

2011

Westlake HS/MS Library Media Center Monthly Report – September



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Program and Instructional Highlights

- Upgraded to web-based Follett Destiny [circulation system](#)
- Established extensive [Gale eBook collection](#)
- [9/11 Skype with 3rd graders in Indiana](#) (pictured right)
- [Designed website / School Library Learning Commons](#)
- Maintained / updated library collection (analysis, cataloging, weeding, inventory)
- Created [Professional Collection](#) section for teachers in library
- Awarded WHS PTA literacy grant (with Ms. Matthews) entitled [Books-n-Bytes](#) to purchase 10 eBook readers and eBooks
- HS Book Club facilitator / [Facebook page](#) creator & moderator
- Utilized book club funds to purchase Nook eReader to be circulated among book club members
- Collaborated with MS ELA teachers (Laterza / D'Ippolito) to create [The Chocolate War](#) discussion wiki
- Established Middle School Library Council – a group of students interested in helping out in the library for Value Hours
- Created reading [blog](#) featuring student created book trailers
- Renewed / updated [school subscription databases](#)
- Created [Summer Institute Animoto video](#)
- Workshops attended include Project Based Learning 101, Overdrive eBooks Shared Collection meeting; Destiny Library Manager Webinar; BOCES School Library System Welcome Back Meeting
- Created [wiki](#) with technology resources and examples of technology integration at Westlake; continued to offer formal workshops and informal support to teachers on technology/Web 2.0 integration
- Utilized and manipulated data entered into [Google Docs form](#) (created in June) to manage details of WMS Summer Reading book discussion including room and teacher facilitator assignments
- Created [wiki page](#) with links to resources that will help teachers facilitate WMS Book Discussions next month



WHS students Skype with 3rd graders in Illinois on 9/11



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Lesson Title / Description	Technology Integration	Resources / Assessment	Instructional Partners
<u>Government Xlandia Project</u> Students, as a United Nations Task Force, are asked to provide the new leaders of a nation that has just overthrown a dictator with good advice on how to create a constitutional democracy.	Animoto.com Xtranormal.com	Resources Assessment (informal observation) Assessment (student products)	Bobro 12 th grade Government
<u>Choosing Just Right Books</u> Students utilize the new Follett Destiny catalog to select “just right” books	Follett Destiny catalog	Choosing “Just Right” Books Mini-Lesson	D’Ippalito / Wynne 7 th grade ELA
<u>Italian Culture & Heritage Project</u> Students utilize subscription databases and Gale eBooks to research Italian Culture & Heritage; final assessment is created in Animoto	Animoto.com Subscription databases Gale eBooks	Resources	Martino / Pace 8 th grade Italian
<u>Hispanic American Biography Project</u> Students utilize subscription databases and Gale eBooks to research a famous Hispanic American; final assessment is created in VoiceThread	VoiceThread.com Subscription databases Gale eBooks	Resources	Pace 7 th grade Spanish
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<u>All About Me Bio</u> Students create Wordles describing themselves using vocabulary words	Wordle.net	Assessment (informal observation)	Beyer 7 th grade ELA