**January 2013** 

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News & Happenings at the Pope John XXIII Library

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### A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

November and December proved to be quite busy months in the library despite the holiday breaks. Students of all grades spent their time researching and writing for various papers and projects as they wrapped up the first semester. To encourage reading for fun, I presented booktalk Prezis to all freshman with great results. I'm proud to report that our students have checked out over 1000 books so far this school year meeting our circulation goal five months early! In January, we are highlighting intense reads inspired by the viral video "double rainbow." Please stop by the library to chat about what's new and next! I always enjoy your company.

Happy Reading!

Elizabeth Dronet



Chloe Palmer created Smaug for the library's "Make Reading a Hobbit" display.

#### HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

# Here are some of the library activities that occurred in November & December.

I am happy to work with you and your classes on the following topics, or anything else you need.

- Delivered booktalks to three of Ms. Poque's English classes highlighting great books in the library.
- Purchased, pulled and reserved books for English II, Anatomy and AP Biology projects.
- Co-taught lessons on building a MLA works cited page for Ms. Burkholder's students working on cause and effect essays.
- Hosted oral interpretation performances for Mrs. Pettit and her speech students. (Mrs. Pettit's performance of Mother Teresa deserved an encore!)
- Trained Faith Leadership students on how to find print resources in the online library catalog. The students then worked in pairs to write an interview script for a news story about a Catholic leader.
- Worked one-on-one with students creating video presentations using iMovie for Ms. Barry's theatre class.
- •Reviewed and edited sophomore *Raisin in the Sun* essays offering guidance on the proper introduction of direct quotations, appropriate transitions and paraphrasing techniques.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

#### **Online Web Resources are Bookmarked on the Library Website**

Throughout the year all students participate in research assignments. The library's website is a fantastic place for students to begin their searches. By clicking on the Research tab, students can find links to databases, citation guides, and teacher-approved websites organized by curriculum. If you would like a website to be added to the list, please email Mrs. Dronet. Free bookmarks are available in the library to remind students of the database username and login details so they may access them from home.



#### TEACHER TECH TIPS

#### Infogr.am to create infographics

Infogr.am is an easy way to create, share, and discover

infographics and online charts. You can pick a pre-designed infograph template and add charts, maps, and/or YouTube videos in only a few minutes. You can make an animated online chart in a few minutes by importing data from MS Excel and share it on social networks. Take a tour and register for free at www.infogr.am.

# **Text 2 MindMaps**

Text 2 MindMap is an effortless way for you and your students to create concept maps. Go to <a href="www.text2mindmap.com">www.text2mindmap.com</a>, enter the terms for your concept map, click Options to choose your font, color, and line type, and then click "Draw Mind Map." You can download your concept map to PDF or image, share it on facebook or twitter, and save it in editable mode and view only mode.

#### MAGAZINE ROUTING SERVICE:

The library now offers staff the opportunity to read any of the print magazines first before they are displayed in the library. If you would like to join this service, please email Mrs. Dronet with the titles. The magazine will be placed in your box along with a sticky. Cross your name off when you finish reading and pass it on to the next person. Mrs. Dronet will be last on the list.

# **DEC. LIBRARY CIRCULATION STATS:**

Fiction-68 Biographies- 13

Nonfiction- 26 DVDs- 5

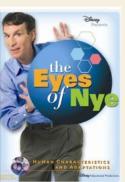
USB drives- 5

Total circulated items year to date: 1011 Goal for 2012-13 school year: 1000

#### THANKS:

The library is most grateful to the following staff members who donated items to the library last semester: Mr. Lupton, Ms. Deaton, Mrs. DeMois, Mr. Catalanotto, Mrs. Osterman, Ms. Pogue, and Ms. O'Donnell. Your generosity is appreciated.





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