

# NEWS FROM THE IMC

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Welcome Back



## Welcome Back

You are in for a great year at the IMC. Stop in check out the new resources. We have begun the process of changing from print reference and non fiction books to e books. These are similar to online databases in that you can use them 24 hours a day and the content is the same as the hard copy of the book. New books, CDs, DVDs and Playaways are arriving everyday.

If there is anything we can do to help you and your students, please let us know.

## Most Kids Cheat - You Better Believe It!



According to Donald McCabe of Rutgers University, "95% percent of high school students say they have cheated during the course of their education, ranging from letting somebody copy their home work to cheat on

tests." He also states that the students really aren't concerned about it. Students also don't think plagiarism is a big deal. They know what it is, but really don't care about it. McCabe has been surveying high school students for six years and believes that the rate of cheating has remained the same with a small increase in plagiarism.

What's a teacher to do? McCabe believes that it is important for teachers to be aware of the prevalence of cheating and act accordingly. Teachers can never eliminate cheating, but there are a few time tested suggestions..

Give different test questions each year. Test generators and the copy and paste command can help you vary the questions.

Give assignments that require critical thinking. Assignments where the information can be found with a touch of the mouse lend themselves to plagiarism.

Vary the types of assignments each year.

Follow the research process. Students who have to complete all the steps in the research are less likely to plagiarize.



### Banned Book Week

September 27 to October 4

### Teen Read Week

October 12-18



### Are You Back in School?

If you are taking graduate courses and need research help, we would be happy to assist you. Just give us a call or email us .

Also full text magazines, scholarly and professional journals are available through Ebco's Masterfile Premier and Academic Search on the IMC home page

## Playaway - Listen to a Book

What is a Playaway? A playaway is the newest format of an audio book. It looks like an iPod and works the same way. Just hit play. Gone are the cumbersome tapes and CDs. Each playaway contains one book and weighs less than 2 ounces. You can mark where you stopped listening, just like a book-mark. You can connect the playaway to your computer and use it to play a section of a book for your students.

The IMC has an ever growing collection of playaways, which are located in the Entertainment Center. You can get a list of these from our online catalog. Go to the IMC home page, click on catalogs, click on Web Collection Plus, click on the icon for Power, type in the word playaway and click on find.

**Need a recommendation? Just ask the teachers who have used them such as Michael Dempsey or Mike Napolosky.**



# FALL INTO READING



Do you love sharing a great book with your friends? Are you always looking for something good to read? Have you bought a book and realized that you've already read it? Then Shelfari is for you. This is a social networking site for people who love to read.

- Build a virtual bookshelf of your favorite books that you can share with your friends
- Participate in online book groups
- Interact with and learn from authors

The IMC Student Book Club already uses Shelfari as does Debbie Carchidi

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**The Staff Pick Contest Winner**

**Is**

**Nathan Taraska**

**Stop in the library and check out a staff pick or read the titles of staff picks on the IMC page under the Reading Corner link**