

THS Library Checklist

Information Is Key! 

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NEW BOOKS !

Texas High School Library has received numerous new fiction books. The books include a variety of topics. Come by the library to see them on display! The following are a sample of the titles received:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie—Junior likes to draw cartoons. He lives on an Indian reservation and is bullied at school. He makes a move to a school where he is the only Indian. Junior finds the ability to overcome other people's harshness and their views of him.

Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock—Sixteen-year-old D.J., a farm girl, goes out for the football team and encounters unexpected reactions to her attempt.

Crunch Time by Marian Fredericks—SAT testing dishonesty.

How to Build a House by Dana Reinhardt—Affected by her dissolving family, Harper Evans volunteers to help build a house for a Tennessee family. Focus is on family and interpersonal relationships.

Learning the Game by Kevin Watlman—The main character Nate has choices to make--choices that could be helpful or hurtful. Nate's life on the basketball court is quite different from his world outside it.

Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer—A sixteen year old girl documents her family's struggle to survive several natural disasters.

The Miner's Daughter by Gretchen Moran Laskas—With the story set in West Virginia during the Great Depression, Willa Lowell, a coal miner's daughter, longs to escape the difficulties of not having enough of life's necessities. Hope does arrive.

Yellow Flag by Robert Lipsyte—Stock car racing and self-actualization are the subjects of this story—One brother has ambition for racing and the other, not so, until...

Enjoy the Gift of Reading! 

Research at THS Library

The following teachers had their classes to do research and use technology at THS Library during the month of November.

Lee Surratt—Social Studies
Greg Groenke—VAC
Roxanne Myers—Spanish
Debbie Nicholas—Art
Brandi Burrow—Debate

Shelia Rodgers—Management/ Family Life
Monica Washington—AVID
Brittini Ray--AVID

Thank you, teachers!

Well-known Authors Born in December

Mercer Mayer
E. B. Lewis
Avi (Edward Irving Wortis)
Juan Ramón Jiménez
Pam Munoz Ryan

Texas' Lone Star Reading List

To find out what books teenagers in Texas will be reading, checkout the 2010 Lone Star Reading List. Annotations are included. Click [here](#).

The Best of Christmas-- Dr. Austin's Best of Christmas List.

1. Remembering the true meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate it
2. Spending time with family and friends
3. Sharing gifts, time, and talents with others
3. Catching up on well-deserved rest
4. Listening to and singing Christmas carols
5. Reading
6. Watching good movies
7. Eating great food
8. Decorating the Christmas Tree
9. Seeing snow fall
10. Shopping

Have a Joyous Holiday Season!
