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# News from the IMC

## Using YouTube Videos in Your Classroom

There is nothing more frustrating than finding a video on YouTube that you want to use with your class and knowing that Websense blocks you from showing it. Help is on the way. The only way to show the YouTube video is to convert it to another file format. You can do this by using the site YouConvertIt which is not blocked in school.

Use Google's video search (video.google.com) or YouTube to locate the URL of the video. To make your life easier, locate several videos that you want to use and copy the URLs into a Word document and then use YouConvertIt to convert the file into one you can use in school.

### Directions for Converting a YouTube Video



Open YouConvertIt ([www.youconvertit.com](http://www.youconvertit.com))

Copy the URL from YouTube or from a Word document, if you saved your searches

Click on the "Convert Video Online Video" tab.

Paste the URL into the box. Enter your email address. Choose "convert to" format. Use the video formats AVI or MPEG

Converting the YouTube video will take some time. When the conversion is complete, you'll get an email.

Open the email and click on the link, this will take you to the YouConvertIt site.

Click on the link and save the video to your computers.

You can play the video using Windows Media Player.

## Graphic Novels



A graphic novel is a book that combines art and words to tell a complex story similar to those in novels. Graphic novels are more than just comic books, in fact, the graphic novel *Persepolis* was selected as the choice for One Book Philadelphia.

Teens love graphic novels and they fly off the library's shelves. They may not look like or feel like real books, but they are a great way to get reluctant readers into reading for pleasure.

## New Database

Pop Culture Universe is a digital library of information on American and world popular culture, past and present presented in an authoritative and entertaining format that students will love.

***Pop Culture Universe.*** "If it's...Peachy, The Bee's Knees, Swell, Nifty, Slick, Mean, Smooth, The Most, Cool, Neat-O, Groovy, Far Out, Dyn-o-mite, Rad, Fresh, Phat, Off The Hook, Hot, or Awesome...**you've come to the right place.**"

**January is National Thank You Month** and we would like to thank you. Working with you is always a pleasure.





## E Readers: A Comparison

Are print copies of books going the way of the dinosaur? Manufacturers of E-readers think so. The big names in E-readers are Sony's Reader, Amazon's Kindle, and Barnes and Noble's the Nook. Here's a comparison of the three readers.

	<b>The Reader</b>	<b>Kindle2</b>	<b>The Nook</b>
<b>Screen</b>	6 inch black and white	6 inch black and white	6 inches black and white
<b>Downloading</b>	3G wireless service	3G wireless service	3G wireless service
<b>Navigation</b>	Touch screen and stylus Can turn pages back and forth	Touch screen and keyboard	3.5 inch LCD color touch screen; keyboard
<b>Battery Life</b>	Up to 2 weeks with wireless off	Up to 2 weeks with wireless off	Up to 10 days with wireless off
<b>Other features</b>	Partnership with Google 2 MB memory expandable with SD USB	2GB of memory , not expandable Text to speech Basic web browser MP3 Player and USB slot Download magazines and newspapers	2 GB memory, expandable with SD

Several of our teachers use E-readers. Mike Blaylock loves his Kindle2; he especially enjoys reading books, newspapers, and magazines on his Kindle.



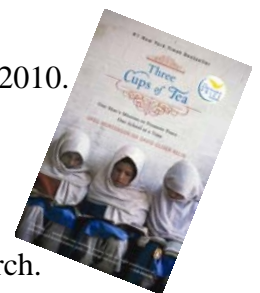
“Have an impact on the world, one penny at a time. While a penny is virtually worthless to most people, in impoverished countries a penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy. Join Pennies for Peace and give lasting hope to children half a world away.”

Student Connor Hornibrook is coordinating this project in the high school. So save your pennies.

### One Book Township

*Three Cups of Tea* is the school's selection for One Book Township 2010.

We are encouraging all staff and students to read this book and discuss it in your classes or join a book discussion in the IMC in March.



*Three Cups of Tea* is the inspirational story of Greg Mortensen whose mission is to promote peace in the Middle East by building schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.