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Learning Commons Highlights

- 287 new print and digital resources added
- Preplanning for Poetry Slam by some Learning Commons Advisory Council members
- Students examined and investigated Forensic crime scene setup
- Students explored to choose poetry books, found poetry online and studied poets to create own anthologies
- “Do What You Are” personality traits assessment by freshman Health classes
- Student website construction of positive teen health behaviors
- Teachers sharing and learning new apps
- Visited by lawyer and reporter Nassirou Diallo of Guinea who witnessed the massacre in his country and shared that with our African Studies classes, sponsored by Amnesty International Club



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Resources Utilization Report – print and digital resources

Month	Days Open	Monthly Circulation	Historic Circulation 2008-2009	Historic Circulation 2007-2008	Historic Circulation 2006-2007	Historic Circulation 2005-2006
August	3	25	192	103	77	0
September	20	1658	1487	921	562	349
October	22	1806	1951	1980	847	345
November	17	2810	1172	2169	668	285
December	17	1308	1732	913	522	227
January	19	1675	507	1784	663	228
February	14	1276	1252	1508	571	186
March	23		1954	1587	675	199
April	16		1356	1221	585	368
May	20		1879	2138	749	406
June	17		1087	855	745	314
Totals	188	10558	14569	15179	6664	2907

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Space Utilization Report – 32 possible class periods per week

Month	Days Open	Monthly classes taught/ events	# of classes taught/ events 2008-2009	# of classes taught/ events 2007-2008	# of classes taught/ events 2006-2007	# of classes taught/ events 2005-2006
August	3	6	3	3	0	0
September	20	146	160	48	72	21
October	22	139	185	132	98	30
November	17	208	102	113	103	37
December	17	74	132	149	110	46
January	19	128	132	126	96	26
February	14	108	120	137	74	27
March	23		146	111	77	25
April	16		92	150	76	34
May	20		218	165	67	131
June	17		126	90	76	18
Totals	188	809	1326	1089	849	371

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Learning Commons Utilization, Partnership and School Goal Highlights (not all classes listed)

Name or Topic of Unit	Grade Level and Subject	*Level of Partnership and School Goal				
		5	4	3	2	1
Junior Research Classes with variety of research, electronic citation and note card creation	Mr. Tippy, Ms. Olbrych, Mr. Geraghty, Ms. Veenema (15 total classes)		X			
Impact of scientists on society in their lifetime and now in student created digital stories	Mr. Rogers (1 class, 5 days)	X				
Book talks and book explorations for increased interest in pleasure reading for Senior English class	Mr. Young (1 class, 1 day) (To be ongoing, monthly)		X			
Importance of prenatal care presentations created by Child Development classes	Ms. McClary (2 classes, 2 days)			X		
Study of positive teen health issues presented in websites student designed and created	Ms. Garrity's Health Classes (5 classes, 5 times each)	X				

* Level of Partnership Rubric borrowed from Plymouth Regional High School LMC and edited to include SHS 2009-2010 School Goal

5. Develop and integrate real world applications and assessments of contemporary literacy skills as a result of planning with teachers as well as scheduling and pulling online and print resources together.	4. Plan and instruct with teachers, including contemporary literacy skills and strategies as well as instruction, scheduling and pulling resources together.	3. Provide instruction toward contemporary literacy skills at the beginning of a lesson/unit as well as scheduling and pulling online and print resources together. May meet school goal.	2. Pull together online and print resources for teachers and students to use in the learning commons. May meet school goal.	1. May meet school goal but no partnership beyond scheduling the learning commons and offering assistance to teachers and students.
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