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Endowment Fund Grant

SAMS Library has been given a grant by the Endowment Foundation to purchase Accelerated Reader books and quizzes. We appreciate the generous gift of the Endowment Fund.

Language Arts Classes & Computer Lab Use

February Library Curriculum includes:

- Online Computer game “Brain Buzz”. This competition is between all 6th. Grade classes. The competition consists of a Library Skills lesson followed by a game. Every student has the opportunity to be the “Main Brain” and buzz in with correct answers to earn points for their class.
- Use of INFOhio resources including the month long Preview
- Internet Searching Strategies
- Reference Sources
- Mock OAA testing during the week of February 21st.

The computer lab was used by the following teachers for projects during the month of January:

- Mrs. Smath
- Mrs. Sullivan—International Food Project

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Apps for Education

“Teachers who have access to mobile technology are trying to find the best education apps for the iPod Touch, iPad and iPhone. Educators use apps for everything from communicating with students to inspiring creativity to dissecting virtual frogs. Luckily, we have lots of educators (including Apple Distinguished Educators) on Appolicious who share their lists of the best education apps for elementary, middle school, junior high, and high school. These are the education apps most listed by educators on Appolicious.”



[3D Brain](#)

Science (Grades 4-12)

Free

Use your touch screen to rotate and zoom around 29 interactive structures. Discover how each brain region functions, what happens when it is injured, and how it is involved in mental illness. Each detailed structure comes with information on functions, disorders, brain damage, case studies, and links to modern research.



“It’s for my teacher. Do you have one with love spelled right?”

*There is only one
happiness in life: to
love and be loved.*

George Sand

Word of the Month:

propinquity

\pruh-PING-kwuh-tee\

DEFINITION

noun

- a. nearness of blood : kinship
b. nearness in place or time : proximity

EXAMPLE

"Canada was faced with the overwhelming *propinquity* of the United States; it was just next door -- for almost nine thousand kilometres." -- From Derek Lundy's 2011 book *Borderlands: Riding the Edge of America*

DID YOU KNOW?

"Propinquity" and its cousin "proximity" are related through the Latin root "prope," which means "near." That root gave rise to "proximus" (the parent of "proximity") and "propinquus" (an ancestor of "propinquity"). "Proximus" is the superlative of "prope" and thus means "nearest," whereas "propinquus" simply means "near" or "akin," but in English "propinquity" conveys a stronger sense of closeness than "proximity." (The latter usually suggests a sense of being in the vicinity of something.) "Propinquity" is believed to be the older of the two words, first appearing in English in the 14th century; "proximity" followed a century later.

From the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

Apps for Education *continued*



[Art](#) Art (Grades 6-12) \$1.99

This is a great app for learning about priceless pieces of art. With many pieces of art, the human form is the subject matter. Several paintings in this collection show the human body so teachers will need to use their best judgment.



[History:Maps of World](#) Social Studies (4-12) Free

"History:Maps of World" is a fun and educational collection of high-resolution historical maps.



[GarageBand](#) Music (2-12) \$4.99

GarageBand turns your iPad, iPhone and iPod touch into a collection of Touch Instruments and a full-featured recording studio — so you can make music anywhere you go. Use Multi-Touch gestures to play pianos, organs, guitars, drums, and basses. They sound and play like their counterparts, but let you do things you could never do on a real instrument.



[NASA App](#) Science (K-12) Free

NASA's official app has space images and videos, a calendar of their missions, and a launch schedule. You can also tap on satellites and learn about how and why they were launched into space.



[StoryKit](#) Language Arts (K-12) Free

Students can create their very own storybook with this app by adding text and images.



[Toontastic](#) Language Arts (K-12) \$1.99

Toontastic explains the elements of a story arc, breaking it down into segments that are manageable for any user. The interface is very easy to use. Multiple backgrounds are available, or use your own. Characters can be placed in the scene from the Toontastic library, or make your own. To "animate", simply record the story by moving the characters while talking!



[Star Walk for iPad](#) Science (K-12) \$4.99

Star Walk is a virtual planetarium. Point your iPad at the sky and see what stars, constellations, and satellites you are looking at in real-time.



[Teacher Notes](#) Classroom Management (K-12) Free

This free app functions as an easy way to file written notes, photos, movies or audio notes on multiple children, domains and content areas all at one time. Then when it is time to write reports cards or evaluations, Teacher Notes has a quick way to sort notes by any combination of children, domains or content area. You can then e-mail your organized notes, or email just one note with its accompanying photo, movie or audio file. You'll find that Teacher Notes functions much more rapidly than jotting down notes on a clipboard and you'll be able to find your notes much faster than looking in a notebook.



[Dropbox](#) Classroom Management (K-12) Free

Drop box is the cloud-based repository for files.



