

**Washington Township High School IMC
Monthly Report
September 2007**

Teaching and Learning

Statistics

Classes 152
Students with classes 3,336

Information Skills

- Astronomy students used the IMC resources to complete a Spectroscopy Activity.
- The librarians demonstrated science and magazine databases to biology classes. Students used these resources to access information for a magazine project.
- Freshman social studies classes had a four day orientation. This included an overview of the IMC services and the IMC Web Page. Students were shown how to use databases, including AP MultiMedia and Video Streaming, and how to develop a Power Point. The end product was a five slide Power Point presentation on a particular country.
- The librarians presented a lesson on accessing and utilizing scholarly journals to AP European and Issues and Themes classes. Students in the AP European course then used IMC resources to research colonialism for a paper, and Issues and Themes students researched Machiavelli and The Prince for a paper as well as a role playing project.
- U. S. History I students researched people important in U. S. history. The librarians reviewed the history databases and demonstrated ebooks and search strategies.
- U. S. History II classes were involved in a variety of activities. Some students researched Imperialism for a mock trial, and others researched New Jersey history and other topics for papers. Again, the librarians reviewed the history databases and demonstrated ebooks and search strategies. A lesson was also provided on thesis statements.
- Special Education students participated in a Round Robin to select a book for independent reading. The librarians also demonstrated Web Collection Plus.

Information Access and Delivery

Statistics

Students with passes 356
Students after school 32
Books/audio-visual checked out 1,238
Magazines/articles requested 42

Technology Update

- Upgraded computer memory and waiting for wireless connection

- Purchased Over Drive-an audio book system that allows for audio books to be checked out
- Purchased several new databases: Custom Newspapers (includes The Philadelphia Inquirer), Informe (Spanish language database), Teen Health and Wellness (from Rosen Publishers)
- Added titles to the Facts on File database collection

Reading Promotion

- Met with student book club members to compile reading list
- Designed bulletin board promoting freedom to read
- Displayed books on America's favorite pastime-baseball

Special Events

- Celebrated Banned Book Week by displaying copies of the most challenged books of the 21st century
- Began the traditional Staff Picks selection

Program Administration

- A brochure on using Safari Montage was designed for district use (see attachment).
- The Web Page was updated.
- New teacher orientation presentation was given.
- Ann Hill attended the September Library Co-op meeting.
- Stephanie Gaughan has been appointed to the Gloucester County AVA Board of Directors.
- Ann and Stephanie attended Library Co-op meeting on teen advocacy.