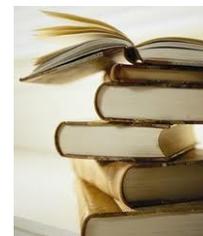




# Turn the Page



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An interesting thought:

“Can Switching Fonts Save You Money?”

[http://www.maximumpc.com/article/news/can\\_switching\\_fonts\\_save\\_you\\_money](http://www.maximumpc.com/article/news/can_switching_fonts_save_you_money)

## Get Inspired...Make a Difference

Anxiously anticipating and totally inspired by the upcoming visit by Colin Beavan (AKA the ‘No Impact Man’), we librarians are brainstorming ways to lessen our impact on the environment. Some examples:

- We are now using GOOS paper in all of our printers. (GOOS=Good On One Side)
- We discourage printing and challenge you, the teachers, to use your fabulous creativity to come up with electronic assignments and digital projects for the girls to complete. Need some ideas? Come brainstorm with us!
- We recycle everything we can—we route magazines to teachers whose curriculum ties in to content, we use old, crumbling books to make book displays & crafts for our book clubs, we are looking for creative ways to recycle the plastic bags our daily newspaper comes in.

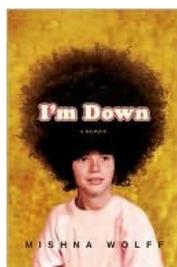
We own both, but as always, we encourage you to [read it before you see it!](#)



Check out his blog @ <http://Noimpactman.typepad.com>

**What are YOU doing to lessen your impact on the planet?**

## Are you down with the faculty book club? You should be!



The Faculty Book Club just finished the amazing memoir by Mishna Wolff entitled *I'm Down* and now we're moving on to our next undertaking.

The recently retired Elvia Piccolo finished reading *The Help* by Katherine Stockett and was anxious to talk about comparing growing up in Cuba with “help” and the

stories in the book of growing up in the South with “help.” I was enthralled to hear of Elvia’s experiences and thought she should come and share her memories with us. Even if you haven’t read the book, I hope you will consider joining us to hear Elvia. I’ll send out more info later.

The club also has planned a pre-Christmas gathering that we think is going to be a lot of fun.

Jill Pala has offered her home for our next gathering. We are each going to read a new book and bring it to the meeting to “sell” it then literally share it with others. Everyone bring their favorite hors d’oeuvre, an adult

beverage, a new book recently read, and get ready to hear about some new books that are coming on the market. You could go home with a great read for the Christmas break.  
~More info will follow.

If you want to be on the distribution list for our reading group, please let me know. We love readers and enjoy sharing our excitement about books with everyone. Just e-mail me, [martyv@gps.edu](mailto:martyv@gps.edu), and I'll put you on the list to receive updates and information.

I ❤️ Book Club

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## The Magic of the E-Book



Are you aware that the library owns **39 e-book titles** that are multi-volume reference books covering literature, history, science and more?!

All of the reference tools are available to you and your students 24/7 and can also be accessed by any number of students at the same time! Woo hoo!

If you have any questions about these multi-volume encyclopedias or would like for one of use to come demo these in your class, let us know.

Some titles of possible interest include:

*American women writers : a critical reference guide from colonial times to the present*  
*Contemporary novelists*  
*Contemporary poets*  
*Feminism in literature: a Gale critical companion*  
*Julius Caesar: a guide to the play*  
*Reference guide to short fiction*  
*Reference guide to world literature*

A plethora of "Understanding" titles which include:

*The Great Gatsby*  
*Macbeth*  
*The Catcher in the Rye*  
*The Scarlet Letter*  
*Jane Eyre*

This is just the tip of the iceberg—there's much, much more!!!

[Click here for a complete listing!](#)

### Today's Tech Byte

Have you cleaned your projector filter lately? It's so easy and so good for prolonging the life of the machine! Just follow these easy steps:

1. Turn off the machine & unplug it.
2. Vacuum through the outer cover.

#### Now this is key—are you paying attention?

\*Don't forget to reset your filter usage time. Turn on your projector, go to MENU, select RESET, and select CLEAR FILTER HOURS. Now you're set for 100 more hours of projecting!

(Note: this is for NEC projectors. If you have another type and are unsure how to clean it/reset the timer, contact Katie!)

## Caught reading!



*Chef Tom checks out the GPS cookbook as he whips up a little something for GPS Au Go Go*

## FREE, FREE, FREE!

Magic words indeed! Who doesn't like FREE?

If you haven't signed up to join AwesomeStories at <http://www.awesomestories.com> you are missing a super great deal that is FREELY available for all individuals and has been recognized for its excellence in content and value to education by many organizations, including: National Institute for Literacy, Education World, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Canada Watch, Texas Education Agency, NPR, CNN, and USA Today.

