



# News From the IMC

## 21st Century Literacy Skills Skills for the Digital Student

Our students live in a virtual world - a world of the Internet, chat rooms, IM, cell phones, text messaging. They live in a world where information is easily available and is increasingly in digital formats: no longer is text the only medium. Additionally, our students live, work and compete in a global world where communication takes place in virtual workplaces and chat-room environments. In 2002, a group of educational and business leaders met to create a vision for education in the 21st century. The impact of technology is the driving force behind this vision and a consequence is that it will alter the way students learn and teachers teach. The following skill clusters were identified by the Partnership for 21st Cen-

ture Skills:

### Digital-Age Literacy

Students will need the R's, but also a wider range of literacy in the core content areas plus visual and information and multicultural literacy and global awareness

### Inventive Thinking

Students should be self directed learners where their natural curiosity leads to inquiry learning. Since information is easily available, higher order thinking skills and sound reasoning must be incorporated in the learning process.

### Effective Communication

Education must emphasize a mix of collaborative and individual learning that mirrors the workplace. Additionally, Students should be able to communicate using a variety of forms and this communication should extend beyond

the home, school and nation to the global community.

### High Productivity

Students use hardware and software tools to access, organize, and create products to solve or communicate real world problems.

In 21st Century Skills, Bloom's higher order thinking skills meet Dewey's learn by doing and are blended with technology and inquiry learning. It is what you do everyday in the classroom to prepare your students for success in the 21st century.

To learn more about Digital Students read the attached article from *Time* magazine.

To learn more about 21st Century skills use this web site <http://www.ncrel.org/>

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### Contest Winners

Tracy Naval was the winner of the Favorite Children's Book Contest

The Read Across America Bookmark Design Contest Winners are

#### 1st Place

Gretchen Ramos

#### 2nd Place

Kristen Blome

#### 3rd Place

Brad Graandrino

Bookmarks are on the IMC home page

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**Helpful Research  
 Hints**

The IMC's print collection and the online databases have many subject encyclopedias that are excellent sources for student research. Here are just a few

*Endangered Species Encyclopedia*

*Encyclopedia of Forensic Science*

*Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages*

*Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*

*Encyclopedia of Childhood*

*Acoustic Guitars: An Illustrated Encyclopedia*

*Modern China: An Encyclopedia*



Use the IMC home page to access the online catalog from home or school.

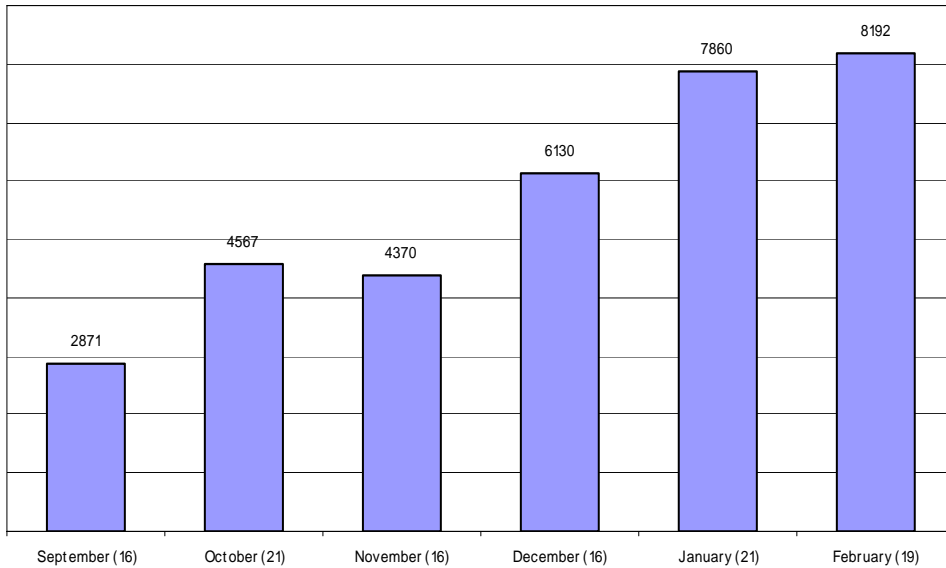
<http://www.wtps.org/wths/imc/index.html>

**E-mail  
Request**

If you find an item that you would like to check out, just send us an email by clicking on the "e-mail request" button at the top right side of the screen. Items will be put in your mailbox.

