



# News from the IMC

## Back to School Issue

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### The Power of Reading

Stephen Krashen in the *The Power of Reading Insights from the Research*, states, "Nearly everyone in the United States can read and write. They just don't read and write well enough....to handle the complex demands of modern society." As teachers, we know how important reading in the content area is in improving students' ability to read complex

material and students in your classes read content specific material every day.

One of the goals of the IMC is to foster independent reading and life long learning. With this goal in mind, we have worked with teachers develop research assignments based on fiction books. For example, students in the 11th grade classes read a contemporary young

adult novel and then write a research paper about a problem in the novel while using the events or characters of the novel as a focal point. We've also begun to compile book lists based on a subject area. We specifically choose books that students would like to read. For example, Cosmos Tsoukalis' students choose a fiction book and then write about the sci-

ence in the book. We are now in the process of developing book lists for all subject areas. Keep in mind, you don't have to give the dreaded book report assignment to evaluate your students.

**Read next month's newsletter for 50 ways to avoid the dreaded book report**

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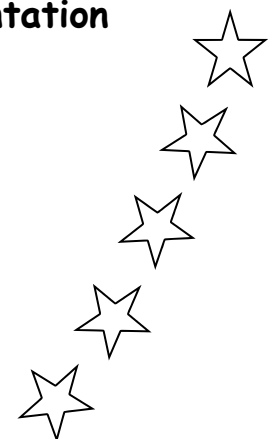


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## Wish Lists

If there is book, CD, or DVD that you would like us to order, please email us your request and if possible, send us a catalog where you found the item



Search for books, DVDs, and CDs. using Web Collection Plus

Please tell your students that they can also request items for purchase by completing a "Wish List" form in the IMC or be using the "Wish List" note on the IMC eboard



## Student Use of the IMC

Students must have their ID card to come to the IMC.

## Passes – all students must have a pass

Lunch – each grade may send two students

Study Hall - Periods 1, 2, , and 8 may send 10% of enrollment while periods 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 may send 3 students

Phys Ed Study - 1 student per study.

If you want to send additional students, please wait 10 minutes after your students have arrived at the IMC and call ext. 7542.

Please note on the pass, if a student is returning to study or the cafeteria. No student may return during the last ten minutes of the class.

If you are absent, please remind the substitute that they may not send students from your class to the IMC

## After School

If students are taking the bus home, they must arrive before 2:30. They do not need a pass. If you are helping students after school and know they will arrive in the IMC after 2:30, please give them a bus pass.

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

Albert Einstein



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

We wish all of you a happy and successful school year!

Ann, Kathy & Stephanie  
And  
The IMC Staff