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Give it a whirl! AwesomeStories at <http://www.awesomestories.com>

## Spotlight on Some Amazing Reads!

### Non-Fiction



From barnesandnoble.com:

William Kamkwamba was born in 1987 in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger, and a place where hope and opportunity were hard to find. But William had read about windmills in a book called *Using Energy*, and he dreamed of building one that would bring electricity and water to his village and change his life and the lives of those around him. Here is the remarkable story about human inventiveness and its power to overcome crippling adversity. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* will inspire anyone who doubts the power of one individual's ability to change his community and better the lives of those around him.

**In this time of oil spills and sustainable energy talk, of conservation and making an IMPACT on the world, if you want to be inspired, read this book!**

You will be hearing about this one again. Be on the lookout.

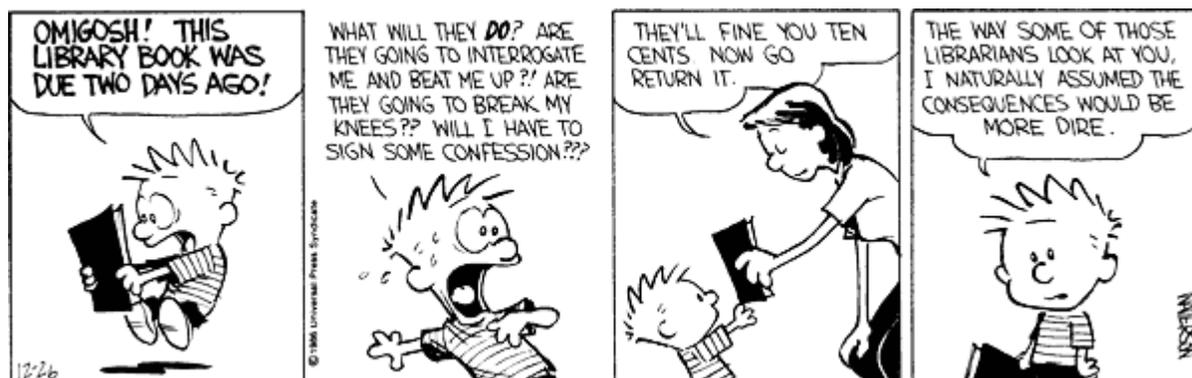
### Fiction



Pop culture fans: Deanna Luna and I are calling this one now-this is the new "Twilight" (complete with movie coming August '11). The story begins like this (again, from my good friend B & N):

Katniss is a 16-year-old girl living with her mother and younger sister in the poorest district of Panem, the remains of what used be the United States. Long ago the districts waged war on the Capitol and were defeated. As part of the surrender terms, each district agreed to send one boy and one girl to appear in an annual televised event called "The Hunger Games." The terrain, rules, and level of audience participation may change but one thing is constant: kill or be killed. When Katniss' sister is chosen by lottery, Katniss steps up to go in her place.

If you haven't heard the girls talking about this one then I suggest you listen a bit more closely...even non-book worms are going crazy over this Survivor'esque tale complete with a complicated love triangle (why do we love the love triangles so much?!). The final installment of the trilogy, *Mockingjay*, came out a few weeks ago and we do have a copy so come on down and see what all the buzz is about!



<http://www.gocomics.com/calvinandhobbes/1986/12/26/>



## Contemplate Before You Laminate

The laminator, located in the teacher workroom in the West Wing is for all to use.

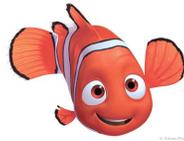
A couple things you need to remember:

Please ask a librarian if you need help.

Please, please, please notify a librarian when you use the last bit of laminate on the roll.

Please laminate only those things you seriously wish to preserve or use over and over again.

Laminate costs roughly \$1.00/foot.



Do you know IMDB?

Looking to wow someone at the next party you attend with random movie trivia? Want to know what other movies you've seen your favorite actor/actress in? Maybe you want to know what the kid looks like who does Nemo's voice...whatever the reason, this is a REALLY cool web site! Check it out!

It's the Internet Movie Database and it's address is <http://www.imdb.com>

"You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians...."

Monty Python

"All You Need To Know About Everything That Matters"



Our beloved Ted Tumelaire opened our eyes to the beauty of this publication a few years ago and he used it with his class each week (does that tell you how cool it is?).

Not only does this thin magazine give you a reader's digest look at current events both nationally and internationally (attempting to give both sides of an issue as often as possible), it also contains titillating book, music, art, and theater reviews, entertainment news, technology...you name it. If you've heard about it on the news, read about it on the net, or heard it being discussed at your lunch table, more than likely it is going to be covered in *The Week*. Each issue is guaranteed to illicit a laugh in one part or another so if for no other reason, check it out for comic relief.

Let us know if you would like for us to route the most current issue your way!