# The Numbers Are IN.....

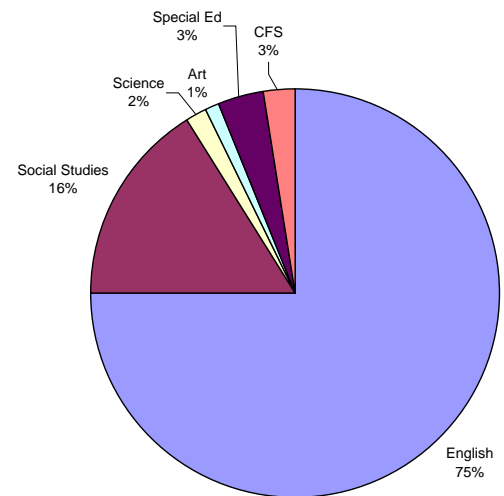
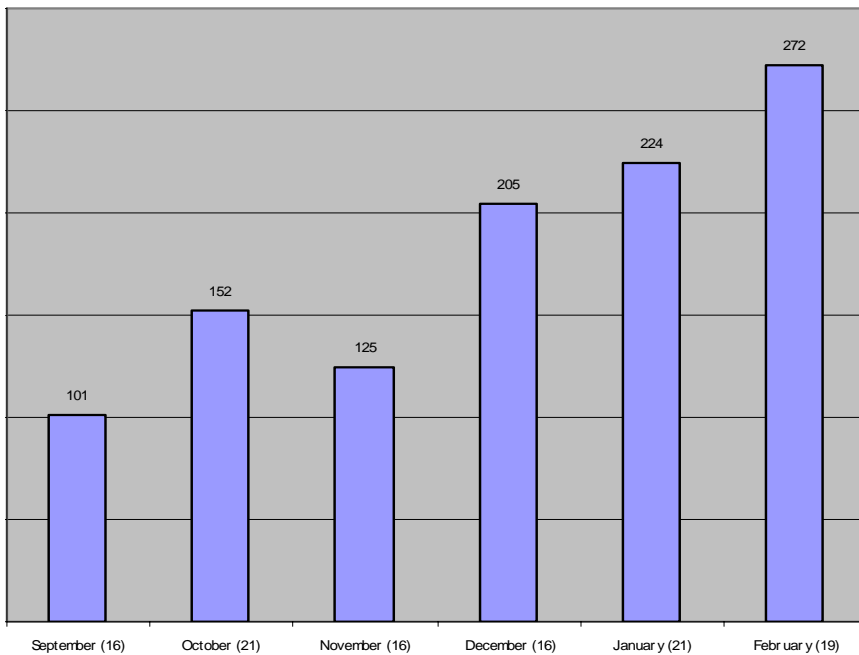
## Total Students Per Month



The IMC has been abuzz with activity this year, so IMC staff decided to illustrate just how many staff and students have been taking advantage of our wonderful resources. We have compiled all of our statistics from September-February, and were elated to see the results. These numbers are a testament to the quality of projects that you have assigned.

