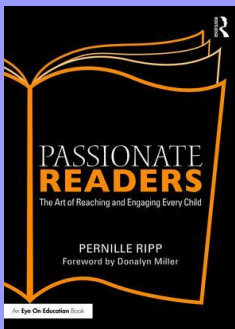


# HMS Library Media Center

## Professional Collection



We have just added a new book to our professional collection, *Passionate Readers The Art of Reaching and Engaging Every Child* by Pernille Ripp. Thank you Melissa Goldman, for bringing this title to my attention. If you are looking to jumpstart student interest in recreational reading or in carving out time and space for independent student reading ... this book is for you! Within an hour, you will have a multitude of ideas to consider. Highly recommended.

The **Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)** Nonfiction Award Finalists for 2019 have been announced and offer excellent perspectives in history for our students.

- *The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor* written by Sonia Sotomayor
- *Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam* written by Elizabeth Partridge
- *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler* written and illustrated by John Hendrix
- *Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction* (Graphic Novel) written and illustrated by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- *The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees* (Graphic Novel) written and illustrated by Don Brown

We already have some of the finalist titles here in the LMC and are in the process of ordering the others. If you are looking for an alternative reading/literacy assignment involving a historical event or prominent figure, these titles provide a good starting point. As always, if you come across any recommendations, please share them with us. We appreciate your input. For more information about YALSA, visit their website at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/>.

## Traveling Library

We will bring the LMC's impressive array of titles to you. Some G-block studies have had the opportunity to check out books from our book cart.

We will continue to make this traveling library available to share with students in study- please let us know if you would like a visit!



## Media Literacy

As we conclude Term Two Media Literacy classes, one of our final tasks was to develop a "short list" of criteria to use as a means of verifying information sources. So often, social media is confused as news media and through retweets and reposts, misinformation becomes information. Chances are if a headline sounds far-fetched, it likely is.



## Video Production

You should be seeing some of the PSA videos created by Video Production classes 2nd term. Through this project students developed skills in shooting with a green screen, transforming still images and developing a video message that is as informative as it is engaging. During 3rd term, students will continue to advance their editing techniques using Final Cut Pro X.

## Video News Club



A lively crew joined the Session I of Video News Club this Fall. They worked well together in efforts to collaborate on some creative videos. Many developed basic editing skills by creating graphic promotions and through interview projects. Session II will start after February vacation.

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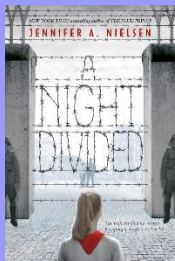
Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday  
7:20 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.  
Wednesday  
7:20 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Happy 2019!

A funny thing happened on the way to Harvard Square. During the holiday break, I was traveling with family members to see the Christmas Revels when my niece, who is 22, suddenly chimed into the conversation. "Did you guys hear about South Korea?" Being a frenzied Christmas, news was the last thing on my mind. "No, what's going on?, we asked. She went on to share that 4 robots killed 29 scientists in a lab in South Korea. Funny, I didn't remember hearing anything about this. My first question was, "What is the source of your information?" My niece promptly started looking into this. "CNN", she answered, "Scientists call for boycott of South Korean university over killer robot fears." Hmm, CNN seems like a good source. After some discussion about artificial intelligence and iRobot and fears of living in a world run by AI, my niece then confessed that she saw this "news" posted on her Snapchat feed. Soon after, she mumbled, "Never mind, forget it. Snopes says it's false." Ah ha! Another example of how easy it is for misinformation to proliferate. No one thought to question the source.

My family has been using <https://www.snopes.com/> for fact checking purposes for over a decade and it really does reduce the embarrassment of forwarding along a bogus post or email. (Apparently it has skipped a generation - something we will have to address). However, there is a growing confusion about the difference between news media and social media. With guidance, my goal is for our students to have strategies to help them discern what makes a reliable source.

## TALKaboutIT



The next TALKaboutIT Book Discussion will feature the March Book Madness Winner for 2018, *A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen. This book brings to light the dilemmas faced by many families in Germany when The Wall went up, dividing East and West Berlin. Greta, separated from her father and brother, must face

impossible choices to reunite her family. This is a pageturner. Book Discussion will take place in the LMC on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served.

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

**Read Across America Day** will be celebrated in HMS on Friday, March 1st. On that day, the 6th Grade will hold a Read-a-thon all blocks of the day. They will be wearing comfy clothes and have pillows and blankets so that they can snuggle up and read all day. Some 7th grade classes will be reading aloud from picture books in small groups during class. Lauren and I are organizing a return trip for some of our 8th grade students to travel to an elementary school Kindergarten class to read aloud to students. This was done last year and during Teen Read Week this fall. So rewarding to watch our students interact with these young children, who think they are absolutely amazing. Everyone has a great time.

As educators, anytime we can promote reading and literacy in a new and fun way, is a good time. Thank you in advance for your support. It is truly appreciated.

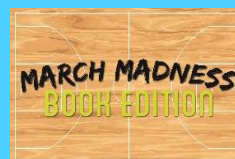


## FACULTY READING LIST



*The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton is our next faculty discussion title. Pick up a copy and join in the discussion on March 22nd afterschool at Not your Average Joe's. All are welcome. Let me know if you can make it!

## MARCH BOOK MADNESS



This interactive project fosters an appreciation of books and reading through some friendly competition and conversation with peers across the globe.

"March Book Madness" is an online bracket-style competition between Middle Grade titles. It is organized and run by two teachers in Central Ohio, but open to the global learning community. The tournament pits books against one another and offers the opportunity for participating schools' students to discuss, debate and vote for their favorites. The bracket match ups are announced in February and the student voting begins in March with all of the voting/brackets located on the [marchbookmadness.weebly.com](http://marchbookmadness.weebly.com) website. Ideally, the reading game of sorts will encourage students to explore variety of titles and participate in the discussions. This year the team behind March Book Madness is celebrating "The Character's Journey". This theme, in conjunction with their support of the We Need Diverse Books initiative, has resulted in a unique pool of titles that hopefully inspires students to read out of their comfort zone!