

# News from the IMC

## Welcome Back, Welcome Back, Welcome Back

### The Times They are a Changing

The rise of new global economies, new forms of technology, and the growth of information are transforming the world. During this Knowledge Age, students will change careers many times during their lifetime and many jobs that require a high school diploma will be gone. Employers are looking for employees who can think critically, are creative and innovative, and can collaborate with others throughout the world. The high school of the 19th century is obsolete; it was designed to meet the needs of an industrialized economy and high school today must meet the needs of an ever dependent technological world. The skills students need, 21<sup>st</sup> century literacy skills, are the same for all students regardless of whether they are going to college or work

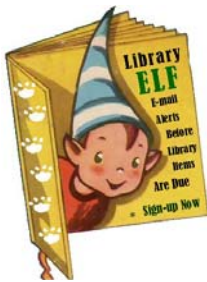
So what are 21<sup>st</sup> century skills? According to the NCTE Position Statement, these include:

- Developing proficiency with the tools of technology
- Building relationships with others to pose and solve problem collaboratively
- Designing and sharing information for communities to meet a variety of purposes
- Managing, analyzing, and synthesizing multiple streams of simultaneous information
- Creating, critiquing, analyzing, and evaluating multi-media texts
- Attending to the ethical responsibilities required by these complex environments



21st century high schools will function as learning communities and utilize personalized approaches in increasing students outcome. Schools will implement a rigorous curriculum, relevant to real-world context, and focus on a system that prepares students for lifelong learning.

The NJ Department of Education is addressing this issue by offering a series of professional development workshops that will assist teachers in meeting the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. Ann Hill attended an introductory workshop and thought it was excellent. For information and registration contact *The Center for Innovative Education* at Kean University: [http://cie.kean.edu/CIE/21st\\_century\\_nj\\_schools.html](http://cie.kean.edu/CIE/21st_century_nj_schools.html)

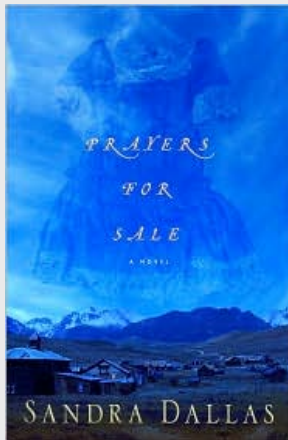


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**Wednesday, October 28th at 2:30 pm**  
**For a discussion of**  
***Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas**

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## What's Happening This Year in the IMC

- September Banned Books Week
- October Food drive for the Food Bank of South Jersey
- December Annual Used Book Sale
- April Author Visit - Alfred Martino  
 Read Across America  
 Poetry Month

### Are you interested in using Web 2.0 ?

Learn as your students learn.

Let the librarians help you design a research assignment that incorporates a wiki or a blog.



### Google Wave

Use Google Wave so your students can share text and pictures and collaborate in real time. Wave provides a collaborative environment where students can edit, share and communicate. A student can see the changes that other students are making to the Wave. It is a wiki, instant messenger, and email in one Web 2.0 tool.

**So Let's Go Surfin'**