

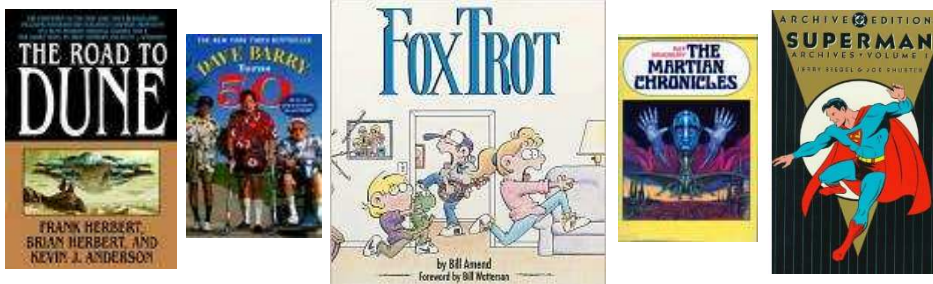
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Major Book Donation Given to Washington Library

In August of 2009, the Washington Library was contacted by Lisa Twedt, the sister of James E. Anderson, an alumnus of Washington High School. She asked if the library would be interested in a donation of books from his estate, which consisted of current science fiction and graphic novels. After looking at what was available, 159 books were chosen from his collection that are appropriate for high school level. This donation, with a current market value of over \$4,000, is a great asset to the collection. Thank you, Lisa, and the family of James Anderson, for this monumental donation. These books will be available for checkout in April.



Titles from the James Anderson collection appear above. Over 50 classic comic archives were included with this gift, and each book has a memorial nameplate to honor Anderson's memory.

Our pick for Good Reads: Books from a visiting author!



We are very excited to welcome author Erin Hart to the Washington library on May 17. Hart is a resident of St. Paul, MN who majored in theater at St. Olaf College with an M.A. in English and creative writing from the University of Minnesota. She and her husband, musician Paddy O'Brien, are very involved in the Minnesota Irish Music and Dance Association and frequently visit Ireland.

We have all three of Hart's books in the library, so stop by and check them out before her visit in May! Titles include: *Haunted Ground*, *Lake of Souls* and *False Mermaid*. These three novels are part of the Nora Gavin/Cormac Maguire crime novel series. The first two novels have centered on the discovery of bog bodies in Ireland and have won several awards. The third was released in March to high praise and takes Nora back to her home in Minnesota on a quest to find her sister's murderer.

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Donation Corner—Thank you!

It's been a good year for donations to the library. Other donations that we have recently received include:

Percy Jackson and the Olympians series by Rick Riordan – given by Stephanie Johnson.

Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse by Stephenie Meyers – Anonymous gift.

The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson, ***Life of PI*** by Yann Lann, ***The Double Bind*** by Christopher Bohjalian, and ***The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*** by David Wroblewski (all audio books) - given by Marlyse Strait.

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer (audio book) and ***Three Cups of Tea*** by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin – given by Joe Taylor.

Several students have also donated books, including Taylor Dose and David and Nikole Francis.

THANK YOU for making the collection at the Washington High School Library great.

Titles we still need: *The Complete Rhyming Dictionary* by Clement Wood **or** *Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary*.

Authors we would like: Matt Christopher, Erin Hunter, and Brian Jacques.

We could also use: Biographies with current copyright dates (can be about historical people). Gently used items are welcome, and all materials accepted are at the discretion of the library staff.

Thank you!

The Washington Library Staff

Library Volunteers Needed!

Have some time that you could give to the library?

The library needs help on a weekly basis with re-shelving books, putting up displays, and ordering/processing new materials to be added to the library collection. There isn't any specific day of the week the work needs to be done, and the length of time is up to you, even an hour would help. If you have questions, or know you are available and would like to help, please contact Karen Greif at kagreifwhs@gmail.com, or Renate Bernstein at rbernstein@cr.k12.ia.us.



Largest first-run print

J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, the fifth book in the acclaimed series, had a first-run print of 8.5 million copies. This is approximately 80 times the average bestseller.

This run surpassed the previous book, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, which had a first-run print of 4.8 million copies.

