

Murrell Memorial Library Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

- *September 18th*
Jamestown Presentation
- *September 19th*
Poet's Coffeehouse
- *September 23-30th*
Banned Books Week
- *October 5th & 6th*
Book Sale

For Your Reading Pleasure

*Come by and "Check Out"
these new books.*

The Naked Roommate
by Harlan Cohen

India After Gandhi
by Ramachandra Guha

*Lies and the Lying Liars
Who Tell Them*
by Al Franken

*Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows*
by J.K. Rowling

The Two Faces of Islam
by Stephen Schwartz

*Brothers: The Hidden His-
tory of the Kennedy Years*
by David Talbot

*God Needs No Passport: Im-
migrants and the Changing
American Religious
Landscape*
by Peggy Levitt

400th Anniversary of Jamestown

This year marks the 400th anniversary of America's 1st successful English settlement—Jamestown. To celebrate this historic event, Dr. Tim Baumann MVC anthropology professor, will be holding a presentation in the library's Coffee by the Book room. While Dr. Baumann will be providing intellectual nourishment, the library staff will be providing tummy nourishment. Such old time favorites as Hobnobs, Colonial Cornbread, Mock Turtle Soup, Colonial Maple Nut Cake, Applejacks

and more will be served before the presentation.

Currently on display at the library is a case full of Jamestown resources, a stalk of tobacco (Jamestown's staple crop) and a cool replica of the Jamestown fort built by our own Marilyn Milovich. Come by the library now to view the materials on display and later on September 18th, at 11:30 to eat, learn and be merry!



Poet's Coffeehouse Series Returns

Join us September 19th at 7 pm in the Coffee by the Book room for some poetry, brownies, cocoa, and culture. Bring your own creations to share or read a poem that's special to you. All open minds are welcome!

We're Wireless

Do these words bother you? Immobile, stationary, stable, permanent, anchored, Desktop PC. If so, be bothered no more. The main library and the Teacher Ed Library

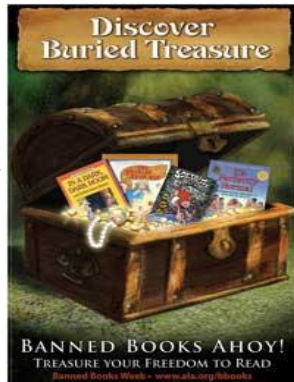
now have wireless! Now you can bring your laptop (equipped with a wireless card) anywhere in the library and access the Internet and your server space. Surf in

the Coffee by the Book room. Do your homework in the quiet peace of the second floor. Your options are limitless, or, shall we say "wireless".

Banned Books Week

Find Treasures at Your Library

October 23th-30th is banned books week. This week gives us a chance to celebrate and declare our freedom to read what we choose, a freedom that is challenged on a daily basis. *The Catcher in the Rye, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Color Purple, Of Mice and Men, The Lord of the Rings* and all of the *Harry Potter* novels have been challenged or banned from public or school libraries. Just within the last year, books at the Marshall Pub-



Check out a Banned Book Today!!

lic Library were challenged by citizens. The two books were *Fun Home*, by Allison Bechdel, and *Blankets*, by Craig Thompson. Some citizens felt these books should be banned from the library, others thought the library should develop an “adults only” section, a request that invokes images of books covered in brown paper bags. A process beginning in October 2006 and finally ending in March 2007, took the books off the shelves, sparked the creation of a new collection policy, and found the books

returned to their rightful place; no “back room” was created for questionable material. Ordeals like these begin every day in libraries across America. Join the voices against censorship, before *your* favorite book finds itself hanging in the balance.

After you discover your treasure at the Forbidden Library, head to the second floor, the designated quiet area, for some prime reading real estate.

Libby the Librarian

Dear Libby,

I noticed that the library has lots of videos and DVD's. Movies I would actually enjoy watching. I didn't know libraries were supposed to have fun things. Can we really watch them? How much does it cost to rent one?

Siskel N. Ebert

Dear Siskel,
We have many fun items here outside of this collection. Have you ever heard of a book? Anyway, of course you can watch them. And, they don't cost anything. What do you think we are, Blockbuster? You may borrow them, for a week at a time. I recommend *Pocahontas* or *Borat*. They are my faves.
Love, Libby

Libby is not a paid employee of MVC. All advice and opinions she bestows are not representative of all the staff at the library, only some.

Dear Libby,
Call Me.
Anon



What a wonderful suggestion. However, since you left no number or name I do not know who I am to call. Perhaps next time you should be bolder and simply plant a kiss on my cheek. What, librarians need love too!
Love, Libby

Check Out The New Librarian

Murrell Library is honored to include the lovely, talented, incredible, sharp, prompt, friendly, magnificent, intelligent, helpful, cute, unique, vibrant, likeable, creative, enthusiastic, versatile, diplomatic, resourceful, compe-



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tent, diligent, effective, imaginative, reliable, precise charismatic Carrie Strodtman Flaspohler to its staff. If you wish to bask in the gloriousness of her majesty, you may find her diligently working at

all hours in the library, or at least until 4 pm Monday thru Friday. She is a great resource we should all be thankful to have. Carrie's librarian and personal abilities are only surpassed by her extreme modesty.

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