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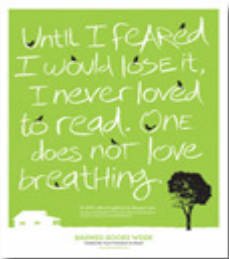
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Information Access

School librarians now teach students how to access all kinds of information online. Students need to learn about using keywords, using controlled vocabularies, how to use Boolean search terms, as well as how to find and use the best tool for the job. Just like learning to use Dewey, the search engines, web sites, and databases students learn to use in school will help them to learn new and different ones as they move forward in education.

Databases

Databases are programs that hold large amounts of information, usually in the form of short articles from magazines, journals, and newspapers. Databases for elementary and middle school students often contain visual aides to help students search for information by topic. Examples of two databases that we use are Ebsco and Thomson/Gale.

Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs)

Also known as an online library catalog, OPACs come in many shapes and formats. Many OPAC systems, like ours, are designed to be visually appealing and easier-to-navigate home pages where students can “point and click” their way to finding the books they want in the library.

Search Engines

Although most search engines are user-friendly, some companies have created ones specifically for use by students. The different types are listed on the library web site.

Google Search Tools

Google is a user-friendly search engine in itself, but it also has additional search features that are useful for both children and adults. Google Wonder Wheel adds a visual component to searching. Google Timeline allows you to search for material on a topic by date. To use these tools, start a Google search, and then click on the features on the left-side menu.

"The greatest gift is the passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind. It is a moral illumination."

Elizabeth Hardwick

Word of the Month
cau·cus

noun \ˈkɑːkəs\

Definition

: a closed meeting of a group of persons belonging to the same political party or faction usually to select candidates or to decide on policy.

: a group of people united to promote an agreed-upon cause.

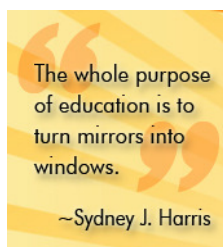
Example

The National Women's Political *Caucus* will be very active during the 2012 election season.

Origin

Unknown origin, first known use in 1760.

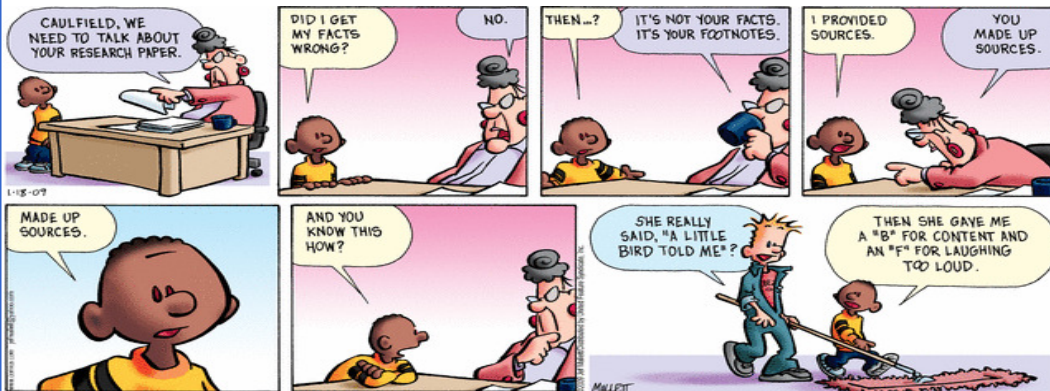
From the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary



New Audio Video Materials

Through the generosity of the Amherst Public Library all three libraries received Books on Tape. Below is a listing of the Books on Tape that we have added as well as the other new materials we have purchased for the year to date.

Material Type	Dewey Number	Title
Audio Cassette	940.54 TRU	The Raft
Audio Cassette	FIC BAR	Abarat
Audio Cassette	FIC BLA	The Year of the Hangman
Audio Cassette	FIC BRE	Faerie Wars
Audio Cassette	FIC COR	I am the Cheese
Audio Cassette	FIC COR	We All Fall Down
Audio Cassette	FIC DRA	Darkness Before Dawn
Audio Cassette	FIC GAI	The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman
Audio Cassette	FIC GOL	Skin Deep
Audio Cassette	FIC JAC	Mattimeo
Audio Cassette	FIC KER	Fell
Audio Cassette	FIC LES	When Dad Killed Mom
Audio Cassette	FIC MAC	Vegan Virgin Valentine
Audio Cassette	FIC PEC	Horse Thief
Audio Cassette	FIC PEC	Bro
Audio Cassette	FIC POT	The Chosen
Audio Cassette	FIC REN	Dancing in my Nuddy-Pants
Audio Cassette	FIC ROW	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Audio Cassette	FIC ROW	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
Audio Cassette	FIC ROW	Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
Audio Cassette	FIC ROW	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
Audio Cassette	FIC ROW	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
Audio Cassette	FIC STR	Give a Boy a Gun
Audio Cassette	FIC SUT	The Shinning Company
Audio Cassette	FIC TIN	The Edge on the Sword
DVD	323.092 FRE	Freedom Riders
DVD	576.5 REA	Reading the Book of Life
DVD	576.5 SEE	The Seeds of a New Era
DVD	576.5 SOM	Some New Tricks with DNA
DVD	576.5 UND	Understanding the Book of Life
DVD	973 AME	America: The Story of Us
DVD	FIC CRU	The Crucible
DVD	FIC KIN	The King's Speech
DVD	FIC MOO	Moonlighting, Season 3



Great Web Sites

Due to the number of web sites that I want to share with you this month, there will be no pictures of the websites included.

