

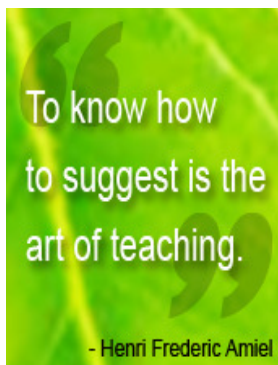
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# FHS LIBRARY E - NEWS

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## September Calendar

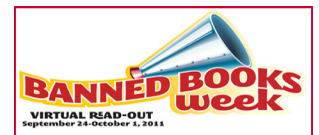
29	30	31	Sep 1
		Kirsch: 1,2,3,4,5	Kirsch: 1,2,3,4,5
5	6	7	8
			Costello: 1,3,4,5 & 6
12	13	14	15
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19	20	21	22
Guidance: Lunch B & Period 5	Finnegan: 1 Guidance: Lunch B & Period 5	Science Department: 2,4 & 6	Finnegan (Lab): 1 Science Department: 1,3,5 & 7 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

The calendar printed here is current as of now. To sign up for either the library computer lab or the thin client lab please email me your requested dates and I will put you on the calendar. You can view the library calendar under calendars or on the high school page.

This year we have a new **procedure for computers when classes use the library**. We have 28 computers in the library lab. Please assign a computer number (1-28) to your students before they come in to use the lab. They should keep the same computer all year. This will eliminate confusion and loss of computer time when classes are in the library. Thank you for your cooperation with this new program.

## Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read

Banned Books Week (BBW) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States.



Intellectual freedom—the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or unpopular—provides the foundation for Banned Books Week. BBW stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them.

The books featured during Banned Books Week have been targets of attempted bannings. Fortunately, while some books were banned or restricted, in a majority of cases the books were not banned, all thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, booksellers, and members of the community to retain the books in the

Education is a  
better safeguard of  
liberty than a  
standing army.

~

Edward Everett

## Word of the Month

panache \puh-NASH; -  
NAHSH\ [Noun]

1. Dash or flamboyance in manner or style.
2. A plume or bunch of feathers, esp such a bunch worn on the helmet; any military plume, or ornamental group of feathers.

### Example:

Dessert included a marvelous bread pudding and a fair bananas Foster, the old-time New Orleans dish, which was prepared with great **panache** tableside, complete with a flambé moment.

-- Eric Asimov, "New Orleans, a City of Serious Eaters.", *New York Times*, July 4, 1999

### Did You Know?

*Panache* is from the French, from Medieval French *pennache*, from Italian *pinnacchio*, feather, from Late Latin *pinnaculum*, diminutive of *penna*, feather. It is related to *pen*, a writing instrument, originally a feather or quill used for writing.

From the Merriam-Webster  
Online Dictionary

## Banned Book Week continued

library collections. Imagine how many more books might be challenged—and possibly banned or restricted—if librarians, teachers, and booksellers across the country did not use Banned Books Week each year to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society.

Information taken from the American Library Association

## FHS Library Web Site

The LMC Web site serves as our virtual branch, open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It can be reached through the high school home page under Library. We have made some changes to the site and the new headings are:

**Careers & Colleges:** This page includes information on all types of careers, colleges and military life. OCIS can also be accessed here.

**Class Assignments & Department Sites:** The class assignment page has links to approved web sites where you will be able to find authentic information on the assigned topic. The Department Sites page includes web sites for those departments listed. These sites will provide helpful information to both staff and students.

**Catalogs, Reference & Search Engines:** The card catalog section covers Firelands, Lorain County, Cuyahoga County, Oberlin City, Oberlin College, Amherst and Vermilion. Our web catalog is also located here as well as links to other reference sites. The Search Section is divided into Search Engines, Web Directories, Meta Searchers, and Specialized Search Engines. Also included is a search tools chart that will help you evaluate which type of search engine to use and strategies on how to search efficiently.

**Home Page & LMC Information:** Our home page contains an introduction to the library as well as useful information on library procedures and a link to citing information.

**New at the Library & Print Resources:** New at the library provides links to a list of our new materials while the print resources section lists all of our magazine and newspaper holdings. Also included on this page are teacher reading lists.

**Professional Development:** This page contains links to sites that contain teaching aids for staff members. We also have a large clip art section on this page.

**Technology Resources:** This page contains links to all types of technology information, such as digital cameras, Power Point information, digital storytelling and much more. There is a large selection of places to find free video clips.





## School Life

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School is a daily routine for us  
In the morning, we're sure to  
make a fuss  
Even when the sun is still not up,  
Here we are, awake at 6am sharp

We feel that school is such a  
bore  
We feel that school is such a  
chore  
Parents say, "School's great!  
Now, go!"  
We say, "Well, what do you  
know?"

