



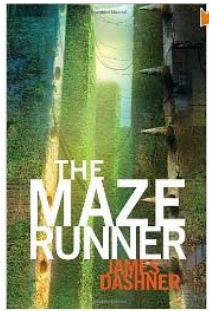
Media Newsletter




Winder Barrow High School

April 2012

The winner of the 2011-12 Georgia Peach Award for Teen Readers is:



The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Boys come to the Glade via an empty freight elevator with no memory of how they got there or of their prior lives. This disorientation is made more frightening when they realize that to survive they must lock themselves in every night to avoid the horrors of the Grievors, beings that are part machine, part animal—and altogether deadly. The boys in the Glade send out Runners each day to find a way out through the Maze that surrounds their one patch of safety, with no success. Life goes on until one day the elevator delivers a girl. She brings a message: She is the last child to be sent, and there will be no more deliveries of food or supplies. Now the Glade is cut off, and as the Grievors gather for an all-out attack it's clear that it's now or never—the Maze must be solved. From Kirkus

Writing Contests for Teens

AASL and Figment.com, a free online community for teens to create, discover, and share new reading and writing, celebrate **School Library Month** by presenting four writing contests for teens. In honor of this year's theme "Create Your Own Story," Figment invites students 13 and up to participate in story writing contests to be judged by some of the YA literature's most exciting authors - Alyson Noel, Lauren Oliver, Paolo Bacigalupi, and Gayle Forman.



Each week in April a new contest prompt in a different genre of creative fiction will be announced. Figment users will vote to select the finalists and then that week's guest author judge will select the winner. Winners of each weekly contest will receive autographed books from that week's judge and one grand prize winner will receive a Kindle. All finalists and winners will be featured on the Figment and AASL websites

Literary Birthdays:

- [Washington Irving](#)
A p r i l 3
- [Maya Angelou](#).....
A p r i l 4
- [Booker T. Washington](#) April 5
- [Gary Soto](#)April 12
- [Thomas Jefferson](#)April 13
- [Eudora Welty](#)..... April 13
- [Henry James](#)
A p r i l 15
- [Thornton Wilder](#) April 17
- [Charlotte Bronte](#)
A p r i l 21
- [Henry Fielding](#)
A p r i l 22
- [William Shakespeare](#) April 23
- [Robert Penn Warren](#) April 24
- [Homer Lee](#)

Announcements

Poetry Contest

Stop by the Media Center to vote for your favorite poem April 6-13. The winner will be announced April 23.

Seniors

Stop by the Media Center and fill out a form for the senior display

Book Fair April 24-May 1

Books Due!!

All student books are due May 1.

Please return all books and pay all fines. If a book is lost, you must pay for it. The Media Center accepts cash or money orders.

Staff checkouts are due May 22.

Media Center Inventory

May 3-10

March

School Library Media Center

Statistics

Circulations: 840

Current Checkouts: 403

Overdue Books: 186

Current Fines: 327

Total monies due overdue

fines/lost books: \$1472.53

Visited the media center on a pass (this isn't counting students in the morning 7:30-8:20am and afternoons 3:20-4:30pm): 710 students

Class/groups visited the media center: 47 groups/classes

Title 1 Lab: 89

The Media Center is Open from 7:30am-4:30pm on school days.

Sites of Interest

Science

<http://www.science360.gov/files/>

<http://www.bioedonline.org/>

Math

<http://patrickjmt.com/>

April 15 is the centennial anniversary of the Titanic disaster

For more information on teaching resources visit

<http://blog.findingdulcinea.com/2012/04/best-resources-for-teaching-about-the-sinking-of-the-titanic.html>