



# FES Library E-News

## Library Activities

Library activities for January include:

- Cat Jr. Review
- Review of the INFOhio Discovery Portal
- Biography Lessons: These will highlight "*Snowflake Bentley*" By Jacqueline Briggs Martin and "*Brave Harriet*" by Marissa Moss. There is an interesting fact about Harriet Quimby's historical solo flight across the English Channel. Although this was a news worthy event, it was eclipsed by other news—The sinking of the Titanic!
- Use of the Reference section on the library website
- "Reference Safari Game" to reinforce lessons

The Enrichment classes will be reading various winter themed books.

## 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 search terms, as well as how to find and use the best tool for the job. Elementary and middle school students will be using search engines and databases for the rest of their lives, but they need to be able to recognize the differences among them. However 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.

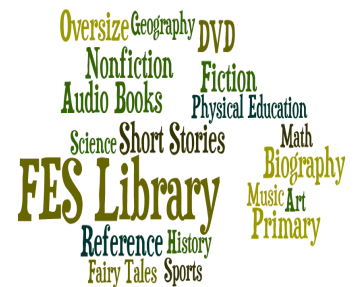
### Databases

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. Two popular databases for kids are *Kids InfoBits* and *Fact Monster*.

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# Information Access continued

## Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs)

Online Public Access Catalogs, also known as an online library catalog, OPACs come in many shapes and formats. Many OPAC systems are now designing 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. Some of these include:

**Yahoo! Kids** <http://kids.yahoo.com/>

Yahoo! Kids searches with popular links for kids by topic

**KidsClick!** <http://www.kidsclick.org>

The Kids Click search engine features keyword searching, searching by topic, and a unique feature great for connecting online research to books in the school library: searching by Dewey Decimal numbers!

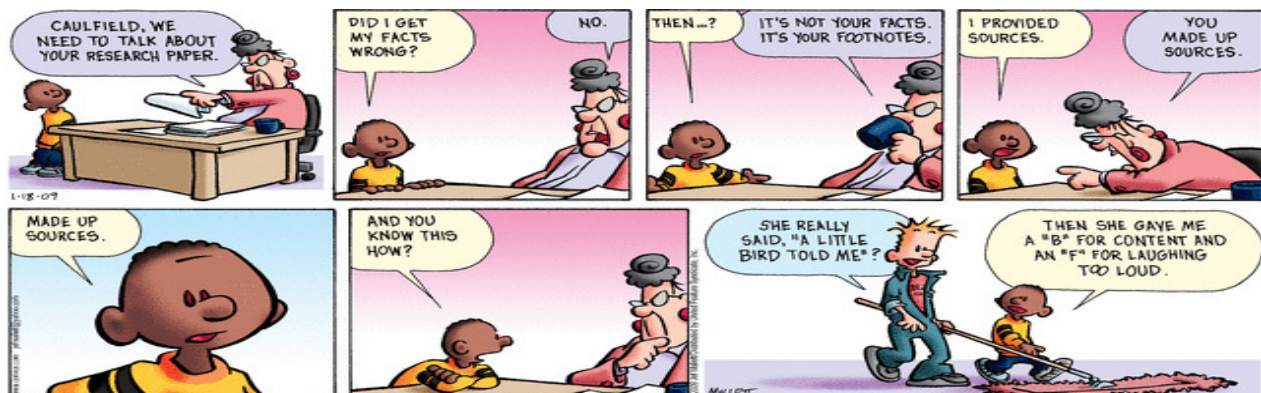
**Kidspace** <http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace>

Kidspace has homework and research-centered links divided by categories and it also has keyword searching.

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## New Primary Books

1. I'm Sad and Other Tricky Feelings (152.4 HIB)
2. A Baby Penguin Story (598.47 RUS)
3. Giant Pandas (599.789 SCH AR)
4. Keeping You Healthy, A Book about Doctors (610.92 OWE AR)
5. My Skin (612.79 RAU AR)
6. Pink Princess Party Cook Book (641.5 BEE)
7. Can You See What I See? Toyland Express (793.73 WIC)
8. Monster Trucks (796.7 COR PB)
9. Justin Bieber (92 BIE AR)
10. Jaden Smith (92 SMI AR)
11. Arthur's Tooth (FIC BRO AR)
12. Best in Show (FIC CAT AR)
13. Little Duckling Lost (FIC COR)
14. The Four Point Fish in the Big-Big Dark (FIC DIE PB)
15. Olivia and the School Carnival (FIC GAL PB)
16. Just Like a Princess (FIC JUS PB)
17. Teachers' Pets (FIC MAN PB)
18. Fancy Nancy and the Late, Late, Late Night (FIC OCO PB)
19. Three Little Kittens (FIC PIN)
20. Wishes Come True (FIC WIS)



# Great Web Sites



[http://www.kids.gov/k\\_5/k\\_5\\_fun\\_activities.shtml](http://www.kids.gov/k_5/k_5_fun_activities.shtml)

At Kids.gov various government agencies have created lots of fun games for kids, as well as educational sites that kids and teachers can browse by grade level.



