

# BROWSE

NEWS &  
HAPPENINGS  
IN THE  
POPE JOHN  
XXIII LIBRARY  
MARCH  
2013



## A Note from the Librarian

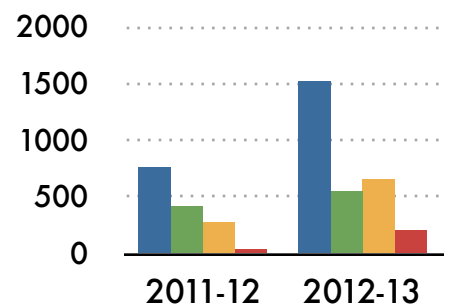
**At least once a day I hear someone in the library say, "There are so many people in here!"**

Wow! The library was swarming with students this third quarter. From freshman to seniors, all students were busy bees. Many spent their time researching the Great Depression, American icons and Super PACS, writing apologetics and exegesis theology papers, and creating movies and presentations for theatre and chemistry. I've proofread more essays and works cited pages than I can count! We have also installed iMovie and Movie Maker programs on the library computers for student use.

Last month, the library hosted its first student-led book club, the Literary Ladies, with great success. These ladies will be meeting twice a month in the library and discussing books online in their Facebook and Goodreads groups.

The library is a happening place and we've got the numbers to prove it. We've doubled our circulation numbers compared to last year with a most notable increase in fiction books! I hope everyone, both teachers and students, have something good to read over spring break. If you need a suggestion, stop by the library. I'd love to chat!

Circulation Statistics



Happy Reading!

Mrs. Elizabeth Dronet

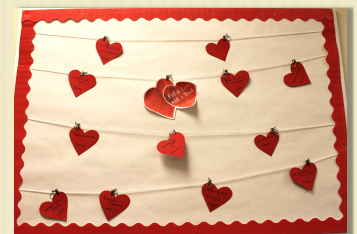
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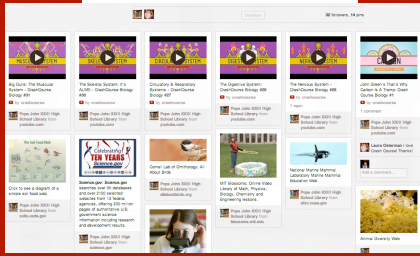
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■ Nonfiction  
■ Fiction  
■ Biography



Pope John Students and Staff  
shared their New Year's Resolutions  
during January and their  
Book Crushes in February.





## Join the Literary Ladies

The next book club meeting will be on March 19 after school in the library. We will be discussing *Deadly Little Secrets*, and selecting our next book. Contact Katie Lowe [klowe15@pj23.org](mailto:klowe15@pj23.org) for more information.

## The Library is on Pinterest

The library has created several Pinterest boards filled with quality resources for staff and students. Here you'll find book suggestions, college resources, and curriculum and research support. Mrs. Dronet and Mrs. Osterman work in partnership to pin onto the science board. If you would also like to partner with the library, please come talk with Mrs. Dronet.

Connect with us today:

[pinterest.com/popejohnlibrary](http://pinterest.com/popejohnlibrary)

## Free eBooks and audio books on the Internet

Need a copy of *Pride and Prejudice* for class? Like *The Great Gatsby* and want to explore more Fitzgerald? Thinking about reading the Sherlock Holmes short story collection? All of these titles can be found for free on the internet because they are in the public domain. Visit [www.booksshouldbefree.com](http://www.booksshouldbefree.com) to download ebooks and audiobooks for iPhone, Android, Kindle & mp3 players.

The library has a Nook available for checkout during the school day. See Mrs. Dronet for details. Many assigned books are preloaded onto the Nook.

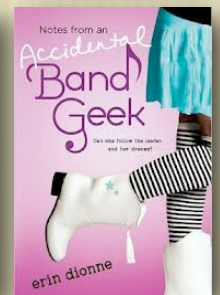
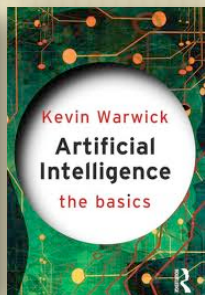
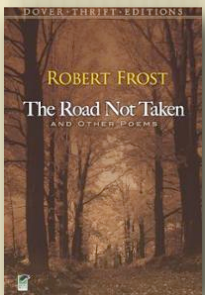
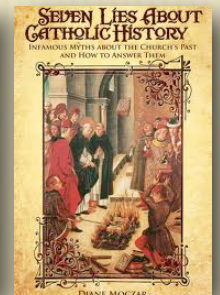
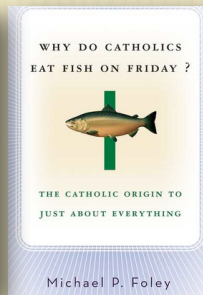
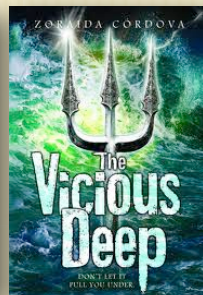
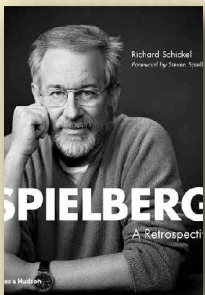
## Thank You!

The library would like to thank the Garrison, Escandon, and DeMois families, and Mrs. Osterman and Batista Sumbe for their recent donation of books and DVDs! We are blessed by your generosity. The library welcomes donations of new and used books, audiobooks, and DVDs in good condition. We are currently in need of new copies of *The Notebook* by Nicolas Sparks and *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green.



