture in the LRC hallway display case. Selected captions were written by: Alex Ancede, Zach DeCraene, Mike Etkorn, Melody Gentle, Robyn Griffin, Samantha Harmon, Isaiah Hunter, Jared Hunter, Kaela Khan, Felix Leyva, Crystal Martinez, Chelsea Neylon, Bich-nyhu-Pham, Coco Ruggiero, Emily Stears, Francesca Wagoner, Caylin Wiggins, Nathan Woltmann, along with staff members Mrs. Burris, Mrs. Doyle, Ms Mersky, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Nelson, and Mr. Pociask.

SUDOKU Answer on the back... Livewire Puzzles / Printable Sudoku

3								9
			4		3			
7		4	6					5
9				2				6
		5	8	3			4	
		8		1		3		
	8	3				6		
6		9			5	2		4
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The LRC and the LJHS Student Council have teamed up this year to raise money for **Honor Flight Chicago**. This organization collects donations and seeks volunteers to help send World War II veterans to Washington D.C. to see the National World War II Memorial. The veterans are taken to the other memorials in D.C., as well, and are then flown back to a heroes welcome at Midway Airport. Visit this site to view the heart-warming story of **Honor Flight Chicago**. <http://www.honorflightchicago.org/> Our collection has topped...\$1330.90

HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Why is there an expiration date on the sour cream container?

Why do they call it a TV set when you only get one?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

Why do drive up ATMs have braille keys?



Lisle Public Library

A Valentine for the Books We Love—Monday, February 6-10

Come in any time throughout the week and write a Valentine to a book you love and get a piece of candy. The Teen Advisory Board will select the three best valentines to be featured on our blog and receive a Valentine's chocolate. Grades 6 and up.

Game Zone Open House—Kinect Sports Season 2—Friday, February 10

Youth Services will be hosting a Game Zone Open house featuring Kinect Sports Season 2. Come for some gaming, snacks, and fun. Grades 6 and up. No registration necessary.



English...A Hard Language to Learn

- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.



LET'S FACE IT...ENGLISH IS A CRAZY LANGUAGE!

We find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese.



FROM THE SHELF

Bigger Than a Bread Box by Laurel Snyder

Devastated when her parents separate, twelve-year-old Rebecca must move with her mother from Baltimore to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebeca discovers an old bread box with the power to grant any wish—so long as the wished-for thing fits in the bread box.

My Name Is Mina by David Almond

Creative, intelligent, nine-year-old Mina keeps a journal in her own disorderly way that reveals how her mind is growing into something extraordinary, especially after she begins homeschooling under the direction of her widowed mother.

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

Bluefish by Pat Schmatz

Everything changes for thirteen-year-old Travis, a new student who is trying to hide his illiteracy, when he meets a sassy classmate with her own secrets and a remarkable teacher.

Captain America: Man Out of Time by Mark Waid

Steve Rogers is Captain America, super-soldier and hero of WW II. As the Allies near victory against the Axis, Cap and sidekick Bucky Barnes are tasked with one last mission to protect the nation... a mission that goes horribly wrong. (Graphic Novel)

LRC DAILY HOURS

The LRC's weekly schedule is always posted on the LRC door.

We're open most days from

7:15 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Sign –in with Mr. Kearney in the Commons in the morning when you arrive. Make sure you have your student ID card when you visit. It's a great time to work on your homework, read, or just talk with your friends! Need a new ID? Stop by the LRC and buy a new one for \$2.00.

Calendar Trivia

February 7– First ballet performed in U.S., 1827.

February 8–founding of the Boy Scouts of America, 1910.

February 10– New York Times used slogan "All the News That's Fit to Print", 1897.

February 13– First public school established in Boston, 1635.

February 16– Fort Donelson surrendered, 1862.

February 17– First issue of *Newsweek*, 1933

February 22– Florida ceded to U.S., 1819

February 25– Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) became heavyweight champion, 1964.

February 27– First African-American church in America established, 1794

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Sudoku Solution

3	5	6	2	7	8	4	1	9
8	9	1	4	5	3	7	2	6
7	2	4	6	9	1	8	3	5
9	3	7	5	2	4	1	6	8
1	6	5	8	3	7	9	4	2
2	4	8	9	1	6	3	5	7
5	8	3	7	4	2	6	9	1
6	1	9	3	8	5	2	7	4
4	7	2	1	6	9	5	8	3

LRC Jumble

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form words related to February.

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Now rearrange the circled letters to answer this question:
What day was set aside to honor the people listed above?

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