



# Media Musings

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## Summertime Technology FAQ's

**Where can I have access to a computer at RB this summer?**

There are 3 student computers in Student Services that you could use. You could access your directory, and most software that is used at RB (check with Mike Connors for specific programs).

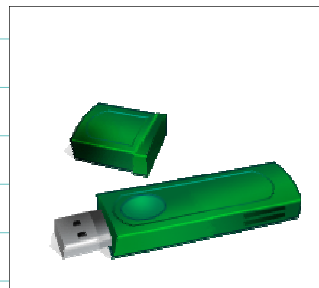
**Will my personal files be saved til next year?**

Yes. Only student

files will be removed. That means that your personal directory, as well as the shared teacher drive and department drives will remain as they are. **HOWEVER**, it's always a good idea to "clean house" as well as to back up your files on a flash drive or CD (CD burners are available in each of the four main computer labs.)

**Can I check my RB e-mail over the summer?**

Yes. Just go to [webmail.rbhs208.org](http://webmail.rbhs208.org). We will be getting a new e-mail interface later in the summer, but we will send out an email



Use a flash drive to back up your files

## More Summertime Changes

- Keep track of the construction progress by watching RBTv. There will be two livecams, one watching the pool area, and the other keeping an eye on the northwest corner.
- The library will have a new entrance, as the doors are removed and a metal gate will "close off" the library from the new exit hallway. The circulation desk will move into the new space.
- To contact a librarian for curriculum planning or website updates, email us or call our home phone (we're in the directory!)

## Pick up YOUR summer reading before you leave

The RB Library has scads of new books that you could take home for the summer. Come pick up an armload, and resolve to save some time for relaxing and reading this summer.

Stop by to browse the shelves, or scan the list of new materials (to save paper, we now link it from our department's webpage rather than printing it out.)



## Finding Education Info Online

Take some time this summer to add some of the following resources to your bookmark list.

ASCD offers a blog called **Inservice** (<http://ascd.typepad.com/blog/>)

where members and visitors carry on discussions about a variety of educational topics. Their blog also includes BlogWatch, “a feature that explores the education blogosphere, highlighting sites that are relevant to educators.”

### **Blognetnews**

([www.blognetnews.com](http://www.blognetnews.com)) is a blog aggregator, pulling together the content from multiple blogs on

one easy-to-navigate page. Choose Education, and then a topic, grade level, or state.

**Federal Resources for Educational Excellence** (<http://free.ed.gov>) contains lesson plans, primary source documents, and other teaching resources from various federal government agencies.

Of course, there’s always **ERIC** ([www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov)) Search its huge database to find journal articles, reports, conference proceedings, dissertations, and more. ERIC is providing increased access to its articles by making them available in pdf



format. If the full text is unavailable, ERIC can help you place the item on hold at the nearest library, or will link you to the publisher, where you can purchase the article.

## Happy Trails to Jean Hoffman

Most of you RB-ers don’t remember a time when Jean Hoffman wasn’t in the library greeting everyone with a smile and an offer of help. She has been a vital part of our image of service since 1984, when she started as a part-time clerk/assistant in the AV department. At that time teachers needed to decide by March of the previous year what films they’d want to show the entire following year, and at what time they wanted to show them — and Jean’s job was to put that order together, and then to coordinate all the mailings in and out as films arrived and then needed to be sent back.

Jean moved to the library a couple of years later, and by 1992 had completed her schooling to obtain a Library Technical Assistant certificate. She has been in charge of the catalog ever since, and has worked with creativity and determination to make the library resources easier for people to find.

Jean’s tasks have also included the recruitment, training, and supervision of library assistants and parent volunteers. She has also had many unofficial duties. During her library schooling, she needed to complete some projects — and a couple of those led to treasured traditions here at RB. One project was to design a “special event,” and for some reason she chose National Pig Day, which she built into a school-wide celebration of everything piggy. Displays of books featuring pigs, contests, lights, and a growing collection of stuffed and ceramic pigs were hauled out every year on March 1st, to the delight of students and teachers alike. Another school project required her to create a multimedia presentation — so she made a slide show representing seniors in action throughout the entire school year, and she presented it to the students in a special year-end day just for seniors — and then, of course,

she had to keep doing that year after year.

For over ten years, there wasn’t an event (sports, music, art, drama, or academic) at which you wouldn’t have seen Jean with her camera.

The library won’t be the same without Jean’s smile, her exercise advice, her dance moves, and her encouragement to students to study hard and “be safe this weekend.” She looks forward to traveling with husband Rick, and to spending more time with her family, including granddaughter Sarah.

Though she attended Lyons Township, Jean is one of the most faithful Bulldogs. Best Wishes to her as she explores life after RB.!

