**Welcome**

Wow, the first month of school flew by fast. With so many days away from school in October, I’m sure it will fly by quickly too. This month our links explore print resources along with the evolution of e-books in a print market. To view back issues of this newsletter, please visit our libguides at https://tvt.libguides.com/Educators/Newsletters

If you have questions about the library or would like to see something different in the newsletter, please let us know.

**The Rise of Print Books**

Although many forecasted the death of print books after ebooks became so accessible, independent brick and mortar book stores are thriving.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oulW8KE5jE

**Who Wore Short Shorts?**

An interesting blog post about putting historical events into context and the search for better understanding of specific event after finding an old newspaper article.


**The Art of Letter Writing**

When does it make sense to have students write letters to an author? What are the expected learning outcomes and are authors the only option? An interesting blog article about classroom letter writing from the perspective of someone who organizes author and illustrator appearances.


**Limited e-Book Access: A Revolt**

How many copies of a newly released ebook should a library purchase? Macmillan publishers believe libraries should only own one copy for the first eight weeks. Which do you think is more important: access or sales?


“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.” – Albert Einstein
Collection Highlights

*The Age of Exploration: Totally Getting Lost* by Erik Slader and Ben Thompson (YA 910.9 SLA)
Non-fiction (Middle School)

One of many in a series named ‘Epic Fails’, this book explores the journeys of various, well, explorers. In short humorous, but accurate, chapters readers will learn about Vikings, Marco Polo, Columbus, Magellan, Verrazzano, De Vaca, James Cook and others. There is a strong bibliography and index in the back of the book as well.

*Riding a Donkey Backwards: Wise and Foolish Tales of Mulla Nasruddin* by Sean Taylor and the Khayaal Theater and Shirin Adl (398.2 MUL)
Folklore and Fairytales (Lower School)

Short, one- and two-page episodes follow the adventures, or misadventures, of Mulla Nasruddin as he attempts to complete his daily tasks. The elaborate illustrations are mostly detailed 3D fabric images and help the stories jump off the pages.

*Titan and the Wild Boars: The True Cave Rescue of the Thai Soccer Team* by Susan Hood, Pathana Sornhiran and Dow Phumiruk (796.52 HOO)
Picture Book Non-fiction (Lower and Middle School)

All the world watched while rescuers attempted to reach a small group of young soccer players that were stuck in a cave during monsoon season. This is the terrifying, yet uplifting story, from the viewpoint of one of the players, Titan, and how his coach and fellow teammates kept themselves alive while waiting and hoping for someone to find them. Truthfully, I didn’t get very far before tearing up, but it was well worth the read.

*Wildheart: Daring Adventures of John Muir* by Julie Bertagna and William Goldsmith (YA GN 921 MUI)
Graphic Novel Biography (Lower, Middle and Upper School)

“The mountains are calling, so I must go!” - John Muir. If you have been to visit the Sierra Nevada then most likely you have seen the quotes and other mentions of John Muir. In this child friendly graphic novel, learn more about the famous explorer and what led him from Dunbar, Scotland to the mountains of California.