



# Turn The Page



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## LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION?

If you are assigning any sort of video project, please encourage your students to come as early as possible to check out a camera. We need time to restock & recharge.

Give Debbie Hamilton (ex. 658) a heads up when you are assigning a multimedia project so she can try to make sure we have enough cameras ready to go!

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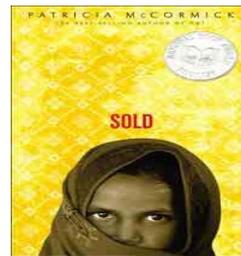
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## Sold-the Plight of Women Around the World

March is National Women's History Month. How better to celebrate women than to draw awareness to the issue of human trafficking worldwide and inspire our girls to take action against it?

In Patricia McCormick's *Sold*, 13-year-old Lakshmi lives an ordinary life in Nepal, going to school and thinking of the boy she is going to marry. Her life takes a drastic turn when her gambling-addicted stepfather sells her into prostitution in India. Refusing to be with men, she is beaten and starved until she

gives in. Written in free verse, the first-person narration is horrifying and difficult to read.



She is told that if she works off her family's debt, she can leave, but she soon discovers that this is virtually impossible. When a boy who runs errands for the girls and their clients begins to teach her to read, she feels a bit more alive,

remembering what it feels like to be the top girl in class again. When an American comes to the brothel to rescue girls, Lakshmi finally gets a sense of hope.

Did you know that a GPS alum is working against this heinous act? She writes that in January 2009, 319 girls were kept from being trafficked at one key counseling center on the border of India and Nepal.

Check out *Sold* from the library today. It is guaranteed to change and inspire you.

## Educating Girls Incites Taliban



Have you read the February 16th issue of *Upfront* magazine? On the cover is 17 year old Shamsia

Husseini whose face was badly burned by acid thrown on her by Taliban militants trying to stop her from attending school.

We all know from Greg Mortenson's teaching that education and literacy for girls globally is "the most important investment all

countries can make to create stability, bring socio-economic reform, decrease infant mortality, decrease the population explosion, and improve health, hygiene, and sanitation standards".

We also know that educated mothers are less likely to allow their sons to join the Taliban.

As we at GPS know, the power of educating women is absolutely awe inspiring.

Some great books that we own about the experiences of Afghan women are:

*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

*The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis

*My Forbidden Face: Growing Up Under the Taliban: a Young Woman's Story* by Hachemi Latifa

*The Sewing Circles of Herat: A Personal Voyage Through Afghanistan* by Christina Lamb

# Spring Break Reading

**Sell it, don't tell it!**

Looking for a good way to ease into Spring Break?

Hoping the girls will pick up something fun to read while they're out?

**Let us help!**

Booktalks, much like movie trailers, essentially "sell" a book.

Let us come to your class armed with some great titles and we promise to be all over it like white on rice!

"No  
entertainment is  
so cheap as  
reading, nor any  
pleasure as  
lasting."  
-Mary Wortley  
Montagu

## Featured Database: Access World News

**The most comprehensive collection of full-text newspapers globally, *Access World News* provides extensive coverage at any level—local, state, regional, national and international.**

This fully searchable Web-based resource features the majority of U.S. newspapers by circulation, along with almost one thousand hard-to-find local and regional titles, the majority of which are unavailable elsewhere.

Additionally, *Access World News* offers searchable news video clips and over a thousand international news sources from scores of countries on six continents, translated into English when written in other languages. Updated daily,

*Access World News* fully supports pa-

trons' diverse needs with more than 190 million current and archived news articles.



Researchers can pinpoint information, compare diverse views and track subjects geographically and over time with the deepest newspaper archives available. *Access World News* also supports OpenURLs, so you can use persistent links in materials on your Blackboard site.

If you are interested in the *Access World News* title list, go here: <http://www.newsbank.com/titlelists/AWN.cfm>

If you would like the librarians to come to your classroom and demo this database, please let us know!

For a global perspective on world events, this is the database for you.

# The World Is Your Canvas

Well...maybe. **The library is**

**DEFINITELY your canvas, though!**

Have you noticed our awesome new flat-screen television?

Have you basked in the glow of its amazing picture quality?

Have you noticed that we can display a vast amount of student work, rolling through in slide-show format, without putting holes in the walls or worrying about curious fingers smearing, smudging, or tearing any part of the work?

Are you assigning a visual art project?

Do you have a taped performance that you would like to show? It will be silent...keep that

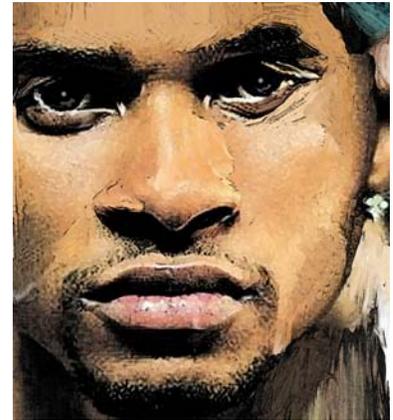
in mind.

Do you use images in your course that you think warrant a school-wide audience?

If yes, then read on!

Images need to be LARGE to fill that big screen. Like over 2000 pixels wide/tall.

If interested, or for further instructions, contact Katie (karch@gps.edu).



Created by 10th Grader Kristen Paris

## Research Tip:

After selecting a research topic, ask your students to spend a few minutes building a keyword list. These might include synonyms, related terms, and alternate forms related to the topic.

Encourage them to add to this list as they find relevant articles, look within databases at the "related subject headings" list [typically along the left-hand side of the page] once they've completed a search, look within abstracts for keywords, etc.

**Well thought out keywords are an excellent way to broaden a search  
and find the most relevant documents!**

### NOTE TO SELF:

Add to calendar: April 2nd... "Guernsey Literary and Potatoe Peel Pie Society" Faculty Book Club Discussion...Terminal Brewhouse Restaurant, 16th Street, 4:30ish. Be there or be square.

## Might we recommend...

Marty:



**Geraldine Brooks**  
Author of:  
*People of the Book*  
*March* (Pulitzer  
Prize  
Winner)  
*Year Of Wonders*

*Nine Parts of Desire*

Katie:



**Jodi Picoult**  
Author of:  
*My Sister's Keeper*  
*The Pact: A Love Story*  
*Harvesting the Heart*  
*Vanishing Acts*  
*Nineteen Minutes*

*Salem Falls*  
*The Tenth Circle*  
*Keeping Faith*  
*Change of Heart*  
*Songs of the Humpback Whale*

## Preparing Our Students for the Academic Library

Increasingly, students are re-searching for assignments in the online environment. They are often technologically proficient and capable of navigating and exploring confidently across a range of resources. [Finding background or general information is not a challenge for net-savvy students; finding and using scholarly authoritative information and using it intelligently is, however, challenging for many students.](#)

Library subscription databases are frequently overlooked by students [as well as teachers], often because they lack awareness of and competence in using these resources. When researching for

assignments they rely on familiar, quick and easy resources, such as the Internet. First-year undergraduate students often lack adequate proficiency in the information literacy skills essential for the retrieval, evaluation, assessment, and intelligent use of new information (Gurney and Wilkes).

**We encourage you to call on us to come to your classroom. We can teach the use of our databases or prepare pathfinders to point your students in the right direction so they won't get bogged down in useless information or simply use the first thing they come to using Google!**

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