The library is also pleased to receive \$300 from BP's Fabric of America fund! This money will be used to purchase a new library book cart.

## New Books & DVDs





# Our Favorite Apps

Pictured below are fellow student and staff recommendations for free or nearly free apps. Some are geared toward study, others entertain, and a few help us stay organized. Thanks to everyone who shared their favorites!



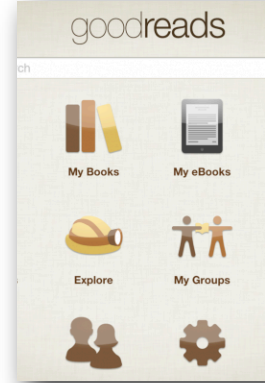
**Instagram**  
 "Like Facebook with pictures"  
 Hailey Justus



**Songkick**  
 "Alerts when when favorite bands are in town" - Mary Murphy



**Quizlet**  
 "Make flashcards for US History!" - Lizzy Oliver



**GoodReads**  
 "Keeps track of books you've read" - Maddie Vuyk



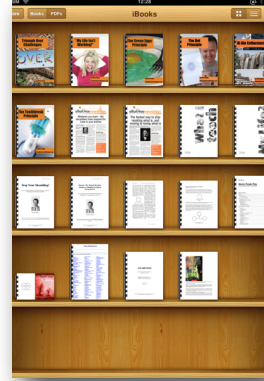
**GameChanger**  
 "Scoring app for baseball" - Coach Todd



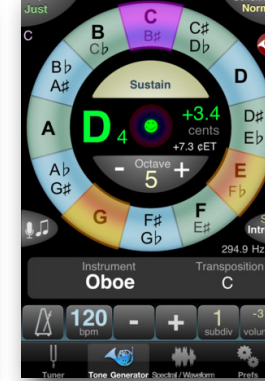
**Flashlight**  
 "There's also a strobe feature" - Crispin Cory



**StudyBlue**  
 "Create & share notecards" Brenda Cheong



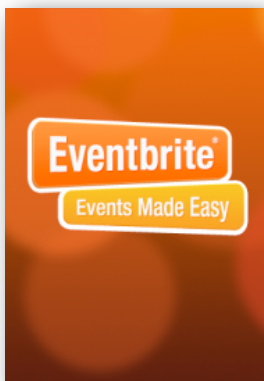
**iBooks**  
 "Buy books on iTunes" Ben Snow



**Tonal Energy**  
 "Great tuner & metronome" Mrs. Elko



**Pandora**  
 "Personalized radio" - Gabriela Sanchez



**Eventbrite**  
 "Fast & Easy concert tickets" -Will Fritz



**SIMS Freeplay**  
 "So addicting" Dylan Brockmeyer



**Pinterest**  
 "Great ideas for do-it-yourself projects" Abby Glueck



**Washington Post**  
 "Where I get my news" Mr. Watson



**Socrative**  
 "Classroom management app" Mr. Oelkers

## 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.

Free bookmarks are available in the library to remind students of the database username and login details so they may access them from home.



## How Can I Help You?

Here are some of the library activities that occurred in February.

- Purchased 15 biblical commentaries for Mrs. Wisinki's sophomores to support their exegetical research. Hosted all sophomore theology students for four days as they worked on their research outlines.
- Delivered a mini-lesson on quote introductions, in-text citations, and works cited pages to Ms. Burkholder's students. Added tie-ins to the library website.
- In response to requests from Mr. Ahmed's chemistry students, installed Movie Maker on the library PCs to supplement iMovie on the Macs.
- Worked one-on-one with Ms. Meneilly's world history students to brainstorm ideas, research, and revise their "What If?" projects.
- Purchased books and DVDs for the film studies courses and English Lab.
- Supplied tutoring space for Mrs. Borchers as she worked with students on writing literary criticism.
- Worked with Mr. Lupton's class to find icons of the American West and research the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show history.
- Collaborated with Mrs. Osterman to purchase a set of 12 animal life encyclopedias, noted to be one of the most authoritative sources for animal classifications and descriptions.
- Administered 172 make-up and extended time exams.
- Helped Mrs. Pettit's speech students brainstorm and write about overcoming fears.
- Introduced Mrs. Petersen's juniors to the online library catalog and various databases as they hunted for resources for their research papers.

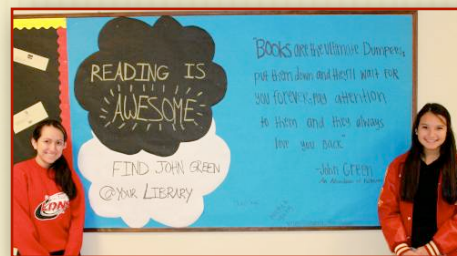
## Join Us in the Library!

Monday-Thursday: 7am -4pm

Friday: 7am- 3:30pm

\* Mrs. Dronet closes the library for 15 minutes after lunch each day.

Teachers may reserve the library for class research, presentations, and projects. Mrs. Dronet is also available to teach mini-lessons and deliver booktalks in the classroom. See the Outlook Library calendar for availability. Students may schedule extra-help sessions with the librarian before or after school or during study hall periods.



## Library Mission

In support of the Pope John XXIII High School mission, the library program's mission is to assist students and faculty in a life of service to God, family, and community by providing access to ideas and information. The program aims to help each student excel and achieve maximum potential by creating a 21st Century learning environment, fostering a love of reading, and promoting the effective use of information and communications technology. Through collaboration, the librarian partners with the larger Pope John XXIII community to empower students to become life-long learners, responsible citizens, and industrious problem solvers.