



Teaching the Internet Generation

The Internet is an integral part of a teenager's life. According to the Pew Internet and American Life Project, teenagers are "enthusiastic about the new ways the Internet lets them connect with friends, expand their social networks, explore their identities, and learn new things." (see Teen Internet Use Table)

Additionally, many teens create content, which they publish on the Internet. They create blogs, web-pages, publish on sites like myspace, and create original content which they post to various sites.

Teaching the Internet generation requires re-thinking traditional educational models to meet their academic needs. The goal is still academic success for all students, but the meth-

ods used to achieve that goal must change. According to professor Angela Provitera McGlynn, "Teenagers have a preference to learn in their own time, they appreciate structured activities that permit creativity and want to be involved in real life activities." This translates into classrooms that emphasize active learning and project based learning.

As librarians, we see this in many of the research assignments that we collaboratively plan with you. Some of these projects included researching real-life issues from teen novels, creating wikis to study astronomy, creating web pages for book reviews, researching and reenacting trials, trip itineraries, video histories, Mock Grant Presentations for Funding for Satellites.

Stop in the IMC and we can help you plan some resource based research projects for next year .

Teen Internet Use	
	% of Teens
Play online games	81
Send or receive instant messaging	75
Get information about colleges	57
Send or receive email	94
Use the Internet to research for school	94
Relied mostly on the Internet for their last school project	71
Download music	55
Visit a chat room	55
Play or download a game	66
Shared content of their own creations like drawings, stories, photos or videos	69
Create a personal web page	58
Keep a blog	19
Read blogs	38



**Winner
of
The St. Patrick's Day Contest

Eileen Raftery**

Ready, Set, Go! Summer Reading Festival

Come and take a look at the books on the Staff Summer Reading list and check out books, CDs and DVDs over the summer.

Date to be Announced

MP3 Players and iPods are More Than Music

This cartoon says it all. iPods and MP3 players are everywhere and students don't think that we can see them. Don't despair! There is hope. Students are beginning to use their iPods and MP3s for more than listening to music. These portable devices also have an educational application. Students are using them to download books, learn a language, study for tests, Teachers on the college level are even making their lectures available in a downloadable

format.

So how does this apply to high school. Currently, the IMC has language tutorials and books available in an audio player called Playaways, the format is similar to an iPod. Additionally, the Technology Department just received the file server, for the audio book project. Staff and students will be able to download audio books to a MP3 player, a computer or a CD. We will notify you when this is available.



"Speak up, I can hardly hear ya!"

Popularity of Documentary Films



Over the past decade, documentary films have been a welcome alternative to the sequels, remakes and action films that have been overtaking the movie theaters. In fact, seven of the top 10 highest grossing documentaries

have been released since 2002. Audiences may be turning to these films because of the connection they feel with the communities and issues being portrayed. They may also appreciate the variety of topics that have been highlighted by this genre including the fast food industry, global warming, and ballroom dancing.

Documentary Films Available in the IMC

An Inconvenient Truth
Mad Hot Ballroom
March of the Penguins
Murderball (Rated R)
Paper Clips
Street Fight
Super Size Me
They Made America
When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts
Who Killed the Electric Car?
Wordplay



Barnes & Noble Educator Appreciation Week April 28 – May 6

Barnes & Noble will be offering an additional 25% savings (10% on DVDs & CDs) for K-12 educators on classroom and personal purchases with an Educator Discount Card*.

Summer Reading Preview Day April 30

**Bring completed attached form with either your school ID or a pay stub to receive a discount card.