

MEDIA MATTERS

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GLC Encourages Cheat Sheets!

Georgia Learning Connections (GLC) has developed “cheat sheets” for educators. These perfectly legal guides highlight many of the components of the Georgia Learning Connections Web site and can be used as handy reference guides or to supplement hands-on training sessions and self-guided tours. The Cheat Sheets address specific educator roles, such as Curriculum Directors, Media Specialists, Math, Social Studies, ESOL, Fine Arts, Science, and Technology Integration.

To find the “cheat sheets” go to the GLC Web site at:

www.glc.k12.ga.us

At the GLC site, choose:

- Professional Development
- GLC Training
- GLC General Training
- GLC Cheat Sheets

Be sure to share this information with your faculty.



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Institute for New Media Specialists Continues

The New Media Specialists Institute was designed for the media specialist with fewer than five years experience in that position. The institute focuses on the changing roles and

responsibilities of the library media specialist.

Through lectures, demonstrations, discussions, and practical applications the participants are

developing strategies that will assist them in the role of teacher, information specialist, instructional partner and program administrator.

Coming up in January:

Module 17: What kind of leader are you?

Module 18: Collaborating with school staff to plan professional development.

Idea Corner



I get discarded wallpaper books from decorators or paint stores and make book marks by cutting the sample pages into desired strips. Small prints and plaids make nice bookmarks and the students like them.

Jeanette Shiver
Potter Street Elem. School
Bainbridge, GA

During Children's Book Week, teachers were asked to name a book that they enjoyed when they were the age of the students they taught. A slip of paper was inserted in the books. The paper contained a picture of the teacher from last year's yearbook photos. A note was added with the teacher's name... "When _____ was a little girl, she liked this book best." This created interest and the students were allowed to checkout the books on display.

Patricia Blanks
Wells Primary School
Jones County, GA

I do not have a bulletin board, so I frame different book covers and posters and place them around the top shelf. The students also enjoy reading the calendar from DOE while they are waiting to check out a book. It is also framed each month Students will say "look, my birthday is the same as....." or "Did you know this happen as this date?"

I try to keep the library inviting as well as looking "grownup" for the middle school student.

Shyrell Owen
Media Specialist
Crawford County Middle School

The media clerk and I took turns dressing up for Children's Book Week. The students tried to guess who we were supposed to be and put their guesses in the "Guess Who" box. We drew one name at the end of the day to receive a free paperback book. It was really a lot of fun for us and the students.

Margie Hall
Chapel Hill Elementary
Douglas County

Have a "non Accelerated Reader" month or week in which you give extra points for kids to read ANY BOOK THEY CHOOSE from the titles in your collection that are not AR. Many media specialist have reservations about some of the components and philosophy behind AR and, even if you are a proponent, this is a tremendous opportunity to open the window of literacy and let our children fly. You can even incorporate book reviews into your news shows so you spread the word about great books.

Cathy Puett Miller
Independent Literacy Consultant

Gale Databases Available for a Limited Time

Georgia educators have a limited opportunity to access three databases from Gale via GALILEO. This is a trial subscription that is valid through December 16, 2003.

The URL is:
<http://trials.gale.com/galileo>

The databases include:

Kid's InfoBits:
 Research materials aimed at K-5

Consulta: Spanish language materials

Literature Resource Center: 1.4 million bibliographies, author biographies, critical essays, and more.

Please share the link and this information with your faculty.

Please note: GALILEO is

looking at this database for the future. Unfortunately, there are no funds to purchase any databases at this time.

Hopefully, you took advantage of the annual GALILEO survey that was on the GALILEO homepage during November.



Four teachers at Sumter County Primary School in Americus dressed up for National Children's Book Week!
 Lynde Parker is the Library Media Specialist at Sumter County Primary!

[Click here if you're a rural school. Please take 5 minutes and fill out this survey for the American Library Association. The survey is due by December 15, 2003.](#)

What have you missed?

Check out this Web page from Naples High School in Naples, Florida. A visitor can take a virtual tour of the media center and the media center Web page.

You could do something similar!

<http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/nhs/lmc/index.html>

If you are not one of the 700 members of the DOE list service you missed several e-mails during the month of November.

One e-mail concerned an opportunity to serve on the GOLD/GALILEO Committee and the GOLD Serials Committee from Toni Zimmerman of the Georgia Public Library System. There

was also a reminder about the GALILEO annual survey. This was an opportunity to enable the GALILEO staff to receive input from library media specialists, teachers, and students.

