

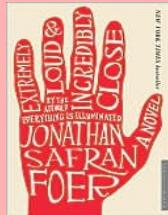
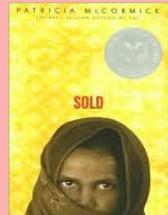
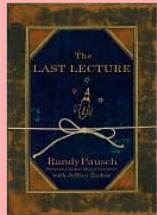
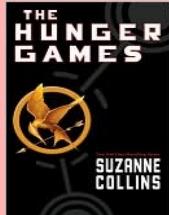
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SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION

And the winner of GPS Reads! is....



This year marks the first ever **GPS Reads! Program** sponsored by the Library. In November, all Upper School students were invited to nominate their 'bucket-list book'—the one that absolutely everyone should read in their lifetime. Here's the catch: they had to formulate a persuasive argument in 5 sentences or less!

A committee made up of 3 faculty members and 3 students met, reviewed the submissions, and se-

lected the most persuasive nominations. These are the four that were selected:

"The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins-nominated by May May Hitchings, 9th.

"The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch-nominated by Bronte Goodhue, 11th.

"Sold" by Patricia McCormick"-nominated by Alexandra Traylor, 9th.

"Extremely Loud & In-

credibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer-nominated by Beenish Kamran, 10th.

These girls created short videoed podcasts arguing why their book should be selected. Their classmates watched the videos, voted, and the winner is... (drumroll please)...**Sold by Patricia McCormick!** This amazing story is both tragic and necessary. It is about a 12 year old girl from Nepal who is sold into sexual slavery by her

gambling addicted step-father. Written in prose, it is a quick read and makes its point without being overly graphic. I can almost guarantee that anyone who reads it will be inspired to change the world.

YOU, members of the GPS faculty and staff, are cordially invited to read this over the break and join us for a lunchtime book discussion on Jan. 6th in Caldwell Commons. All are welcome!

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Wondering how you're going to pass the time on that long drive? Did you know that the public library now offers HUNDREDS of audio books that you can download **AT NO COST** in MP3 and .wma (Windows Media Player) formats? You can listen to them on your computer,



your MP3, basically any audio device.

For more information or to search for that book you were hoping to read over break, go here:

<http://www.lib.chattanooga.gov/databases/eAudioIntro.html>



"One can never have enough socks, said Dumbledore. 'Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People will insist on giving me books.'"
J.K. Rowling
(*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Scholastic, 1997, p. 214)

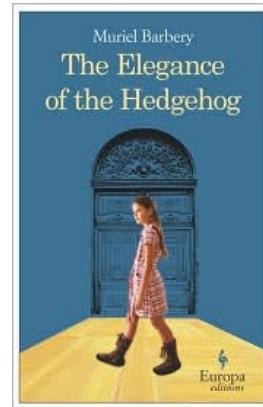
Need a gift idea for yourself? Ask for the next Faculty Book Club Selection!

"Once people finally stopped looking up the rude words in the first ever dictionary, they actually used it for proper reasons, like Scrabble and trying to spell difficult words like Sequoia."

(Anonymous analyst quoted in BBC News Article, April 2002)

Have you heard tales of what fun it is to participate in a GPS Faculty book discussion? There's good food, good conversation about some fabulous books, and dare I say it, it's a great way to get to know your co-workers outside of school! What's not to like?

Join us on Tuesday, January 12th at 4:00 at Mudpie Restaurant (12 Frazier Avenue) to discuss the *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barberry.



One reviewer writes, "An enchanting *New York Times* and international bestseller about life, art, literature, philosophy, culture, class, privilege, and power, seen through the eyes of a 54-year old French concierge and a precocious but troubled 12-year-old girl. [This is] A moving, funny, triumphant novel that exalts the quiet victories of the inconspicuous among us."

Mark your calendar! Hope to see you there!

Get Crafty! Learn to create your own gifts this year!



Yet another great resource from the Chattanooga Hamilton County Bicentennial Library is this amazing database dedicated to all things crafts!

From our beloved EBSCO-Host, this database "provides extensive information on more than 140 topics ranging from

amateur astronomy, antiques, cake decorating, camping and comic books to fantasy sports, hunting, jewelry making, macramé, pottery, puppetry and more".

You'll need to access this off campus-it conflicts with our EBSCO subscription for some reason (I'm working on it). Just go here:

<http://www.lib.chattanooga.gov/databases/DBtext.html>

Scroll down to "Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center", click on "EBSCO" and enter your library card number.

Look around-you're in DIY heaven!

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