[Tools for Students](#) Language Arts; Social Studies; Science (3-12) \$1.99

This is an awesome app for classroom use. It features 25 graphic organizers perfect for literature class or for use as a pre-write activity. Using a dongle the organizers can be modeled through a projector onto a whiteboard. Whether your charting the characters in *Where the Wild Things Are* or *The Red Badge of Courage*, the organizers in this app give students plenty of space to respond. Have students open the app on their iPod Touch or iPad and complete one of the organizers while they read. The 25 organizers can be used again and again.



[Number Line](#) Math (2-8) Free

This game has you put fractions, decimals, and percentages in order. It is great for kids new to these concepts.

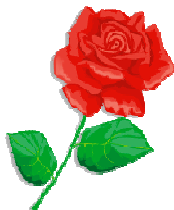
Questions

1. Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
2. Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
3. If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
4. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
5. If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?
6. Do Lipton Tea employees take "coffee breaks?"
7. What color do they put for hair on driver's licenses of bald men?
8. If it is true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
9. Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? Shouldn't they put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver mail?
10. If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Most Romantic Movies & Books

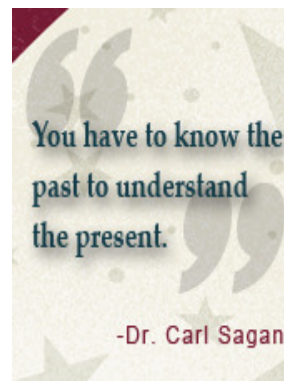
According to *Moviefone* these are the top 25 most romantic movies of all time:

1. Casablanca (1942)
2. Titanic (1997)
3. Wuthering Heights (1939)
4. An Affair to Remember (1957)
5. Gone with the Wind (1939)
6. The Way We Were (1973)
7. Moonstruck (1987)
8. Annie Hall (1977)
9. Dr. Zhivago (1965)
10. Ghost (1990)
11. Princess Bride (1987)
12. Harold & Maude (1971)
13. An Officer & a Gentleman (1982)
14. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)
15. Wings of Desire (1988)
16. Lady & the Tramp (1955)
17. Atonement (2007)
18. West Side Story (1961)
19. Jerry Maguire (1996)
20. Love Story (1970)
21. Amelire (2001)
22. Dark Victory (1939)
23. The Notebook (2004)
24. Sleepless in Seattle (1993)



This list of most romantic books has been compiled from Amazons Bestsellers in Romance, from Romance Readers Top 100 Romance Novels, and from the Best books From the last 10 years lists.

1. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
2. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
3. *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer
4. *Sense & Sensibility* by Jane Austen
5. *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon
6. *A Kingdom of Dreams* by Judith McNaught
7. *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger
8. *Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell
9. *A Summer to Remember* by Mary Balogh
10. *The Grand Sophy* by Georgette Heyer
11. *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks
12. *The Magic of You* by Johanna Lindsey
13. *A Rose in Winter* by Kathleen Woodiwiss
14. *Thunder & Roses* by Mary Jo Putney



*But Thy Eternal
Summer Shall
Not Fade*

*But thy eternal
summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of
that fair thou ow'st:
Nor shall Death brag
thou wander'st in his
shade,*

*When in eternal lines to
time thou grow'st:
So long as men can
breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and
this gives life to thee.*

William Shakespeare





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The purpose of our Library News Letter is to further the goals of the Library Media Center which are to support the curriculum, teach successful research strategies, and foster lifetime literacy.

If you have any suggestions for the library staff please let us know. We hope you will find this and future issues helpful.

Cathy Ruple

Denise Leimbach

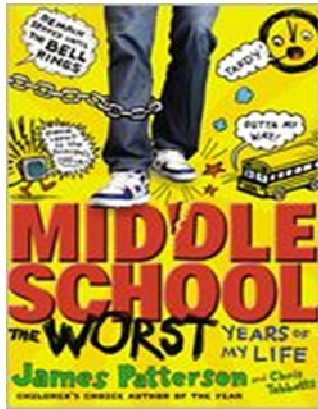
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Book Review

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Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life

By
James Patterson

Synopsis

Like other "novels in cartoons" (e.g., Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and Janet Tashjian's *My Life in a Book*), James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts offer a likeable, middle-grade underachiever, Rafe Khatchadorian. Rafe gets into so much trouble during sixth grade, a punishment of near solitary confinement leads him to recount the highlights in prose and cartoons.

It all begins on the first day of school, when Rafe, along with a special accomplice, Leo, decides to enact Operation R.A.F.E., an elaborate scheme of offenses (e.g., skipping class) and points (20,000). Even when Rafe tries to walk the straight and narrow, Leo or some situation perceived as beyond his control, lures him back to his operation. Patterson and Tebbetts have thrown in all of the usual ingredients of a book of

this type: self-deprecating voice, situational humor, a crush, a bully, and a challenging, if not dysfunctional, home life. Just like others in the genre, this book is engaging, funny, and quirky. What the book does that is unique is provide a glimpse at what it might be like to try to exist in a system that does not make room for variation. Rafe is much more than a preadolescent gone wild; he is an artist and a writer looking for a place to flourish.

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Interest Level:	MG
Reading Level:	4.5
Points:	4.0
Quiz #:	144983