Late a minute and we have to run  
Eyes half open, shoelaces un-  
done  
We reach school and we see our  
friends,  
Immediately, the torture ends

We have a chat and go with the  
flow  
Then the bell rings, it is time to  
go  
We may at times find school  
stressful  
To have some fun, we have to  
bend some rules

Talk back to teachers, and deten-  
tion we serve  
No doubt, it is sometimes what  
we deserve  
Sometimes they are as cold as  
ice  
And other times they're actually  
really nice

They teach us and give us a  
helping hand  
They're forever ready to listen  
and be a friend  
They have built much confidence  
in us  
Just not when they are being  
really harsh

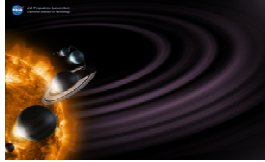
Over the years of education,  
Never have we had so much  
learning with action  
Such as camps, experiments,  
concerts and activities  
We've learnt so much and even  
saved the trees

A wise teacher once said aloud -  
Success is failure turned inside  
out  
So stick to the fight when you're  
hardest hit  
Rest if you must, but don't you  
quit

Some may see school as a torture  
chamber  
Some cannot wait for the holi-  
days in December  
But it depends on how we look at  
school  
Honestly, positively, school is  
cool!

## Technology Applications

Below are some web based applications that can help you create a richer learning environment for your classroom.



**NASA's Eyes on the Solar System** <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eyes/>

“NASA’s **Eyes on the Solar System** offers 3-D tours of the solar system in your browser. You can put the tours on auto-play or go through them manually. You also have the option to explore the Solar System without the guidance of a tour. I tried it both ways and found it much easier to use the

tours as a guide for exploring the Solar System. The tours have some multimedia elements included in some of the stops as you move along. They are well-suited to touch screen use. Eyes on the Solar System could be a great way for students to see how far apart the planets, moons, and stars are in terms of kilometers and time.”

**Vocab Ahead** <http://www.vocabahead.com/>



**Vocab Ahead** offers online study rooms in which students can take practice vocabulary quizzes. The quizzes provide instant feedback on each question as well as summary information at the end of the quiz. While

taking the quiz if a student is stuck on an item he or she can click on the hint tab. Vocab Ahead also offers video demonstrations of SAT vocabulary words. Teachers can create their own custom video playlists and place them into playlist widgets.



**WOWmath** <http://www.wowmath.org/>

**WOW Math** produces Mr. Robb's Math. It is a YouTube channel containing 555 videos produced by high school mathematics teacher

Bradley Robb. Mr. Robb's videos explain and demonstrate solving problems in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Calculus. WowMath organizes the videos in sequence with accompanying screenshots.



**Library of Congress Virtual Tour**

<http://myloc.gov/exhibitspaces/Pages/default.aspx>

**Library of Congress--Virtual Tour** provides not only photos of the Library's historic rooms, but historical background on them, paired with related links for further investigation and audio podcasts about items or features in each room.



**Draw It Live** <http://www.drawitlive.com/>

**Draw It Live** offers a free space for you to instantly create a collaborative whiteboard to use with anyone you like. To use Draw It Live just go to the site, click the "collaborative whiteboard" link, enter any nickname you want, then start drawing. You can invite people to draw with you by sending them the url assigned to your whiteboard. Draw It Live provides a chat box that you can use to talk to your collaborators about what each of you is doing on the screen.

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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 Ruple*

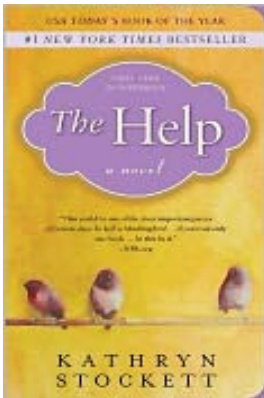
*Trudy Wilber*

*District Librarian*

*Library Tech*



## Book Review



The Help

By

*Kathryn Stockett*

Be prepared to meet three unforgettable women:

Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss. She may have a degree, but it is 1962, Mississippi, and her mother will not be happy till Skeeter has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone.

Aibileen is a black maid, a wise, regal woman raising her seventeenth white child. Something has shifted inside her after the loss of her own son, who died while his bosses looked the other way. She is devoted to the little girl she looks after, though she knows both their hearts may be broken.

Minnie, Aibileen's best friend, is short, fat, and perhaps the sassiest woman in Mississippi. She can cook like nobody's

business, but she can't mind her tongue, so she's lost yet another job. Minny finally finds a position working for someone too new to town to know her reputation. But her new boss has secrets of her own.

Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are suffocating within the lines that define their town and their times. And sometimes lines are made to be crossed.

In pitch-perfect voices, Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women-mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends-view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't.

Taken from the Barnes & Noble web site.