## February Classes By Subject

## Classes Per Month

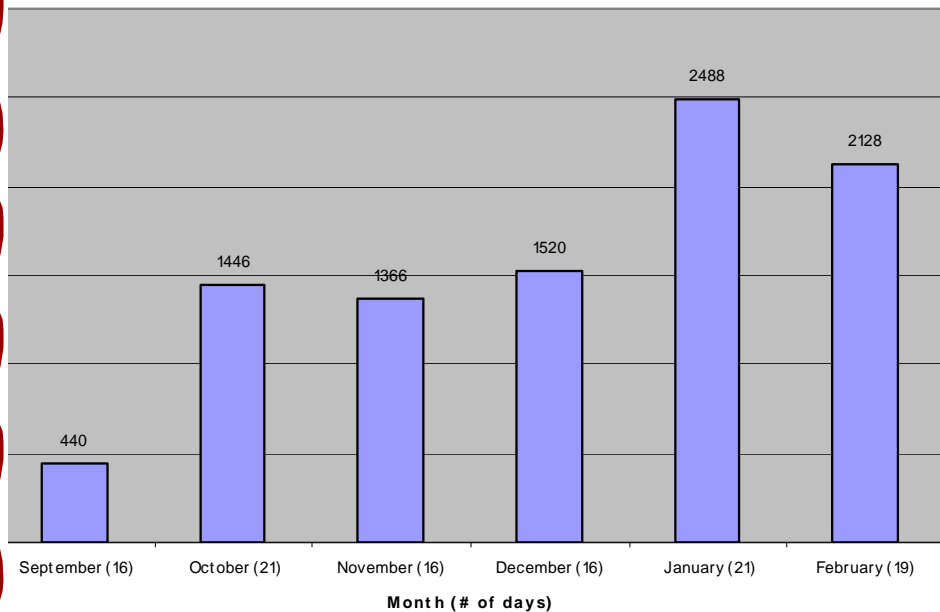


***“A Library is the place where READERS RULE.”***

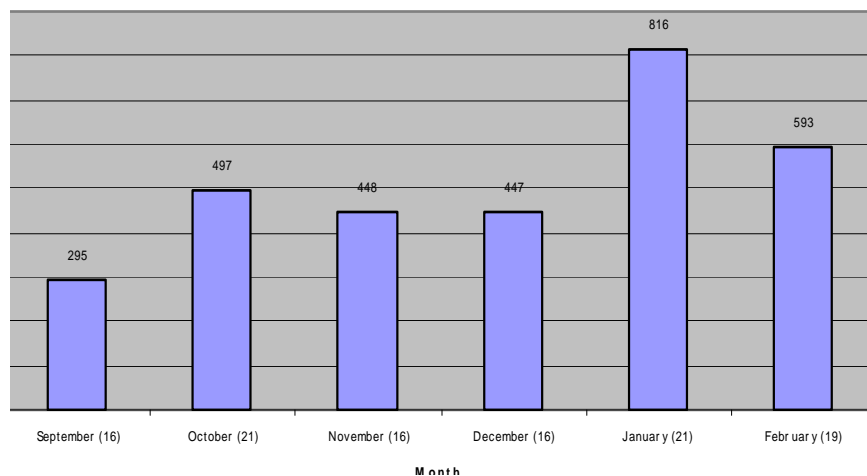
***Walter Dean Myers***

## Materials Circulated per Month

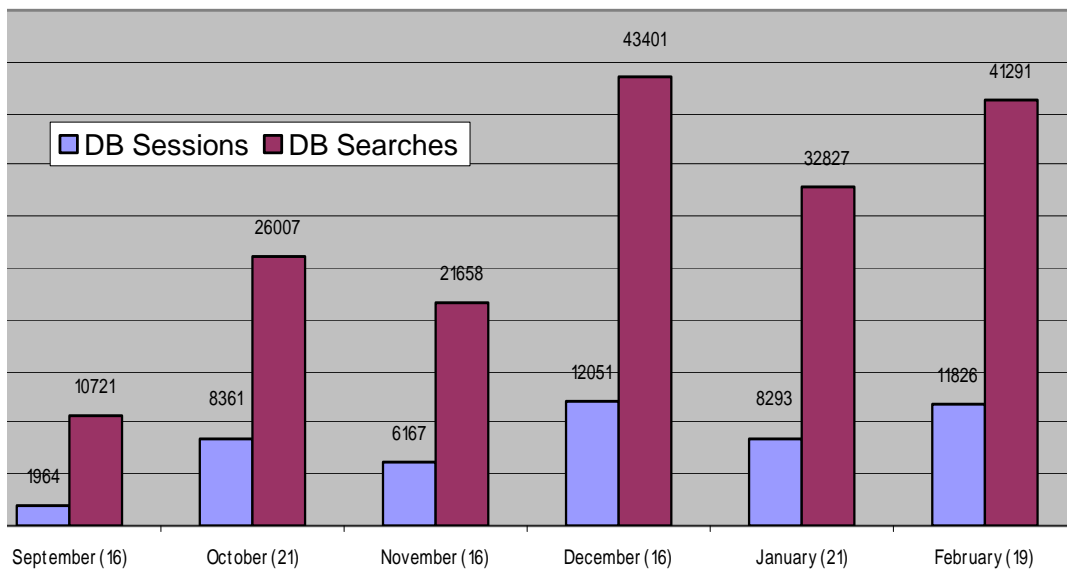
Including Books, DVDs, CDs, VHS, audio books, etc.)



## Students After School (Monday-Thursday)



## Database Sessions & Searches Per Month



Name \_\_\_\_\_



Match the novelist with the historical figures. Beware: some of these authors have written about more than one of the historical figures listed, but there is only one way to finish the quiz with 25 correct answers.

**Ballots with the most correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a spectacular prize! - Don't ask, it's a surprise. Please return to the IMC by April 15th, just like your income tax return.**

Historical Figures	Historical Fiction Novelist	Match the Historical Novelist to the left with the number of the historical figure for your answer
1. Aaron Burr	Irving Stone	
2. Albert Eistein	Marguerite Yourcenas	
3. Marie Antoinette	Robin Maxwell	
4. Charles Lindbergh	Patricia Finney	
5. Aberlard and Heloise	John Steinbeck	
6. Simon Bolivar	Mario Vargas Llosa	
7. Vemeer	Robert Nye	
8. Meriwether Lewis	Erica Jong	
9. Bix Biederbecke	Mary Renault	
10. Henry VIII	Margaret George	
11. Vincent Van Gogh	Gore Vidal	
12. Claudius	Tracy Chevalier	
13. Elizabeth I	Philip Roth	
14. Henry Morgan	Antoine Audouard	
15. Sappho	David Nevin	
16. Mary Queen of Scots	Robert Graves	
17. John Brown	Nino Ricci	
18. Alexander the Great	Howard Fast	
19. Pretty Boy Floyd	Bill Brooks	
20. Thomas Paine	Frederick Turner	
21. Anne Boleyn	Chantal Thomas	
22. William Shakespeare	Jean Plaidy	
23. Jesus Christ	Russell Banks	
24. Raphael Trujillo	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	
25. Hadrian	Alan Lightman	

