

*Welcome back! Come see what's new in the Library.*

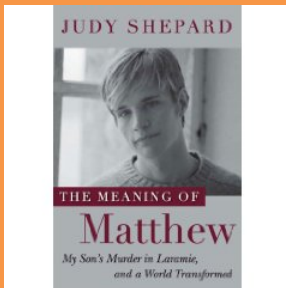
## Athenian Author Events



### ***Be inspired by a teen who transformed his world***

**William Kamkwamba**, a Malawian secondary school student, self-taught engineer and activist, will be here with his co-author, Bryan Mealer, to discuss their book ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope***. As a young teen, William powered his parents' home by building a windmill out of some PVC pipe, a broken bicycle and an old car battery. The book describes the poverty, disease and severe droughts that afflict Malawi, as well as William's award-winning efforts to combat these problems with simple, innovative solutions. Come be inspired by William's story!

**Symposium**  
**Thursday, October 8**  
**9:45 AM**  
**Center for the Arts**



### ***Be challenged by a mother whose world was transformed***

When Matthew Shepard was brutally beaten to death for being gay, his family and his community were changed forever. Judy Shepard's new book, ***The Meaning of Matthew***, not only captures the historical significance and complicated civil rights issues surrounding one young man's life and death, but it also chronicles one ordinary woman's struggle to cope with the unthinkable. Ms. Shepard is cofounder of the Matthew Shepard Foundation, which is dedicated to social justice, diversity awareness and education, and equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. This is a ticketed event through Rakestraw Books (925) 837-7337. Athenian students & employees should contact Jim Sternberg for tickets.

**Judy Shepard**  
**Thursday, October 22**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Center for the Arts**

## On Display this Month

**Banned Book Week:** You might be surprised by what books have been banned in public and school libraries around the country, and not just in the fifties. Recently banned books on display include David Guterson's story of interracial love, *Snow Falling on Cedars*, Isabel Allende's memoir of her daughter, *Paula*, Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal Dreams*, and many others. Take a look at the display shelves near the circulation desk to learn what some people don't want you to read.



**Night  
Table  
Reading**

Each month we ask students and faculty what they're reading in their spare time. This time, senior Meg Summer-Moore shares some suggestions:

- \* **The entire Harry Potter Series**, by J.K. Rowling "This was my last summer of freedom so this was something I have always wanted to do. Favorite is Goblet of Fire."
- \* **A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide** by Samantha Power. "Heavy, disturbing but important. Recommended to me when I was in DC representing Athenian at the Dollars for Darfur event."

**Middle School Recommendations**



**The Angel Experiment**, by James Patterson. After the mutant Erasers abduct their youngest member, a group of genetically altered "birdkids" take off in pursuit. The 'family' of kids love flying high above the earth, but experience many hair-raising adventures as they dodge their enemies. You'll be up late reading this one!



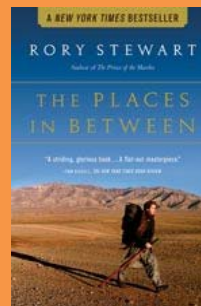
**Terrier**, by Tamora Pierce. When sixteen-year-old Beka becomes "Puppy" to a pair of "Dogs," as the Provost's Guards are called, she uses her police training, natural abilities, and a touch of magic to help them solve a murder case in Tortall's Lower City. Superb science fiction with a touch of fantasy.

**Upper School Recommendations**



**Birthday  
Book  
Club**

Students are invited to select a new book in the Library in honor of their birthday. A bookplate with their name will be affixed to their selection. Student invitations will be forthcoming for August-October birthdays. It is not too late to sign-up for this project: just contact Jim or Victoria to be added to the list.



**The Places Between**, by Rory Stewart. The author describes his experiences walking across Afghanistan in 2002, where he encounters villages burned by the Taliban, communities thriving among medieval ruins and everything in between and explores the ideology, tradition and religion that shape the country.



**Same Difference**, by Siobhan Vivian. Emily enrolls in an art program in the city to avoid her suburban summer life. Bouncing between people who want to fit in and those who want to stand out, she struggles to find her own identity in this realistic novel.

**Around the Library**

**Left your book at home?** Most Upper School textbooks are included in the Library's collection. Students are welcome to use them while in the Library. Check with Jim or a volunteer for assistance.

**Join the Library Advisory Board.** The Advisory board seeks new members with creative ideas about further improving the Library. This Board includes students and adults from the Athenian community and meets 3-4 times per year over a catered lunch in the Library. See Jim or Victoria to join.

**Don't get sick!** Keeping your hands clean is the best way to avoid getting and spreading the flu and other germs. Because many students and teachers share computer and desk space in the Library, hand sanitizer is available next to the water cooler. Please use it and stay healthy!