

*Finals are nearly here. The Library can help with research papers and quiet study.*

## Rakestraw Books Events



Rakestraw Books' new location:  
522 Hartz Ave.,  
Danville  
925-837-5375

Join in on May 18 at lunch in the Library to screen the Athenian Student film festival and select the film to be shown at the Author/Filmmaker event at Rakestraw Books, May 22 at 7 PM, where Logan and Noah Miller will be promoting their new book, *Two Brothers, Twelve Months, and One Filmmaking Hell-Ride To Keep A Promise to Their Father*.

Rakestraw Books has been a great friend to the Library, arranging author visits, donating to the collection and providing recommendations. Please consider returning the favor by supporting this independent bookstore next time you need a book or gift card.

*"Rakestraw Books is a gem: small, perfect, and the more you peer into it, endlessly deep. The love of good books animates and inspires the place; the staff is passionate and smart – every visit offers equal measures of entertainment and instruction. And Michael Barnard may just be the best bookseller in the Bay Area.*

– Michael Chabon

## This Month in the Library

### Upper School Art Celebration



The Library will transform itself into a gallery to display work from all Upper School art classes this month. Starting on Friday, May 15, the student art will be displayed in the Library and students, families, faculty and staff and welcome to stop by anytime to view the works. Library hours are M-Th 8 am-6 pm and Fridays, 8 am-4 pm.

### Student Book Recommendations on Display



Thanks to the many students who shared their favorite books last month. Student recommendations are on display near the circulation desk. Here are just a few of the books your friends love:

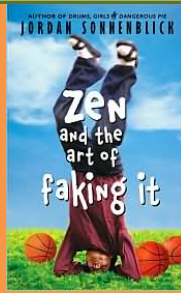
Elizabeth Jung: **Wintergirls**, by Laurie Hals Anderson  
Musadiq Bidar: **The Last Season**, by Phil Jackson  
Sidney Katz: **Unaccustomed Earth**, by Jumpa Lahiri  
Brian Thompson: **The Monkey Wrench Gang**, by Edward Abbey  
Karlana Lee: **Fruits Baskets** series, by Natsuki Takaya  
Theo Vorster: **Batman: Face the Face**  
Caroline Jung: **The Probable Future**, by Alice Hoffman  
Maddy Gold: **No Country for Old Men**, by Cormac McCarthy  
Matthew Davidson: **A Walk in the Woods**, by Bill Bryson  
Justine Chuang and Alisha Elzy: **It's Kind of a Funny Story**, by Ned Vizzini

**Thank you, Library Volunteers!**

Jim and Victoria, on behalf of the students, would like to thank the dedicated parents who work two hours each week – and often more – at the Middle School and Upper School Libraries: Julia Allen, Nancy Anderson, Elizabeth Baer-Broestl, Carol Brovelli, Margaret Brown, Judy Carter, Sandra Caulfield, Nora Cregan, Sue Farr, Elizabeth Gard, Jackie Giles, Sashi Kotecha, Ellen Lam, Linda Loitz, Carole MacLean, Julia Mannheimer, Carol Eldridge, Carol Meyer, Pam Shaw, Mandy Sherwood, Kristina Smith and Laura Wall.

Please consider joining the Library volunteer team. Volunteers work a regular 2-hour shift each week. Look for the APA volunteer sign-up sheet in the Athenian registration packet.

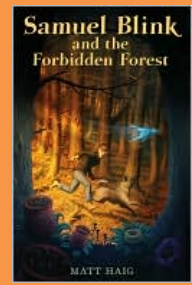
**Middle School Recommendations**



**Zen and the Art of Faking It**, by Jordan Sonnenblick. Trying to stand out after a move to his umpteenth new school, 13-year-old San Lee uses his knowledge of Buddhism to convince his new friends that he is a Zen master.



**A Mango-Shaped Space**, by Wendy Mass. Mia feels crazy because she sees a color with every letter, number, and sound. She keeps her secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her cat Mango.

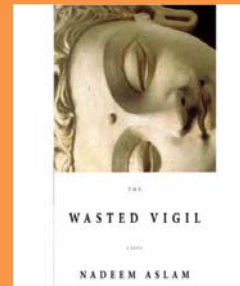


**Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest**, by Matt Haig. In this adventure story Samuel and Martha move to Norway to live with their aunt following the death of their parents and are drawn to the attic and the forest behind the house in spite of their aunt's warning to stay away.

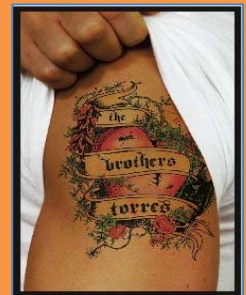
**Upper School Recommendations**



**Shift**, by Jennifer Bradbury. Chris and his friend Win start a cross-country bike journey before college. After an argument, they continue their journey separately – or so Chris thinks. But where's Win? "An engrossing mystery."



**The Wasted Vigil**, by Nadeem Aslam. The story of five disparate lives -- Russian, Afghan expatriate, American soldier and former spy, and the English widower of an Afghan woman murdered by the Taliban brought together in post 9/11 Afghanistan.



**The Brothers Torres**, by Coert Voorhees. A coming of age novel exploring two brothers' divergent efforts to find their way in their culturally mixed New Mexico hometown, one trying to keep a low profile and the other bent on earning the respect of the local *cholos*.

**Library books are due May 19!**

Overdue books will be considered lost and \$25 will be charged to students' incidentals account for each missing book.

**And the winner is . . .**

Everyone who checked out a book in from the Upper School Library during the month of April was automatically entered into a drawing for a \$25 i-Tunes gift card. The winner is Katie Loitz. Thanks to everyone who took time to look around at what the Library has to offer.