

News from the IMC



The Cat in the Hat WANTS YOU!

The IMC's Read Across America celebration takes place on Thursday, March 2nd, and we need you and your students to participate.

Here are some of the ways:

- * Presentation of Independent reading projects
 - * Discussion of most influential books
 - * Reenactments of favorite scenes
 - * Interpretive music or dance
 - * Reading of children's book in a foreign language
 - * Redesign book covers for summer reading titles
- And many more...

To schedule your classes for participation send an e-mail to hsimc@wtps.org.

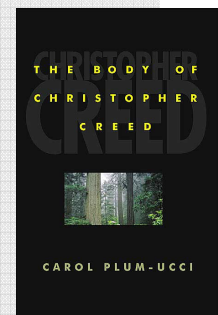


January is

National Thank You Month
Thank you for using the IMC
The IMC Staff

One Book WTHS

To prepare for award-winning author Carol Plum-Ucci's visit to the IMC on May 12th, the IMC staff would like to encourage WTHS faculty and students to read and participate in discussions of her acclaimed novel *The Body of Christopher Creed*. The young adult mystery tells the story of the school outcast, Chris Creed, who disappeared, leaving only a cryptic e-mail behind. The novel was named a Michael L. Printz Honor Book, an Edgar Allen Poe Award finalist, and an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults. The IMC student book club and teacher librarians will be facilitating two after school discussions of the book in April. Students who attend these discussions will then be invited to meet with Plum-Ucci during her visit in May. We hope you and your students will enjoy this book that is sure to capture the reader's attention even after the last page.



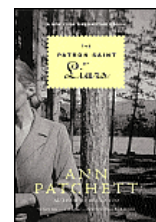
February Book Club Selection

Ann Patchett's *The Patron Saint of Liars*.

In the IMC on Thursday, February 23rd at 2:35

A discussion guide can be found at

http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/patron_saint_of_liars1.asp



The book will be ordered through interlibrary loan and available in the IMC by next week.

By the Numbers In December

Classes in the IMC
205

Students with Classes
4335

Students after School
447

Students Coming with
Passes
1358

Books and AV Loaned
1520

Magazine Articles
Copied 91

Oprah's Essay Contest

Oprah announced this month that she is sponsoring a national high school essay contest based on her book club selection, *Night* by Elie Wiesel. The IMC has extra copies of *Night* available. For more information visit www.oprah.com/bookclub.



SIRS Decades

This database highlights key events, movements, people, and places in 20th century America and includes documents, letters, memos, editorial cartoons, video, websites, photographs, maps, articles, and advertisements. US History teachers will love this database

Culture Grams

This resource provides current information about countries of the world including geography, history, the people, society, customs, daily life and communication. It also includes a photo gallery and recipe collection for each country.

New Databases

Perfect database for World Languages, Special Education, Social Studies, Business and Consumer and Family Science



AP Multimedia Archive

Contains millions of photos from the AP News Archives mainly from the 1920s until today. This database is a better choice for photos than Google and can be used in all subject areas, but Graphic Arts teachers will love it.

American National Biography

This is the online version of the 24 volume set and contains biographies of over 17,000 men and women whose lives shaped the nation. Useful in all subject areas

United States at War Understanding Conflict and Society

Explores the major conflicts and allows the user to compare these conflicts based on the military, economic and social aspects of each conflict.

Help Promote Reading!

Order your Read Across America T-Shirt

If you would like to order one, please send either \$7.00 in cash or a check along with a completed order form to the IMC. T-shirts will be delivered before Read Across America on March 2, 2006.

Deadline for Orders is January 31, 2006