

# Media Musings

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## Storyteller Coming to RBHS in April

### New features on the RBHS Website:

Board Meeting Agenda and  
Minutes (on the AboutRBHS  
page)

Fine Arts page

Business Office page

*Clarion* now on the web

New library materials list  
(on Library/Instr, Tech  
Dept. page)

Special Olympics page

Substance Abuse page

Curriculum Guide is online

### Storyteller

Margaret Read  
MacDonald and  
musician Richard  
Scholtz will be  
visiting RB on  
Monday, April 21st to  
conduct a series of  
workshops for single  
or combined classes.  
Contact Alicia Duell  
if you want to involve  
your class(es) in this  
unique experience.  
Some possibilities  
include:

**English:** students  
read poems while  
Scholtz accompanies

them with music;  
MacDonald talks  
about how to write,  
get published, etc.;

**Drama/Speech:**  
storytelling  
workshops

**Child Development  
or Life Skills:** how  
to tell stories to  
young children

**Music:** Scholtz  
shares musical  
knowledge and  
experience

**Social Studies:**  
folktales from various  
cultures



Really, the  
workshops are  
customizable to your  
needs—contact the  
Library to arrange for  
your class to be  
involved.

**We've got your  
number—and so  
do you!**

**Use your RBHS  
library account  
number to reserve  
books and videos,  
to look up what  
items you have  
checked out, and  
due dates.**

**If you don't know  
your number,  
contact Jean  
Hoffman, ext. 120**

## Quick Tech Tip re: e-mail

Prevent problems by  
doing a little “house-  
cleaning.” Every once in a  
while, you should delete  
items in both your Sent  
and Trash folders —  
unless there are messages  
in there that you  
specifically want to save.

But if your total e-mail  
space fills up, you risk  
having difficulty  
downloading or sending  
NEW messages.

It might be a good idea to  
spend time clearing out  
your Inbox, too — delete  
messages you no longer

need.

It's easy  
to let this  
little chore go,  
but very  
annoying when  
an overfilled e-mail  
account creates new  
problems.



## Summer Reading



It's time once again to compile our list of books from which students may choose for their summer reading experience. In

the past, there have been special lists for AP classes, and a general list for students who aren't enrolled in an AP English or Social Studies class. As we have in the past, this

year a committee will be reviewing the program's intentions and effectiveness and establishing plans to make this year's program a success.

Several issues need to be addressed, from the purpose of the program, to how many books students are asked to read, and whether the program is an extension of a course's curriculum. A recent anonymous online survey gathered data such as the percentage of students who actually read a summer reading book (about 85%), what book(s) they read, why they chose it, and where they got it.

## Logo Design

Chris Garner's graphic arts class has been commissioned to design a logo for the RB Library. This image will reflect the mission and spirit of the library, and we plan to use it on future publications and promotions. Stay tuned for its debut in the near future.

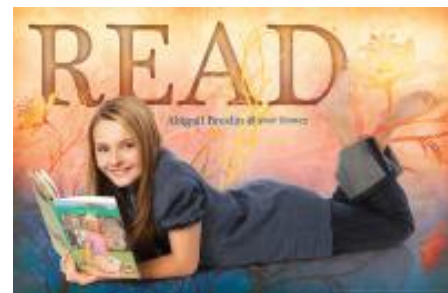
## READ posters for NLW—who will star in '08?

Last year eight brave souls took a chance and volunteered to be immortalized as READERS when the RB Library created READ posters for National Library Week. We imitated the American Library Association's READ campaign wherein they show celebrities reading a favorite book, and our local celebrities included Otto Zeman, Patty Young, Diane Marelli, Troy Gobble, Marissa Dobbertin,

Laura Drzonek, Tim Scanlon, and me (Doreen Fritz). You may remember the many positive comments from students and colleagues as the posters were displayed near the main office, in the library, and in each celebrity's department.

Wouldn't you like to be among the few, the chosen? Just call Doreen and volunteer for this year. The first eight volunteers will get the chance.

Eventually, we'd like to have every department represented. After all, we are all READERS!



## Research Notes

### Trying to fit in some research before the end of the year?

Contact either Doreen or Alicia to plan an effective lesson using the Big6 inquiry model.



## Poetry Slam April 16

Once again the walls of the RB Library

will echo with the sounds of performance poets as students learn about and prepare for a Poetry Slam on Wednesday, April 16. The originator of Slams, Marc Smith, will lead the

event, along with two other published poets: Mary Fons and Chuck Perkins. A now-traditional part of National Library Week and National Poetry Month at RBHS, this will be our fourth annual Poetry Slam event. Students will soon be invited to apply for the limited number of seats.