You also missed information on a free monthly workshop from Georgia Tech.

Don't want to miss any more opportunities? Sign up for the DOE media list service.

Send an email to: join-doemedia@list.doe.k12.ga.us

Leave the subject and body of the e-mail blank.



Georgia Children's Literature Conference

April 22-24, 2004

Athens

Why I love being a library media specialist

I love being a high school media specialist because I am a teacher who teaches, but doesn't have to grade papers. I can guide, but I don't have to lecture. I can provide tools and suggestions, then watch while that project evolves a clever, creative way I would NEVER have imagined, and I receive undying gratitude for the inspiration. I can suggest a student read a book that he later says made him think a whole new way. I can show a student a resource that

solves the problem she thought was insurmountable. I can share a WebQuest with a teacher who builds it into a challenging but fun activity to enliven that curriculum. I can unclog a printer, and make an administrator think I'm magic. I love my job!

Alice Harvard
Americus High School
Sumter County
23 years experience

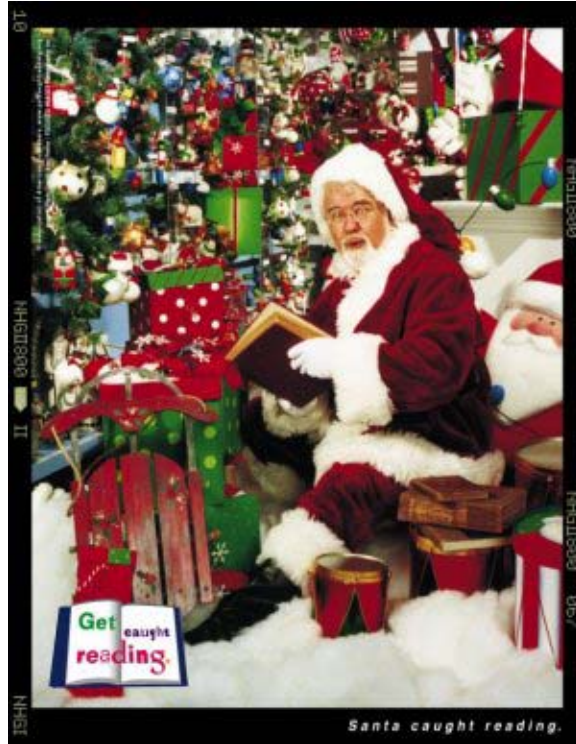
I love being a teacher-librarian because I get to work every day with my three favorite things: technology, books, and people!

Janie L. Kossak
Teacher-Librarian
Austin Elementary

DeKalb County--
13 years in education, 5 of those years in media

Why books make great presents.

1. Books don't need to be assembled before being given.
2. Books don't need batteries.
3. Books never come in the wrong color or size.
4. Books don't need to be serviced by a dealer.
5. Books don't need spare parts.
6. Books are easier to wrap than footballs.
7. Books look good with any decor.
8. Books don't need watering or fertilizing.
9. Books don't irritate your allergies.
10. Books don't go out of style.
11. Books don't get aphids or draw ants.
12. Books don't bark or need to be walked in the middle of the night.
13. Books don't stretch, shrink, or fade.
14. Books don't need extension cords.
15. Books won't scratch the coffee table.
16. Books don't get stale before they arrive.
17. Books never need ironing.
18. Books don't have zippers that break.
19. Books can be used over and over by many people.
20. A book is a gift you can open again and again.



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Student achievement is the bottom line!

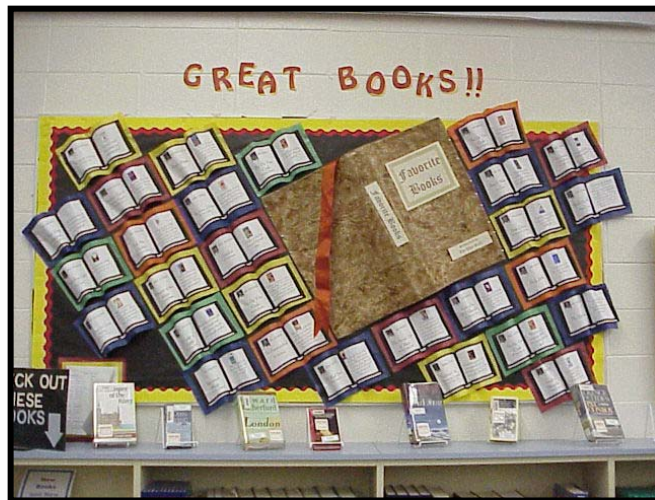
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Check out this beautiful bulletin board by **Susan Whitehead**, parapro at Pope High School in Cobb County.

