



Check It Out!

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2011

APRIL SHOWERS...

I'm not sure if April's rain will bring any flowers this May, but it did give me plenty of opportunities (excuses) to stay inside and read a good book...well, several good books ☺ (I have found some terrific books which will definitely appear on my Summer Reading Suggestions. Stay tuned for that list in June!)

Thank goodness the rain didn't keep you away from the **Book Fair**. Thank you to everyone that attended! It was a successful and fun event and a great opportunity for all of our students to purchase exciting books. We were able to keep 25% of the total sales in funds for our school library. (I have a great new "Library Advisory Board" of EJV students ready to help decide how we spend the money. There will soon be new displays in the library with their recommendations). A big thank you to my great group of student helpers, and parent volunteers Nancy Lauer and Susan Seabrooks! All of you have truly made a difference for the students of Evergreen!

Though I am thinking positively about the possibility of sunny and warmer days ahead, if you need reading suggestions for cold and rainy days or any other reason, make sure to check out the following sources:

[Evergreen Junior High Library blog](#)

[EJV Library Facebook Page](#)

[EJV Library website](#)

Happy Reading ☺ Mrs. Yusko syusko@lwsd.org

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MOVIES!

Another good activity to keep you out of the rain...stay inside and watch a movie (based on a book, of course!). Several popular movies are out on DVD (or will be soon).

Flipped (already out)

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, part 1 (already out)

Voyage of the Dawn Treader (just released)

I Am Number Four (5/24)

Beastly (6/28)

Coming to theaters in June:

If you have younger siblings at home, or remember your elementary school days, Judy Moody (based on the POPULAR series by Megan McDonald) is coming to the big screen in June! We are very happy about this in the Yusko household as my daughter is a huge fan of the books!

SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS COMING SOON...STAY TUNED IN JUNE!!

"SHARE WHAT YOU'RE READING" Contest!

It has been quite busy in the library since spring break, especially because of the Book Fair. Rather than draw a few winners in our Book Review Contest now, Mrs. Yusko will be combining prizes and having ONE GIANT DRAWING frenzy on Friday, June 3rd. Multiple \$10 gift cards, from places like Target, Amazon.com, Starbucks, etc., free books, smaller gift cards, and other prizes will be awarded in our LAST drawing of the year. For a copy of the review form, click [here](#). Hurry! Enter early and often.

READERS of the Month

Do you recognize our three READERS of the month? Their READ poster will be featured on the Library website in May and on the 2nd page of this newsletter.



Loose Book Ends

PLEASE NOTE—

**THE FINAL DUE DATE FOR LIBRARY BOOKS
THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS: JUNE 3rd, 2011!!**

All library books must be returned no later than 6/03/11 to avoid an end of the year fine. If you already know that you've lost the book you checked out, please pay the fine as soon as possible to clear up your account now. Thank you!!

ON STAGE:

For those of you that were able to attend "Seussical the Musical" by our very talented EJH cast, I am sure that you will agree that it was FANTASTIC! Bravo to all those involved in the production! If you are looking for more theater events, try one of these:

The Seattle Children's Theater is currently showing "Jackie & Me," based on the book by Dan Gutman. A great book, the show should be perfect for anyone in grades 3 & up. See www.sct.org for show information and to see the plays scheduled for the 2011-2012 season!

Book-It Theatre is showing "Sense & Sensability" starting 5/25-6/26. Visit www.book-it.org for showtimes. They will also have a special one day showing of "The Secret Garden" on 6/18.

HEARD A GOOD BOOK LATELY? AUDIOBOOK HIGHLIGHT:

The second book in Rick Riordan's "Kane Chronicles" series is due out next week! If you haven't read the first book in the series, you should consider checking it out on audio. "The Red Pyramid" is definitely time well spent, and a great family "read."

On a side note, because I cannot keep Riordan's "The Lost Hero" on the shelf, I've just started to listen to it in the car on the way to and from work...so far, so good!

TIMELY QUOTE:

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life; it goes on."—Robert Frost

Chapter & Verse

I struggled with a theme for this month's reading suggestions. There are some great booklists on the library website that correspond to reading projects here at school. Many of our 7th graders are reading [non-fiction](#); our 8th graders are reading [historical fiction or challenged books](#); and our 9th graders are reading [multicultural titles](#).

But I wanted to do something different for the newsletter. And then it hit me...princess titles! Because we clearly haven't heard enough about the royal wedding ☺ And if you know Mrs. Yusko well enough, you will know that many of these are NOT your typical princess story.

What it means to be a Princess (Reading Recommendations):

At Her Majesty's Request by Myers (biography)

Hatshepsut: the princess who became king by Galford (biography)

Anna of Byzantium by Barrett

Princess Diaries series by Cabot

Mistwood by Cypess

The Plague by Dahme

Anastasia's Secret by Dunlap

Kiss in Time by Flinn

Nobody's Princess by Friesner

Princess of the Midnight Ball by George

Goose Girl by Hale

Tiger Moon by Michaelis

Princess Ben by Murdock

Girl in a Cage by Yolen

Dealing with Dragons by Wrede

And so the other half of the population doesn't feel left out:

The Demon King by Chima

Princess Bride by Goldman

Faerie Wars by Brennan

Hamlet: a novel by Marsden

Leviathan by Westerfeld

Conspiracy of Kings by Turner