



News from the IMC

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Do High School Graduates Make the Grade?

Is there a difference in perception between high school teachers and college professors on the preparedness of students for college? According to a survey of the educational testing organization ACT, there is a huge difference in perception with college professors believing that students are not prepared for the challenges of critical thinking and evaluating sources and integrating them into a research paper.

Steven Horowitz in "Are Our Graduates College-Writing

Ready?" believes the cause of the problem is directly related to the Internet. "Students are very good at the brute mechanics of finding sources, but they are largely unaware of the differences between peer-reviewed, scholarly sources and popular sources like Time magazine. Horowitz believes that students need assignments that requires them to think critically.

He suggests that high school teachers can remedy the problem in the following way:

- "Use short, focused

assignments to teach the research process.

- Use short assignments that ask students to try to identify positions that sources take on a controversial issue"
- Require students to document all sources so they know the importance of the ethical use of information

Let the librarians assist you in preparing your students for college by collaborating on a research assignment.

UPCOMING EVENTS



April is.....

Child Abuse Prevention Month
Poetry Month
Holocaust Month

April 23
Secretary's Day

April 24
Book discussion of *A Child Called It*

May 1
Staff book discussion of *Water for Elephants*

May 9
Author Carolyn Mackler visits the IMC



Contest Winners

Dr. Seuss Trivia Contest
Leigh Anne Hall

Women's History Month
Debbie Carchidi

Join the Staff Book Club

For a discussion of
Water for Elephants
on
Thursday, May 1
at
2:30 in the IMC



Barb Kopas highly recommends this book!



Web sites for Social Studies

Looking for an **editorial cartoon** site? Check out the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
<http://editorialcartoonists.com/index.cfm>

Introduce your students to **Podcasts** by using
First Amendment Minute www.firstamendmentminute.com
History Pocasts <http://historyonair.com>

SmARThistory integrates European history with art. www.smarthistory.org/site/



Electronic New Jersey - A Digital Archive of New Jersey History
[Www.2scc.rutgers.edu/njh/Homesteads/exper.php](http://www.2scc.rutgers.edu/njh/Homesteads/exper.php)

Do you need to learn more about

Video-on-Demand

Wikis

Blogs

Databases

Resources for Graduate Courses

We would love to help you.

Stop in the IMC and we can give you a quick update or we can give a mini workshop during a department meeting.



New Arrivals

Grisham's The Appeal

Grisham's The Innocent Man

Tolle's A New Earth: Awakening Your Life's Purpose

Koontz 's The Darkest Evening of the Year

Patterson's 7th Heaven

Douglas Preston's Blasphemy

Delinsky's The Secret Between Us

Miller's The Senator's Wife

King's Duma Key

Morton's Tom Cruise

Robinson's Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's

Brook's People of the Book



Survey

Coming Soon to Your Email

The IMC is evaluating the video-on-demand programs, United Streaming and Safari Montage, and we need your input.

During the first week of April, you will receive an email with Survey as the subject heading .

Please reply and let us know whether you use either of these resources.

