

# What's Going on In the Oakcrest Library?

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- **Student Writing Project**
- **Library Webpage**
- **Ms. Sneed's English Project**
- **End of the Year Reminders**

## Student Writing Project: Updates

The Student Writing Project is still meeting alternate Thursdays after school. Students have been submitting their writing through the Oakcrest Writing Project blog. The library hopes to compile an anthology of student writing from this group for the beginning of next year. Mr. Hoban's creative writing class has also expressed an interest in presenting their work in the library. Ms. Dorrell would like to begin doing what is called "peer review" with these students. She would like to organize an event in

which students read their writing out loud for their classmates to critique. If you are interested in attending an event like this, please let Ms. Dorrell know so she can get it started for the beginning of the new school year.

<http://oakcrestlibrary.blogspot.com>



## Changes to the Library Webpage

Have you noticed changes to the library webpage lately? If you haven't, take a look on the library "research" site. You will see that on the left hand side of the page, all of the databases are listed with information about what they

offer to students doing research. On the right hand side are the library catalog and links to library trainings. If you are ever unsure of where to find something, you can look at these trainings as well as email Ms. Dorrell.

*"Libraries are not made-they grow."*

*~Augustine Birrell*

## Libraries and Your Homework

If you have not heard, there will be many changes to New Jersey libraries beginning with the next school year. One of our databases, Ebsco, will not be available. Also, while you will still be able to order books through the Atlantic County library network, we will not be able to order books for you from anywhere else in the state. Libraries will be shortening their hours and some may be closing, so be sure to find out if your library has posted anything listing changes.

Although many of you have gone to the public library after school is over to finish homework, you may not be able to do that some days of the week. So, it is very important that you be responsible with your homework so that you are able to get the library resources you need before your projects are due.

Please make sure to do the following with every homework assignment you have:

1. Do it before the day it is due!
2. If you need articles or books, order them as soon as you find out about your assignment
3. If you can't get to a computer to type your assignment, stay for the after school period. If you can't stay after school, use in-class time to type.



## Students Can Be Expert Citizens

Students at Oakcrest High School have quickly learned the right and wrong ways to voice their opinions on things happening in the world around them. In case someone asks YOU, be the expert!

1. Make sure you know the facts when you are upset about something going on in the world around you
2. If you don't know what a word means that you read in an article or book, find out
3. Talk to your teachers, parents, vice principals, or principal if you are confused about something
4. Riots and walk-outs are a safety hazard and can result in cuts, ISS, or suspension. A better way to protest is to create a well-written petition and having people sign it.

## Ms. Sneed's Sophomore English Project

Have you seen Ms. Sneed's English books in the library? These were created by her sophomore students. Instead of doing a regular research project, they followed the research process but compiled it in the form of a book. They included a dedication page and an author's biography page about

themselves. The classes then came into the library to judge each other on the quality of their work using a scoring tool. Five of the best book projects were selected based on the students' scores, and the winners are as follows:

1. Women in the 19th Century
2. Mark Twain
3. Wounded Knee Massacre
4. Life of Kate Chopin
5. Ku Klux Klan

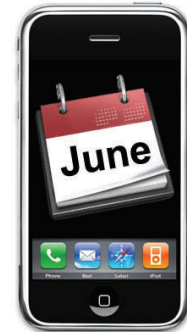
# Are You Ready the End of the Year?

Do you know what to do to get ready for the end of the school year? There are a couple of things you need to remember. The first is that as far as the library goes, you will need to have all of your books returned by May 21st. If you have an overdue book right now, it is in Genesis as an obligation. That means that if you return the book, the obligation disappears. Otherwise, you have to pay for the book if you can't find it. You may also have ID obligations or agenda book obligations too.

Another thing you should think about for the end of the year is handing in all projects and homework on time. The library is a very busy place these days! So if you have an assignment that you need to use the computer for, make sure that you do your homework before the day it is due—just in case library computers aren't available.

Also...

make sure that you study for finals! Remember that they reflect your fourth marking period grade which is your final grade for the year. You are welcome to come to the library just to study :)



## New Things to Look For In the Library

### 1. Pathfinders:

-French Artists Pathfinder

**Located on Oakcrest Library's [Subject Links Webpage](#)**

### 2. Webquests:

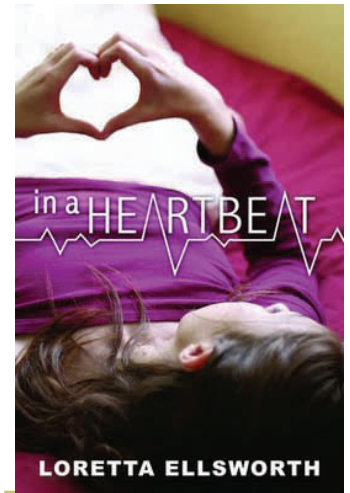
-American Revolution Webquest

**Located on Oakcrest Library's [Subject Links Webpage](#)**

### 3. New Books:

In a Heartbeat by Loretta Ellsworth

**Located in the Fiction Section under "FIC ELL"**



## Old Favorites to Look For In the Library

Books on Tape and Books on CD:

-Macbeth by Shakespeare  
-Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

**Located by the circulation desk**

2. Books on Rap Music and Music in America:

A History of Rap Music

**Music books are located in the 782 section of the non-fiction section**

3. The Japanese Culture Book Collection:

**Located next to the Zen Garden doorway by the library printer**



# Library Tricks and Tips

**Q: How many books am I allowed to take out of the library?**

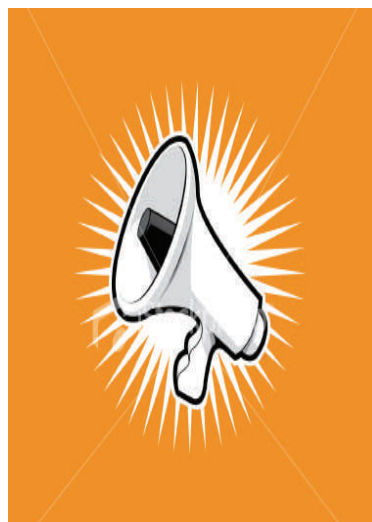
**A: You can take out as many books as you would like to. However, if you would like to order a book from another library, you can only order up to five.**

## Shout Outs, Congrats, and Thank You's

Thank you to Idalis Feliciano for rocking in the library during Period 12. She has really come through and shown how great she can be!

Thank you to Ms. Sneed's sophomore English classes for letting the library showcase some of their books. They really came out great and Ms. Dorrell is looking forward to doing it again next year!

Thank you to Ms. Miller-Dobbins' class for letting the library display their senior art projects. The students and teachers are very impressed with all of your hard work!



A shout out to students Brandon Morales and Kaeyatu Harris for making senior takeover day so much fun! Ms. Dorrell and Ms. Platt are impressed with what great workers and people you are, and we will miss you next year!

Congratulations to Kandrea Tolliver, who is our library aide of the month for April!

Congratulations to Taylor Mondorff for getting second place in Girls Wrestling in April.

A shout-out to Mrs. Finn for being such an awesome resource for students and teachers!