Her directions for making the bulletin board are below.



Two ways to get attention with bulletin boards – go three-dimensional and work outside the rectangular frame you’re given. This bulletin board placed the title (“Great Books!!”) above the frame to draw the eye in. The board’s placement over a bookcase gives some opportunity for greater dimension.

To make the large book, cut two layers of brown paper (grocery bag or brown wrapping paper) to the size you want and glue them together with white glue . While it is still damp, fold it like a book and fold and glue the edges inside to give it a more finished look. Then liberally cover the paper with white glue and burn the glue carefully until it bubbles. You can hold small projects over a candle for this, but for this large book I used a blowtorch. Of course, using flames, especially on a large project, is safer if done outside .

After the project dries, use a soft cloth to brush away any extra black residue. To make it look like leather, use a very dry brush with a small amount of brown paint, brush it across newspaper to get rid of almost all the paint, and lightly brush the “leather” to give it depth.

We sent emails to teachers and staff requesting titles of their favorite books with a short comment about each. In MS Publisher, we printed out the plain book graphic and filled it in with Title of Book, Author and Teacher’s Name, photocopied teacher photos from the yearbook. We backed the white paper book cutouts with colored paper, and applied them three-dimensionally to the bulletin board.



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Library Media Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
	1 English Chunnel finished: 1990	2 Birthday of Seurat: 1859-1891	3 1st heart transplant: 1967	4 Phonograph invented: 1877	5 Birthday of George Custer: 1839-1876	6 Ira Gershwin born: 1896-1983 Microwave oven patented: 1945																																																																																																		
7 Japanese attack Pearl Harbor: 1941 Willa Cather born: 1873-1947	8 Birthday of Eli Whitney: 1765-1825 James Thurber born: 1894-1961	9 Birthday of Joel Chandler Harris: 1845/8-1908	10 Emily Dickinson born: 1830-1886 Melvil Dewey born: 1851-1931	11 Alexander Solzhenitsyn born: 1918- UNICEF established: 1946	12 Washington, D.C. becomes capital: 1800	13 Sir Frances Drake begins voyage: 1577																																																																																																		
14 Death of George Washington: 1799 DNA created in test tube: 1967	15 Bill of Rights become law: 1791 Sitting Bull dies: 1890	16 Arthur Clarke's birthday: 1917- Margaret Mead born: 1901-1978 Noel Coward born: 1899-1973	17 A Christmas Carol is published: 1843	18 1st performance of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite: 1892	19 Chanukah begins at sunset Poor Richard's Almanack published: 1732	20 1st electric incandescent light demonstrated: 1879																																																																																																		
21 Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock: 1620	22 Birthday of James Oglethorpe: 1695-1785	 1st men orbit the moon: 1968	24 Mary Higgins Clark born: 1929- Treaty of Ghent: 1814	25 Christmas	26 Henry Miller born: 1891-1980 Kwanza begins	27 Ingri D'Aulaire born: 1904-1980																																																																																																		
28 Carol Ryrie Brink's birthday: 1895-1981 Chewing gun patented: 1869	29 Birthday of Charles Goodyear: 1800-1860	30 Rudyard Kipling born: 1865-1936	31 Birthday of Henri Matisse: 1869-1954	<table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="7" style="padding: 2px;">November 03</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="padding: 2px;">S</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">M</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">T</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">W</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">T</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">F</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">S</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">2</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">3</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">4</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">5</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">6</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">7</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">9</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">10</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">11</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">12</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">13</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">14</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">16</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">17</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">18</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">19</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">20</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">21</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">22</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">24</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">25</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">26</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">27</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">28</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">29</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">30</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="7" style="padding: 2px;">January 04</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="padding: 2px;">S</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">M</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">T</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">W</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">T</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">F</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">S</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">4</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">5</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">6</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">7</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">8</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">9</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">11</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">12</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">13</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">14</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">15</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">16</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">17</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">18</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">19</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">20</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">21</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">22</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">24</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">25</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">26</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">27</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">28</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">29</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">30</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">31</td> </tr> </table>			November 03							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30							January 04							S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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What in the world would we do without our libraries? Katharine Hepburn