

MEDIA MUSINGS

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NEWS YOU

- Learn how to use Inspiration software — contact Dan Mancoff
- Lots of new books in the library—see list at the Library website or attached to e-mail
- Teen Read Week activities
- RB Education Foundation telethon Oct. 13—volunteer to help!

NEED A DIGITAL CAMERA FOR YOUR CLASS?

- Check it out from the AV Center.
- Be sure batteries are charged.
- Download photos to your computer (instructions accompany camera)
- Good for field experiences, class projects

What Have You Done for Me Lately?

Ever wonder what your RB Librarians do all day long? A large part of what we do is support the school's curriculum and goals by working directly with teachers. We exist to help *you* and your students be successful.

Do You Ever:

- Wish you had more planning time to find great websites, articles or books?

- Wish your students were better at research?

Wish you knew some books to recommend to your students?

What We Can Do For You:

- Compile stacks of books and magazines on a particular topic

- Compile websites onto a web page for students to use during research

- Compile articles from online databases, journals, and magazines on a particular topic

- Teach mini-lessons on research skills, citation, database use, etc.

- Assist students with research during class time

- Help plan units, lessons and assessments that include focus on information skills

- Booktalks



Call Doreen or Alicia to schedule a time to plan together

*Let us help you:
it's our job!*

LOL@RB Library: Teen Read Week is October 15-19!

The American Library Association's annual **Teen Read Week** is quickly approaching, and the library is gearing up for our first (hopefully) annual celebration of this exciting reading promotion. This

year's theme is **LOL@RB Library**. Anyone familiar with Instant Message or texting lingo knows that "LOL" stands for "Laugh Out Loud", so the library will be spotlighting humorous books all week long.

Events, initiatives and displays that will be happening during TRW:

- Poster design contest
- Kickoff of the Abraham Lincoln 2008 Book Award program (high

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TEEN READ WEEK ACTIVITIES – ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED

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- school version of Rebecca Caudill Award)
- “Best Book I’ve Read This Year” online survey to determine the best book that RB staff and students have read thus far in 2007
- “You Better Read This” book reviews with daily drawings for prizes, in addition to a final drawing on Friday for grand prize
- “Student Pick” humorous book

selections

- Humorous books on display
- Friday pizza lunch and comedy in the library Reference Room

Wow, that’s cool! But how can I help support this program?

We’re glad you asked. There are several ways to participate and to promote Teen Read Week:

- **Talk about TRW** and ask students if they’re involved in the poster contest, Abe Lincoln Award program, “Best Book

I’ve Read This Year”

survey, or “You Better Read This” book reviews!

- **Vote on surveymonkey.com** for the best book you’ve read so far this year
- **Contribute a book review** to the “You Better Read This” and be entered in our daily and grand prize drawings
- **Attend the Friday pizza lunch** and comedy in the library Reference Room!

REMOTE ACCESS FOR RESEARCH

Research Subscriptions
(for access from home, ask the librarians for usernames and passwords)

InfoTrac: full text for over 180 periodicals, indexing and abstracts for 233

SIRS Researcher: full-text articles and Internet sources

CQ Researcher: in-depth, non-biased, comprehensive reports and analysis for users

Newsbank Infotrac: International and U.S. news

Chicago Tribune Online: 1885-present (NOTE: no remote access)

Chicago Tribune Historical Archive: 1908-1994 (all articles in pdf format)

Encyclopedia Britannica

World Book Online

Access passwords for remote access to these rich resources on Edline—there’s a link beneath the picture of the school on your opening page.



Dan Mancoff has placed helpful materials about Inspiration in the Tech Mentor folder on the shared teacher drive

INSPIRATION CAN INSPIRE

Graphic organizers can help your students to organize their information as they research and compile information. They can help students to identify steps in a process, or to brainstorm examples within various categories.

Inspiration can convert diagrams to written outlines — so once the

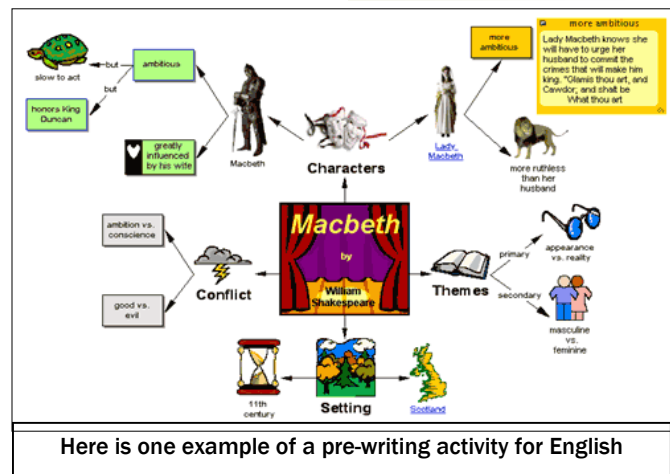
categorizing is done, so is the outline. An organized essay would easily result from these pre-writing activities.

You can use Inspiration in any of the four larger computer labs, or in the Library.

Work with Dan Mancoff to learn how to use the program, or to come up with meaningful ways



that Inspiration can help your students to learn.



Here is one example of a pre-writing activity for English