

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

On Display in the Middle School

Come tour the remarkable work of student artists on display in the Middle School Library until March 13. Here are a few examples:



Will Dubois



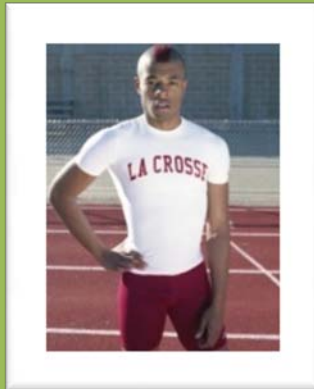
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This Month in the Library

Fearless by Jeff Sheng



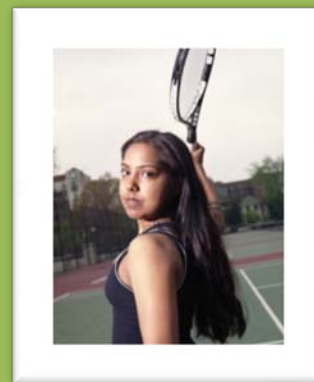
Athenian is fortunate to have on display this month the acclaimed photography installation "Fearless," by Jeff Sheng.

"Fearless" is a collection of photographs of high school and collegiate athletes who openly self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.

Since 2003, Sheng has photographed almost 70 athletes across the United States. In 2006, he began exhibiting the work as the "Fearless Campus Tour." So far, the project has been seen at over thirty high school and college campuses around the country.

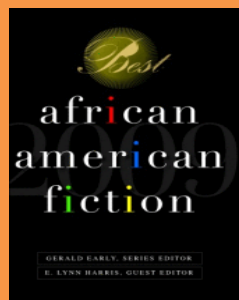
The "Fearless" Campus Tour is intended to use photography to show LGBTQ youth in a different light and to contribute to eliminating bias.

For more photographs in the series, see <http://www.fearlesscampustour.org>.

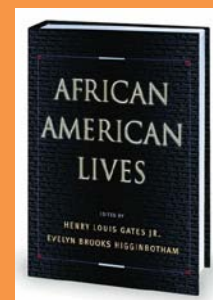


Black History Month

Black History Month takes on special significance this year. The Library is displaying some of its best volumes of African American history and literature. Here are some new titles that provide modern perspectives:



Best African American Fiction of 2009. Read works by established names and new authors, ranging from Walter Dean Myers to Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Mat Johnson, and Junot Díaz.



African American Lives. Edited by Harvard professors Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, this compilation of hundreds of biographies over 400 years of African American life is the basis for the PBS series of the same name.

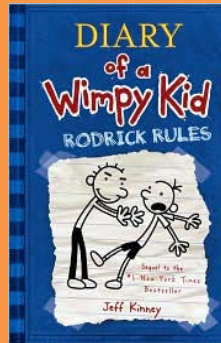
Middle School Recommendations



Night Table Reading

Each month we'll ask students and faculty what they're reading in their spare time. This time, Jack Brovelli, grade 6, shares some suggestions:

- * **The Supernaturalist**, by Eoin Colfer. "All his books, like the *Artemis Fowl* series, are enjoyable. His humor is similar to mine."
- * **Ender's Game**, by Orson Scott Card. "This book is a mix of every genre. It has humor, action, drama and comedy."



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules, by Jeff Kinney. In the second in the *Wimpy Kid* series, Greg has to keep a secret, avoid the middle school talent show, navigate a new school and try to impress girls.



Bounce, by Natasha Friend. Thirteen-year-old Evyn's life is turned upside down when her widowed father remarries and moves her to Boston to live with her new stepmother and her six kids.

Upper School Recommendations

Parent Book Corner

Books for parents to peruse in their infinite spare time are available in the Library. Parents are welcome to check out any book in the collection. A few to consider:

The Myth of Laziness, by Mel Levine. The well-known professor of pediatrics posits that all children "yearn to be productive," identifies the internal and external causes of "lazy" behavior and outlines how parents and teachers can help to overcome them.

The Kitchen Garden Grower's Guide, by Stephen Albert. An encyclopedia and how-to guide for growing useful fruits, vegetables and herbs for healthy cooking and a beautiful garden.



The Time Traveler's Wife, by Audrey Niffenger. A Chicago librarian spontaneously – and involuntarily – travels through time. The only good part is that he keeps meeting his wife in the past. A rare combination of romance and science fiction. Soon to be a movie with Eric Bana playing the librarian (!).

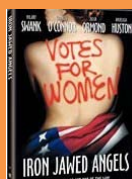


Lost on Planet China, by J. Maarten Troost. An American travel writer, with little Mandarin and less preparation, explores China from the neighborhoods of Beijing to the most remote reaches, and writes insightfully and humorously about his efforts to understand the varied cultures of the sprawling country.

AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

Last month, all students who checked out books from the middle and upper school libraries were entered in a drawing to win a \$25 iTunes gift card. The winners are Jamila Price and Mia Ory. Thanks to everyone who took a book home, and keep coming back!

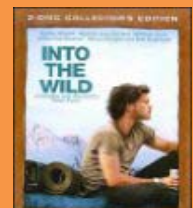
It's Movie Time! Oscars, SAGs, Golden Globes, and the Library's DVD Collection. There are films of all kinds to explore in the Library. Here are a few titles you can check out:



Iron Jawed Angels. Hilary Swank stars in a story of American suffragists.



Juvies. Mark Wahlberg produced this documentary about kids being tried as adults in the criminal courts.



Into the Wild. Sean Penn directed this story of a young man who tries to live unconnected to the world in Alaska.