<http://www.lawrencehallofscience.org/kidsite/>

Hey LHS Kids is a science activities website for kids developed by the Lawrence Hall of Science at UC Berkeley. Hey LHS Kids features some good activities for elementary school students.



<http://www.kineticcity.com/mindgames/warper/>

Shape It Up is one of many good educational games and activities on Kinetic City. Shape It Up is an activity that would be good for use in an Earth Science lesson. The activity presents students with "before" and "after" images of a piece of Earth. Students then have to select the force nature and the span of time it took to create the "after" picture. If a student chooses incorrectly it will tell the student and they can choose again.



<http://www.coolfoodplanet.org/gb/kidz/>

Cool Food Kidz is a kid-friendly website about nutrition, exercise, and general health. Cool Food Kidz provides easy-to-read lists of things kids can do to take care of their health. For example, there is a list of "building healthy habits" tips which walks kids through ten basic things they can do to keep themselves healthy. Cool Food Kidz also provides students with tips for dental health and tips for keeping their brains sharp. The tips for eating out section offers advice to students on picking a healthy lunch and healthy snack foods.



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

Nourish Interactive is a great resource for elementary school health and nutrition teachers. Nourish Interactive offers lesson plans, printable guides and forms, resources for parents, and games for students. In the printables section teachers will find things like fun coloring pages as well as educational pages like "name the food group" and "exercise tracking sheets." The parents' section of Nourish Interactive offers parents tips on teaching healthy eating habits at home. The parents' section also offers tips and recipes for cooking healthy food with kids. The games section contains ten online games for elementary school students. The games are designed to reinforce the lessons learned from parents and teachers using the teaching resources on Nourish Interactive.



<http://www.scrubclub.org/home.aspx>

Scrub Club is a website designed to teach students why they need to wash their hands. The Scrub Club offers videos, comics, and games designed to promote healthy hygiene habits to prevent the spread of diseases like the flu. For teachers, Scrub Club offers free downloads of posters, cartoon books, and lesson plans to promote hand washing. The downloads are available in English, Spanish, and French.



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

Classics for Kids, produced by Cincinnati Public Radio, offers lesson plans, podcasts, and games for teaching kids about classical music. The lesson plans are designed for use in K-5 settings. All of the lesson plans are available as PDFs. Activity sheets are also available as accompaniments to recordings of classical composers. In the games section of Classics for Kids students can develop their own compositions or practice identifying music and composers. As a reference for students, Classics for Kids offers a dictionary of music terms.

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The purpose of our Library Newsletter is to further the mission and goals of the library which are to:

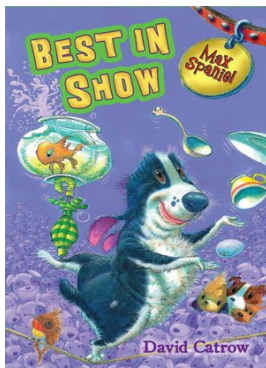
- ☺ Cultivate a Love of Reading
- ☺ Provide for students and faculty a broad range of quality and reliable resources
- ☺ Ensure that all students become effective users of information
- ☺ Encourage all students to become lifelong learners.

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

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## Book Review



Best in Show

By

David Catrow

### Synopsis

Come to the funniest dog show ever in the next Max Spaniel adventure: BEST IN SHOW!

David Catrow's lovable spaniel is back, and this time he enters a dog show. Max is getting ready to compete in a talent show with other canines. Diving, searching for sunken treasure, barking, and even shadow puppets make the lineup of events. Will he be best in show?

The hilarity of the artwork makes this easy reader shine. The short, simple sentences, only one or two per page, and daffy drawings are a bouncy mix that will have new readers turning the pages.

Readers will laugh out loud as Max outperforms all the other contestants. In the end, all the dogs are best in show, and they put on their own performance for the audience.

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Interest Level:            LG  
Reading Level:            2.1  
Points:                      0.5  
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