Welcome

Welcome to our first library newsletter of 2019. Each edition of our newsletter will share some insights into the world of libraries and showcase a variety of materials available in the upper and lower school libraries. Please ask us any questions you may have, we are here to help you and support your curriculum in all areas of TVT.

The Room of Requirement

This podcast episode of “This American Life” follows the reference desk at a few libraries across the country.

https://www.thisamericanlife.org/664/the-room-of-requirement

Collection Highlights

Cinder by Marissa Meyer (YA FIC MEY) Science Fiction (Middle and Upper School)

The first book of the Lunar Chronicles series in which Marissa Meyer takes classic fairy tales known by all and gives them a science fiction twist. When Cinder learns her step-sisters and stepmother are attending the ball, she knows she won’t be allowed to join them. The ladies order new dresses with glamorous accessories and prepare for the ball while Cinder earns her keep as a mechanic in the market square. She is known as the best mechanic in the Eastern Commonwealth though her cyborg attributes are well hidden from her clients. When her only friend dies, Cinder’s sole goal becomes to escape from her abusive guardian. What price must Cinder pay to be free of her stepmother for good?

Beyond Bird Units: Thinking and Understanding in Information-Rich and Technology-Rich Environments by David V. Loertscher, Carol Koechlin and Sandi Zwaan (PRO 370.15 LOE) Professional Development (All Levels)

Loertscher, et al. provide 18 think models, unit lesson plan templates that help reach learning goals using essential questions while encouraging students to think critically, read for meaning, build information literacy and use available technologies. Each unit includes ideas on differentiation and assessment planning as well as the ‘Big Think’ - asking “So what? or What now?” Sample content pages help develop better and deeper questions on a variety of topics. Also recommended as a companion book is The Big Think by the same authors.
Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books by Aaron Lansky (J 435 LAN) Non-Fiction (Middle and Upper School)

How does a young man go from a college student interested in learning Yiddish to the founder of an international organization focused on the preservation of books from another era? Aaron Lansky eloquently tells his story and brings you to share his passion for books that could have been lost to history. Now an educational partner with programs worldwide, the Yiddish Book Center works to promote Yiddish and modern Jewish literature and culture. Read about how it all began in this inspiring and well-written tale.

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (FIC WOL) Historical Fiction (Middle Grades)

Eleven-year-old Annabelle lives on a modest farm near a small Pennsylvania town in 1943. She has a comfortable life, helps with the chores, goes to school daily, and is friendly with the town recluse, Toby. That is, until Betty Glengarry moves into the area and begins to bully Annabelle and her brothers. When Toby stands up to Betty and defends Annabelle, Betty turns her manipulative ways against Toby instead and accuses him of a grave action. Will he be able to prove himself innocent in a town that is already uncomfortable with his presence?

Lyric McKerrigan, Secret Librarian by Jacob Sager Weinstein and Vera Brosgol (GN FIC SAG) Graphic Novel (Lower School)

In this picture book/graphic novel mash-up, author Jacob Sager Weinstein and illustrator Vera Brosgol show how often books can have the answer to your needs. Lyric McKerrigan, secret librarian, becomes a superhero, helping others through well-placed books and a bit of disguise. She works at foiling a plot to rid the world of books and gives others little bits of hope in the process.