

# Library News



## Encourage your children to use their library!

The middle school library is open from 7:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M.

Students are welcome to use the library independently during lunch periods and after school hours in addition to scheduled class visits throughout the day.

## Look What's New on Our Web Site

[www.bestschools.org/ms/library](http://www.bestschools.org/ms/library)

These icons represent links from our Web site to resources developed by your librarians, Pat Minikel and Joan Kearon, for Jericho Middle School students.



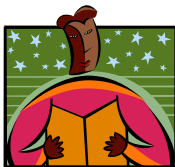
Click the readers to download new **Recommended Reading Lists**. These twelve subject-related reading lists were compiled to help your children find enjoyable informative books that support the middle school curriculum areas.



Click on the scales to download our **Web Site Evaluation Form**. This provides guidelines for students to use when selecting Web sites for research.



Our own style guide, **Read Write & Cite!** may be accessed by clicking on this link. This guide provides numerous examples of correct MLA format citations for sources commonly used by our students.



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## Popular Author Meets with 8th Graders



Wendelin Van Draanen came to our library this fall to film two promotional videos for Scholastic Book Fairs. The author met with members of Mrs. Boulter's eighth grade English class for an interactive activity and an entertaining booktalk which were professionally filmed.

The videos will promote two of her newest books, *Flipped* and *Sammy Keyes and the Sisters of Mercy*. Copies of these books are available in the Jericho Middle School Library.

The videos which feature Jericho students will be available for all to see when they come out this spring and fall. Copies will be distributed nationwide to schools that book Scholastic Book Fairs later in the year.

*Wendelin Van Draanen posed in her "Sammy Keyes" outfit.*

## The Jericho Middle School Library Web Site

<http://www.bestschools.org/ms/library>

### Try our online databases from the comfort of your home

The Jericho Middle School Library's subscription online databases provide our students with a convenient, reliable research tool.

These databases are available for Jericho Middle School students from school and home via the library's Web site.

\*Note user names and passwords are required for home access. The passwords will be provided in the copy of this newsletter that will be mailed home to parents, so be sure to keep an eye out for it. Students can also get a list of the passwords from the Jericho Middle School Library.

To access our databases, start at the middle school library home page: [www.bestschools.org/ms/library](http://www.bestschools.org/ms/library)

Click on the "Electronic Resources" link to access these databases or read a more detailed description of each.



Click on the blue underlined title of the database you wish to use.

(These are hotlinks that will connect you to the database login page.)

**EBSCO** - full text magazine and newspaper articles

**NewsBank** - full-text articles from more than 500 newspapers from around the world.

**SIRS Researcher** – articles relating to social issues, science developments, global events, historic, economic, and political issues

**InfoTrac Gale Group** - includes the following databases: Biography Resource Center, History Resource Center, Literature Resource Center, Student Resource Center, General Reference Center Gold, Expanded Academic ASAP, Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center and General Reference Center.

**The Library@Newsday** - articles from our local paper dating back to 1980

(This database is available only from Jericho Middle School Library computers.)

Electronic databases are powerful research tools if used correctly. Use the "HELP" or "SEARCH HINTS" links on each page for the best advice about how to conduct a search. Since each resource works a little differently, reading the hints will save time in the long run.

If your children need extra help with these databases, encourage them to speak to Mrs. Minikel or Mrs. Kearon.



A special collection of books on a variety of parenting and educational issues is available in the middle school library for parent use. Books may be checked out in your name for two weeks and loans are renewable.

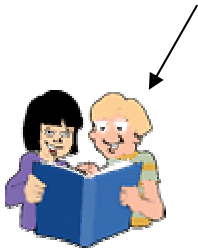
Parents may visit the library after school to browse the collection, or use the online catalog to select a title. Simply begin at the library Web site, click the *OPAC from home* icon, then click *Enter*. Use the dropdown menu (pictured below) to select the middle school library database, then enter the term *parents' collection* in the subject search box. Your search will produce a complete list of our current holdings in this special collection.

For answers to specific questions, call the Mrs. Minikel or Mrs. Kearon at the library: 681-4100 ext. 276.

<b>Databases:</b>	middle	Visual Catalog
<b>Search:</b>	Subject	parents collection
		Browse

# More about the recommended reading lists ~

We hope that these twelve annotated book lists will help your children find books that will increase their understanding of curriculum subjects as well as encourage them to explore different genres. Each list is downloadable from our Web site. Just click on the *readers* and select the list you want to print.



- Sixth Grade Social Studies Reading List
- Seventh Grade Social Studies Reading List
- Eighth Grade Social Studies Reading List
- Science Reading List
- Math Reading List
- Physical Education Reading List
- Health Reading List
- Technology Reading List
- Music Reading List
- World Languages Reading List
- Art Reading List
- Home and Careers Reading List



Books can also be identified by searching the OPAC. When doing this from our Web page, click on the OPAC image, then click ENTER to access the online catalog.

Use the dropdown menu to select the Middle School database:



Type the name of the list you want in the SUBJECT search box , click SEARCH.



## After school at the library

*Shana & Nicole*



*Jared,  
Naveen &  
Jonathan*

*Jaimie &  
Brittany*



*Lynnette &  
Hannah*



## Middle School Book Fair: A huge success!



*Oliver & Ryan shop for a book.*

Our annual book fair was held on October 29th and 30th in the Middle School Library. Students visited the fair with their English classes and selected books from a large collection supplied by Scholastic Book Fairs.

PTSA volunteers arranged the book displays, helped children with their selections, and collected a record \$7,865.68 in book sales!

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of PTSA Chairpersons Meryl Cohen and Lisa Brustein, we were able to reorder multiple copies of the most popular titles. This provided all students with a wide selection of choices, even if they were among the last to visit the fair.

The profits from this year's book fair totaled \$4,719. ELA teachers, reading teachers and the librarians were given a share of the profits to spend on books for their classroom libraries. This year, many teachers were able to select multiple copies of favorite books for use in student literature circles.

## Do a little surfing of your own . . . Check out the Parents' Web page

Our Parents' Page contains links to multiple Internet sites and other electronic resources that could be particularly helpful to parents of middle school students. Here are a few highlights:

Parent Soup: an award winning site for parents which covers topics such as kids and money, behavior and discipline, step-parenting, and child health.

ALA Resources for Parents, Teens & Kids: includes recommended sites for kids, teens, parents and families; also includes several recommended reading lists for teens.

Preparing Parents: Middle School Years Time of Tumult and Change For Tweens, Teens and Their Families: an article from the online parenting newsletter, *KidSource Online*.

Connect to the Parents' Page from the library home page or use this direct address:  
**<http://www.bestschools.org/ms/library/parent.html>**



*Zack uses the Internet in the library after school.*