

EAST GARNER MIDDLE MEDIA CENTER

WCPSS

FALL 2012

Holiday Bookfair

To help you get ready for the season, and celebrate the gift of reading, we are

hosting a **Holiday**

Bookfair from Dec.

10th to 18th in the library.

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prizes inside

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Cyber GET SMART

Do you know who is holding that shoe phone? If you do, you are super smart, super old, or watch a lot of TV Land.. .



Being Internet savvy is more than pointing and clicking. It requires critical and creative thinking, not to mention reflection, all skills that students need a lot of practice with. WCPSS just passed a board policy called “**The 21st Century Act**” which requires that all students be trained in Internet safety every year. The first step is for faculty to be trained to understand this risky on-line behavior, and cyber-bullying, which all have completed in October. The county is using [Common Sense Media](#) which is a terrific resource with full curriculum and media rich lessons.

The library is hard at work to help bring these important materials into the classroom, and available on-line for teachers, students and parents. One example is [A Journey to Cyberia](#), our recent collaboration with Healthy Living department on Cyber-Safety using an assortment of articles, games, a survey, video, and blogging. The project is now linked on the Library’s new homepage, [Info Ninja](#) under “[projects](#).” Additional Cybersafety links for students, teachers and **ALSO PARENTS** can be found on the “[technology](#)” section of Info Ninja, including many resources to integrate into lessons...and life. Keep an eye out for more advances we are making on Information and Research skills.

Remember that it will be easier to navigate the

demands of the 21st century TOGETHER!



HOLIDAY BOOKFAIR

*Tis the Season...
To Give the Gift
of Reading*

**Schedule your classes
NOW to visit the library
for our Holiday Bookfair
from the 10th to 18th
of December.**

Like past years, we will have daily prizes but also some new features. There will be a big Gift Box for book donations (both new and used) to give the gift of reading [to library, classrooms and students who don't have books of their own.]

This year we will be usher-

ing in our two ARTS concerts on Tuesday the 11th and the 18th with a special **FAMILY NIGHT** event from 6 — 7 pm. We will have music, and some treats for those that visit the Bookfair on Family Night.

The Bookfair is of course a way to celebrate reading during the season, but also is a crucial fundraiser

to purchase new books for the library. Last year we earned over \$2,000 in new books (a record for EGMMS.) Given economic hard times, we greatly appreciate your help in giving the gift of reading, if not shopping for yourself, by scheduling a class to visit.

It makes a difference!

Bookfair Family Nights & Celebrate Arts

DEC. 11 AND 18TH 6 - 7 PM



[NEW BOOK DROPS]

Thanks to the Advanced Art Students, our book drops have gone

from **BASIC** to *Inspirational!*



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Keeping Up

Reading

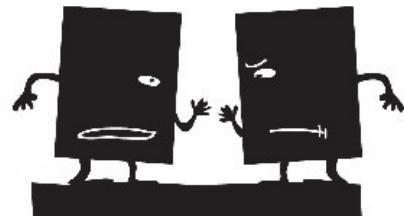
We are all really excited by the **Ticket to Read** program. In addition to prizes for students when they read a book, we also received several boxes of books at the beginning of the school year for the library from the sponsor, Carmax.

While the past four years we have seen some really dramatic increases in book circulation, you may be surprised to know that this Fall there has been a shocking drop... already 3,000 less than last year at this time. As we crunch numbers, we think that part of the problem is associated with our new schedule. Also, teachers and teams are finding it difficult to manage a curriculum schedule and feeling as if they can afford to give up time to visit the library.

In the library, we want to give each teacher and team flexibility to schedule so that it best meets everyone's needs, especially making sure that

all of our students are served well in the library (including keeping the numbers spread throughout the day—not just during P30).

Please take some time at your next TEAM meeting to discuss how you might be able to share the task of bringing kids for circulation. If you think about it, if each core teacher donated just a half class period every quarter, then students would be able to check out books four times a quarter.



Ticket to READ REWARDS

ONE book
= Chick Fil A coupon

THREE books
= Medal

SIX books
= Water bottle

NINE books
= Basketball Hoop

TWELVE books
= Free Pizza

FIFTEEN books
= Cinch bag

EIGHTEEN books
= Watch

Battle of the Books

We are really excited about our Battle of the Books (BOB) team this year. Mr. Griffith, Ms. Deaton and Mrs Brown, are leading fourteen bookloving students prepare for the February competition. If you are interested in reading some of the award-winning books on the list, go to the [North Carolina School Library Media Association](#) (or click if reading on-line) for the full list.

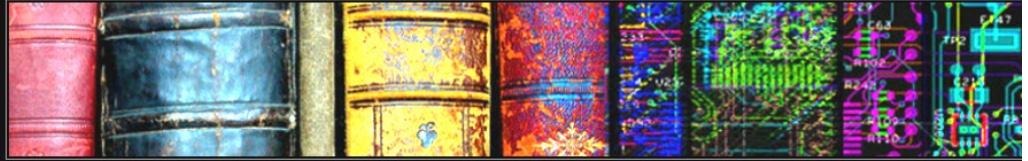
Some books are to be tasted; others to be swallowed; and some few to be chewed and digested.

Sir Francis Bacon

New Library Website



[Home](#) [Book Links](#) [Projects](#) [Research Links](#) [Technology Links](#)



In addition to our updated Destiny and Blackboard site, we also have a brand new website called [Info Ninja](#) that is student and device-friendly. The BOOK page has a wide assortment of links to authors, series, as well as e-book links and even a book blog . The PROJECT page is for teaching collaborations, and the RESEARCH and TECHNOLOGY pages provide links to online resources. Please go take a look.

Reader's Theater!

Short, theatrical stories can be a doorway to a reluctant reader

On the last day of every quarter the library hosts an event to inject some drama into great literature. The annual Haunted Library at the end of Quarter One was once again spooktacular. Mrs. Maggio's drama students are always a featured player in these events, although we also have impromptu readings and storytelling from faculty and students.

The next big event will be at the end of Quarter Two on Friday, January 18. We will feature an Reader's Theater, with a focus on African folktales. Look at the recommended sources. If you are reading this on-line, just click the link.

This will be a great chance to dovetail with the school-wide novel, *The Other Side of Truth*. And consider joining us for our next library event on the last day of the quarter.

SOURCES:

- [Aaron Shepard's Reader Theatre Scripts](#)
- [World of Tales](#)

Accessing a book may require a little theatrics! Don't be shy... try

HAUNTED LIBRARY

