



News from the IMC



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Twilight Madness

On April 15th, the IMC will sponsor a discussion of the Stephanie Meyer's book *Twilight*. Teachers have volunteered to lead these discussions which will take place throughout the day.



As a result of your generous support of The Great Reads Book Sale, over \$400 was donated to First Book, a nonprofit organization, which provides books to children in need.

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

A Celebration of Poetry

Help the IMC celebrate

Poem in Your Pocket Day April 30th

Join thousands of people as they carry their favorite poem or title of their favorite poem in their pocket. We have bookmarks that your students can use to join in the festivities. Let us know how many bookmark you will need



Help the IMC's Poetry Tree grow. You and your students can send us a few verses of a favorite poem or an original poem and it will become one of the leaves on the poetry tree.

Check your mailboxes on April 16th for the "Name the Poet" contest. You can win a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

Bring your students to the IMC to select a book of poetry.





Looking for Documentary Film?

Try www.snagfilms.com

You can choose from more than 600 films. These are high quality films such as *Super Size Me*. Films are organized by title and subject.



You can play the film from the snagfish site or you can "snag" it and place the code on your eboard.

What is Web 2.0 and What Does it Mean to Education?



Not too long ago, many of us were thrilled to be able to use our school computers to access the Internet. What a world it opened up to us! We could find information that was previously only available in the library. Now, the buzzword is Web 2.0, also called the second generation of technology. It, too, is all about getting information, but now users can interact with the material and with each other. Netscape, personal websites, and MP3 players have given way to Web 2.0 tools such as interactive web sites, wikis, blogs, video streaming, and podcasts. So what does all of this mean to education? Our students have grown up in Web 2.0 world, and they are using its tools outside of the classroom. These tools help them to think critically, to solve problems, and to interact with each other—skills needed for success in the 21st century. If you would like to know more about any of these topics, feel free to talk to your librarians. We will be happy to help you to incorporate Web 2.0 into your lesson plans.

Trial of New Database: Testing and Education Reference Center

The library has a trial subscription to this new database which provides online and eBook test-prep materials for GED, AP, SSAT SAT, PSAT, ACT, GRE, MCAT and LSAT ASVAB, and TOEFL.

It also includes a dynamically updated database that connects users to the most current information on colleges and universities and a career module that guides students to the career that is best for them.

You can access this trial subscription from the IMC home page.