Must-See Science Videos of 2011 - Cosmic Log

<http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2011/12/29/9805608-must-see-science-videos-of-2011>

Watch an octopus walking on land, a robot dog, two chatbots talking to each other, and more.

Best of 2011 - LongForm.org

<http://bestof2011.longform.org/>

Good writing can make virtually any topic fascinating, however little interest you had in it to begin with.

Among the selections here: the life and death of a hockey enforcer, how Ireland went bankrupt, how a town disappeared in 45 seconds, what privatized postal services look like, and more.

The Best Video of Earth from Space Ever Made

<http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/video-of-the-week/2011/11/16/the-best-video-of-earth-from-space-ever-made/>

See the earth as you've never seen it before in this 5 minute distillation of "a series of photographs taken from the International Space Station between August and October, 2011."

Treasures of the Bodleian

<http://treasures.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/discover-treasures>

Oxford's Library has digitized some of the treasures from its archival collections, including the Magna Carta, Handel's conducting score for The Messiah, pages from Jane Austen manuscripts, telegrams from the Titanic, material from the women's suffrage movement, and much more.

BigMap Blog - thousands of huge historical maps

<http://www.bigmapblog.com/>

Big Map Blog is a terrific resource for anyone who loves maps, or loves what they can tell us about history, military campaigns, exploration, migration, etc.

Wordorigins.org

<http://www.wordorigins.org/>

Wordorigins.org is a site devoted to the origins of words and phrases, and discovering the truth about popular mythologies about them. Dave Wilton says "While it can be disappointing when a neat little tale turns out to be untrue, almost invariably the true origin is just as interesting." You can browse through the master list of words covered here, follow the blog, and check out the links to additional resources on word origins.

Memeorandum

<http://memeorandum.com/>

Politics junkies will like this site which gathers on a single page "the latest political news and opinion from left to right and back," drawn from blogs and mainstream news sources".

National Academies Press

<http://nap.edu/>

At the National Academies Press you can search through the full text of more than 4000 books and reports published by the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, and the National Research Council. You can then read them online, download them in PDF, or purchase them in print form. You can also sign up for news feeds about new releases.

Ingredient Substitutions - Joyofbaking.com

<http://www.joyofbaking.com/IngredientSubstitution.html>

This is a wonderful resource that may save harried cooks an emergency trip to the grocery store for a missing ingredient.



Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be
forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be
forgot,
And auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-
stowp,
And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness
yet,
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

We twa hae run about the braes,
And pu'd the gowans fine;
But we've wandered mony a
weary fit
Sin' auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

We twa hae paidled i' the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae
roared
Sin' auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty
fiere,
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right guid-willie
waught
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

Robert Burns



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The purpose of our Library News Letter is to further the goals of the Library Media Center which are to support the curriculum, teach successful research strategies, and foster lifetime literacy.

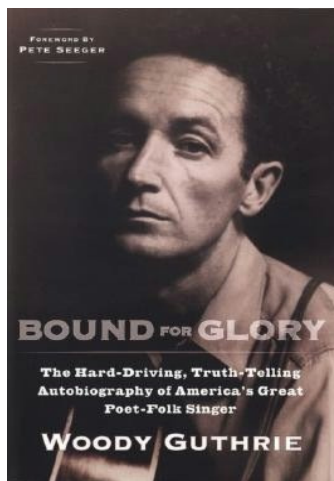
If you have any suggestions for the library staff please let me know. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope you will find this issue helpful.

Cathy Purple

Trudy Wilber

District Librarian

Library Tech



Bound for Glory

by

Woody Guthrie

Book Review

Overview & Review

Woody Guthrie was born in Oklahoma and traveled this whole country over—not by jet or motorcycle, but by boxcar, thumb, and foot. During the journey of discovery that was his life, he composed and sang words and music that have become a national heritage. His songs, however, are but part of his legacy. Behind him Woody Guthrie left a remarkable autobiography that vividly brings to life both his vibrant personality and a vision of America we cannot afford to let die.

for expression, or his ability to sling the American language. His book is an eloquent piece, wild as a train whistle in the mountains, a scrumptious picture of fighting, carousing, singing, and laughing migratory America.-- *Books of the Century*; *New York Times* review, March 1943

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There's no mistaking Woody's talent