



Library Media Center Newsletter

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OHS has its own author!



Samantha Kaufman, a junior, recently published her first book, *The Call of Beasts*. The book takes place in the year 2287 when a young girl finds herself alone in her family's nature preserve after the death of her parents, where she has thrived, befriending the animals. But when she encounters humans again, her life changes in a dramatic way. The book is for sale on Amazon and there is an autographed copy students may check out from the LMC.

Making connections with the public library

Now that Oxford has a beautiful new public library, the school librarians in the district are working with the public library staff on ways to strengthen their connections. Robyn Rivero, the Children's Librarian, already comes to OHS on a regular basis to help Mr. Bilmes facilitate the Nutmeg Book Club. She also plans on spending a day at OHS encouraging students to sign up for library cards and introducing them to the programs available at the public library. If you haven't been to the new library yet, it's worth checking out!

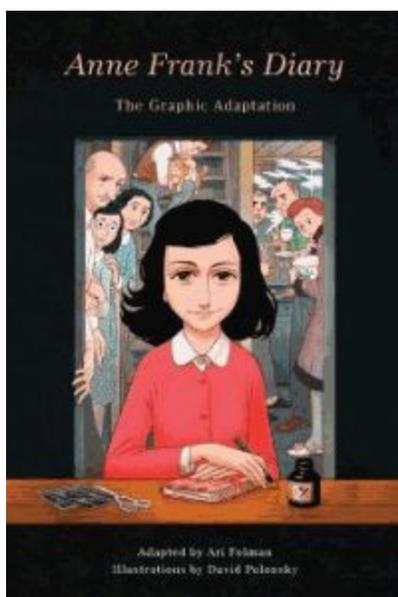
The Nutmeg Book Club always welcomes new members. You don't have to have read that month's book in order to participate, and snacks are provided. The club meets once a month. Interested students should see Mr. Bilmes for more information.



Live at the LMC back for another hit season

Live at the LMC!, the popular program which features students performing for their peers in the rotunda of the LMC, is back for its fifth season. A large crowd attended both performances in the December edition. The student performers included Kat Katomski, Arianna Keller, Beth Whitehead, Phil DiGiovanni, Kyleigh Allen and Devin Fox. Ms. Crooks and Mr. Sims helped recruit the performers and worked with them on their performances. Hopefully, there will be several more Live at the LMC! Performances before the end of the school year.

Students up to reading challenge



The students in Ms. Hansard's Children's Literature Senior English class participated in a Read-a-thon at the end of the second semester. They rose to the challenge, with many of them reading an impressive number of books! Kaylee Dolan was the class champion, although none of them could catch up to Ms. Hansard's 11-year-old daughter, who read an even more impressive 17 books. Many of the students were introduced to reading books in verse and graphic novels, and found they enjoyed those types of books as well as the more traditional one. Some of the students were surprised to learn the LMC had graphic novels! The new graphic novel based upon the Diary of Anne Frank was one of the more popular books, being read by three different students.

Breakout EDU challenges students



The students in Ms. Dzienkiewicz's AP Government class have been wrapping up their units by competing in teams against each in digital versions of Breakout EDU, which is modeled after the popular Escape Room concept. These girls finished a close second in the most recent Breakout game. They have to follow clues to solve a multiple of lock combinations, racing against the clock and each other. Instead of having to unlock physical locks, though, in the digital version they have to solve online locks.

Reminder about LMC hours

The LMC is usually open before school at 7:10 a.m., and four days a week (every day but Wednesday), until 3:15 p.m. Students may also come to the LMC with a signed pass from study hall.



Fortnite comes to the LMC

Students aren't allowed to play games like Fortnite on school computers, but these sophomores were eager to test out the new Monopoly Fortnite game during a free period in the LMC. There weren't any dances like the Floss or Twist and Pulse being demonstrated, but the students still enjoyed playing the old-school board game.

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