

Please read below for updates from the High School Library!

October Reads from Sora

Check out the books from Sora below that have been challenged or banned in libraries across the country.

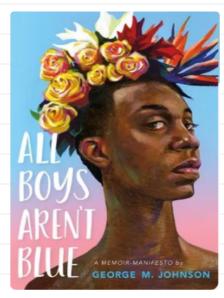
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The Bluest Eye

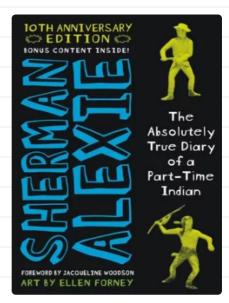
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Toni Morrison's first novel published in 1969, it was the third most challenged book in 2022. We also have it in print!



All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson

George M. Johnson's memoirmanifest was the second most challenged book of 2022. A personal favorite of mine for it's beautiful language and searingly honest testimony. We



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

A National Book Award Winner and NY Times Bestseller, this was the eighth most challenged book of 2022. Also

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New! New! New!

We have spent a lot of time revitalizing non-fiction the past few weeks. Come down and check out our dynamic shelving and peruse the books on display. Feel free to look through them and check out something that piques your interest!



Makerspace for October



Come participate in our October makerspace. Make a q-tip skeleton! Get creative and build a whole family. Make an anatomically accurate skeleton with all 206 bones and show it to your science teacher! The sky is the limit! We also have a craft to make your own Halloween ornament! All supplies are provided.

Resource of the Month

Project Look Sharp is a FREE website through Ithaca College with handouts, lessons for K-12, subject guides, videos, and professional development resources centered on constructivist media decoding. You can find this website at www.projectlooksharp.org.



Shameless plug: I will be offering a 1 hour PD session on an introduction to media decoding on 10/20. Sign up to get more information, strategies, and resources on media decoding!

Did You Know?

The first week of October is "Banned Books Week." Pen America, a non-profit organization that centers around freedom of expression in the US and worldwide, reports that book bans in public schools increased over 33% in the 2022-2022 school year in comparison to the 2021-2022 school



year. They write, "Since PEN America started tracking public school book bans in July 2021, the organization has recorded nearly 6,000 instances of banned books. This includes 3,362 book bans affecting 1,557 unique titles during the 2022-23 school year, impacting the work of 1,480 authors, illustrators, and translators."

For more information, please check out the below links:

Pen America: https://pen.org/

The American Library Association: https://www.ala.org/

Banned Books Week: bannedbooksweek.org

Collaboration Corner

All freshman English classes have been coming in the past few weeks to get a library orientation. They have also started a series of lessons that will take place over the next few months called "Developing Digital Detectives" that will introduce them to four lenses to use when viewing media to become critical media



consumers. If you want your class to get these lessons, reach out so we can schedule!

Contact me if you need me to pull resources, want me to teach a lesson, are interested in some book talks, or if you want to collaborate on a multi-class project! There is nothing too big or too small.

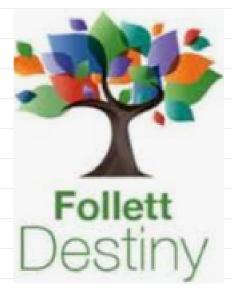
Important Links



Sora



Library.fyi



Destiny Online Catalog







NoodleTools

Library Website

Scottie's Dashboard

Resources Request Form

The google form below can now be found on the library website.

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We're sorry, but you do not have access to this page. That's all we know.

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