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Library Computer Catalog now available to public access

The Washington High School library catalog can now be accessed on the web. Just like the public library catalog, students and staff can now see what is available in the Washington Library, if it is checked out and when it will be returned, without logging in. To use the log in capability, contact any member of the library staff, who would be happy to help you with it.

The website for the catalog is: <http://wash-alex1.cr.k12.ia.us>



A fall 2007 photo of the Washington library. Now you don't have to be here to access the catalog!

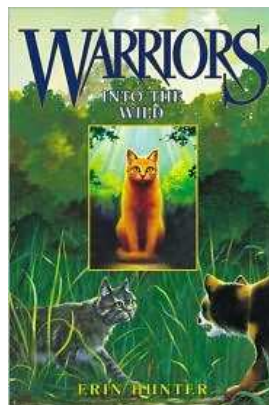
"My test of a good novel is dreading to begin the last chapter."

- Thomas Helm

Looking for a few good donations...

The library has at least 50 books a year that are not returned. In an effort to replace these books, and add to our current fiction collection, the following books are being requested to add to our collection:

Fever, 1793 by L. Anderson
Dragon's Blood by Jane Yolen
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Night Hoops by Dueker
Warriors by Erin Hunter (series of fantasy books featuring cats)



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Good Books to Read at Washington:

Need a good book to read? Here are some suggestions from the **Iowa Library High School Award** list:

24 Girls in 7 Days by Alex Bradley

Jack Grammer needs a date for prom, so his friends put an ad in the newspaper that leads Jack to dating 24 girls in just seven days, hoping to find the perfect date.



Black & White by Paul Volponi

Marcus, an African American, and Eddie, who is white, are best friends and basketball stars. The guys are willing to risk everything — including scholarships — for more money, even robbery.

An Abundance of Katherines

by John Green

After being dumped for the 19th time, Colin Singleton sets out with his best friend Hassan on an adventure to find out why all of Colin's girlfriends have been named Katherine, and if he can ever find happiness with a girl *not* named Katherine.

Rebel Angels by Libba Bray

Gemma and her friends must return to the realms in order to defeat Circe and bind the magic that has been released.

Peeps by Scott Westerfeld

As a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, Cal becomes a hunter to stop the spread of the parasite. Cal vows to never be with a girl again and to find the mysterious woman who infected him. When Cal meets Lace, his vow is put into jeopardy.

Just Listen by Sarah Dessen

Annabel Greene was the girl who had everything; that is, until her world starts to fall apart. Now her sister is anorexic, no one will sit with her at school, and Sophie, her best friend, hates her. With the help of a new mysterious boyfriend, Anna might be able to face the truth about her past and how it has affected her friendship with Sophie.

Marley & Me by John Grogan

This best-seller is Grogan's tribute to Marley, the Labrador that taught him and his wife about unconditional love and total chaos.



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 logging-in/processing new materials to be added to the library collection. Right now we have a good two hours worth of work needing to be done to get caught up. Going forward, we would like to have help each week to keep up with these activities. This would be ideal for several people to share. There aren't any specific days of the week the work needs to be done, and the length of time needed would vary from week to week (about an hour). If you have questions, or know you are available and would like to help, **please contact Jo-Ann Cook, WHS Volunteer Coordinator, at 362-2198.**

Did you know...

The origin of the Latin word for book, *liber*, comes from the Romans, who used the thin layer found between the bark and the wood (the *liber*) before the times of parchment. The English word comes from the Danish word for book, *bog*, meaning birch tree, as the early people of Denmark wrote on birch bark.