

Georgia Department of Education

# Media Matters

**John Smoltz is the latest Georgia Read More guest!**

**Are you...**

**Retiring this year?**

**Were you chosen...**

**Teacher of the Year?**

**Media Specialist of  
the Year?**

**Send an email to:**

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**so that we can let  
the whole state  
know!**



Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz pitched another no-hitter last week when he read *The Monster Who Ate My Peas* to a group of students. John's reading was filmed by the Georgia Technology Authority and will be broadcast at a later date by Georgia Public Broadcasting.

The author, Danny Schnitzlein, was present for the filming and presented each child with an autographed copy of the book.

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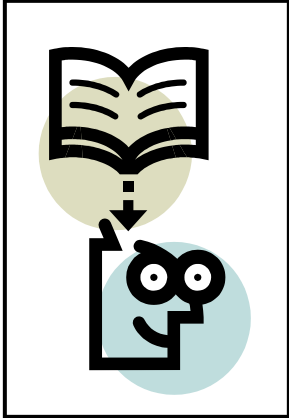
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### Take my advice...and buy these for your media center



Science & Math Discoveries. The Solar System & Stars. Discovery Channel Education, 2004. 17 minutes. \$29.95

Six billion years ago a dying star exploded. This blast rippled through dust and debris and a new star was born – our sun. This is the beginning of an excellent video introduction to the solar system. A tour of the nine planets is presented. Beginning with the terrestrial (earth like) planets Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars then the giant planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, ending with Pluto. Each planet is explained giving its attributes and what makes it unique. Venus, the hottest planet; life-supporting Earth; the extreme temperatures of Mercury; the Red Planet, Mars; the biggest, Jupiter; Saturn the ringed planet; Uranus, spinning like a bowling ball; Neptune, the blue planet; and Pluto the smallest. Comparisons of the planet's mass are presented as well as location, composition, atmosphere, and natural satellites. The narration is clear and easy to understand. Pictures present clearly each planet with animated features showing rotation, etc. The length of the video is very appropriate for upper elementary level. This would be an excellent addition to the science collection. This is one of a series of six *Space Science for Students* videos. Other titles are: Galileo's Telescope & Lowell's Observatory, Exploring Jupiter & Mission to Mars, The Space Shuttle & Its Support Staff, The Moon & Moon Dust to Concrete, Living in Space & Zero Gravity. A teacher's guide, a worksheet, and answers key can be found at <http://www.SVEmedia.com/furtherlearning>.

Grades: 3-6

Gloria Chandler, Educational Reviewer, Augusta, Georgia

A World History teacher got very excited after seeing "The French Revolution," on The History Channel. He said that it was the best video on the subject he has ever seen. I quite agree after seeing it myself. It runs one and a half hours without commercials, but is riveting. We thought it appropriate for high school students and it would be an excellent Video/DVD purchase. Use of short segments would be easier with the DVD.

Author: The History Channel  
 Title: The French Revolution  
 Publisher/Producer: The History Channel  
 ISBN: N/A

Nick Hopper  
 Ben Hill County

**Take my advice...and buy these for your media center (continued)**

Video/DVD Series: Grammar For Children

Includes the titles: Nouns, Verbs, Punctuation, Sentences, Descriptive Words & Phrases

Publisher: Schlessinger Media (Sold through the Library Video Company)

Grade Levels: 2-4

This is a much-needed series on Grammar. Both students and teachers at my school have been really excited about these videos. The videos reinforce curriculum objectives and make learning fun and rewarding.

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*My Louisiana Sky* – Grades 5 and up. This 2002 Carnegie Award winning movie stars Juliette Lewis as Aunt Dorie Kay in the tale of a twelve year old girl, Tiger Ann, who is faced with many family changes and challenges. This movie is great for character education and in a family and consumer science classroom. Tiger Ann is being raised by her grandmother and her mentally handicapped parents. When her grandmother passes away Tiger Ann is faced with a decision whether to live with her Aunt Dorie Kay in Baton Rouge or stay home with her parents. This heartfelt emotional journey is based on the award winning book, *My Louisiana Sky*, by author Kimberly Willis Scott .

Kimberly Willis Scott has also written *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, *Keeper of the Night*, and *Mister and Me*.

Publisher: Showtime Entertainment

ISBN: 58445-30542

May be purchased from Library Video Company

VHS - \$9.95

DVD - \$14.95

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## Great Web Sites

### Check out Google Scholar

Google Scholar enables you to search specifically for scholarly literature including peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports from all broad areas of research. Use Google Scholar to find articles from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles available across the web.

You can find Google Scholar at: <http://scholar.google.com/>

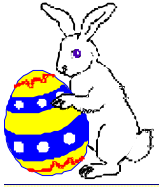


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[http://www.gale.com/free\\_resources/marketing/index.htm](http://www.gale.com/free_resources/marketing/index.htm)

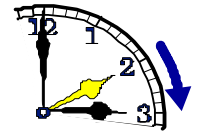
**Libraries Matter:** This is a library awareness campaign sponsored by Alliance Library System, an Illinois organization consisting of academic, public, school, and special libraries. <http://librariesmatter.com/>





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## GaDOE Library Media Services



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