

Make the most of your classroom projects, your research skills and your pleasure reading time. Check out what's new in the Library:

This Month in the Library

Give us your Library Patio ideas!

The Library Advisory Board has suggested developing the back patio of the main Library with more comfortable seating and, perhaps, beverages. If you have ideas about how to improve the patio, please contact Jim. We hope to make some changes so that everyone can enjoy this space when the warmer and drier spring weather arrives.



Gung Hay Fat Choy!



When the Chinese New Year begins on February 14, both the Middle and High School Libraries will host colorful art displays thanks to the Chinese language teachers Shu-Chiung Chang and Elise Jan Huey Jeng. Both libraries will also display a range of titles about Chinese history and culture in conjunction with this special art display.

Celebrating Black History Month

The Main Library will be showcasing our extensive collection of African American titles. The fiction collection will rotate weekly to inspire readers to check out these titles. Thanks to Karla Brundage, Athenian will be celebrating Black History Month with two author talks, presented at lunchtime in the Library. Food will be provided and both authors will share their work and sign books for purchase. All community members are welcome.

- Friday, Feb. 12: Devorah Majors, San Francisco Poet Laureate from 2002-2006, author and performer.
- Tuesday, Feb. 16: Kathryn Waddell Takara, award-winning performance poet, teacher and writer (and Karla's Mom).

Reading J.D. Salinger



J.D. Salinger, who died last month at 91, published just one novel and three collections of short fiction in book form. You can check out his groundbreaking novel, *The Catcher in the Rye*, and the story collection *Franny and Zooey* from the main Library. If you'd like to read more Salinger, you can read many of his stories in the archives of the *New Yorker Magazine*, where they were first published. Follow [this link](#) to find the stories (subscription required, see Jim for info), or click [here](#) to read more about Salinger in *The New Yorker*.

Don't Forget to Check Out!

The Library is experiencing more book circulation than ever for both pleasure reading and research. Unfortunately, many of our enthusiastic readers are removing books without properly checking them out. We encourage everyone to continue enjoying our rich collection but ask that you take a moment to check out materials before you leave. Stay tuned for news about our student drawing for those who have checked out a book!



Night Table Reading

Each month we ask students and faculty what they're reading in their spare time. This time, Kathleen Letellier, ESL teacher and frequent Library patron, shares her current favorites:

- *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, and *The Girl Who Played with Fire*, both by Stieg Larsson.

Kathleen says, "These mystery books are well written, unpredictable and real page-turners. The main character is interesting and compelling. I'll be traveling to Ireland this spring to get the next book in the series, *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* as it will be available in Europe before it hits the U.S.!"

Middle School Book Recommendations

Click on the titles to learn more about these books.



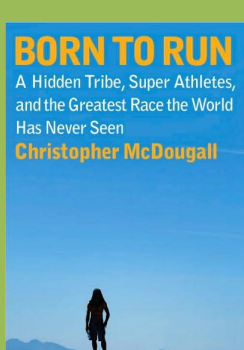
Sisters of the Sword, by Maya Snow. The first book of a series, set in 1216 in Japan, and featuring sisters Kimi and Hana who are daughters of a feudal overlord. Their dream of being samurai is realized when they disguise themselves as boys and join the samurai school of master Goku.



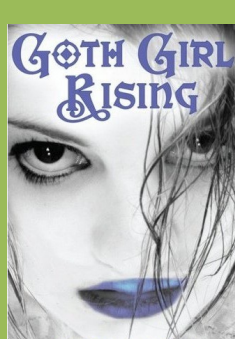
The Twilight Zone. DVDs are available of this influential and enduring series, which originally aired from 1959—64. Start with these four classics: "Time Enough to Last," "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street," "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet," and "The Odyssey of Flight 33."

Upper School Book Recommendations

Click on the titles to learn more about these books.



Born to Run, by Christopher McDougall. Seen people jogging barefoot recently? This book is probably the reason. The author sets off to find a tribe of the world's greatest distance runners and learn their secrets. Full of incredible characters, amazing athletic achievements, cutting-edge science, and, most of all, pure inspiration.



Goth Girl Rising, by Barry Lyga. In this sequel to *Fan Boy and Goth Girl*, Kyra (Goth Girl) is coming home after six months in the Maryland Mental Health Unit. Unfortunately she's about to find out that while she was away she lost track of more than time, and Fanboy is not Fanboy anymore.