

## Book Club Meeting Dates:

### Linger

Wednesday  
November 17

### The Hunger Games

Wednesday  
December 8

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## Standing Room Only

At least once a day, a member of the library staff will hear someone say, "There are so many people in here!" While it may seem as if there are a million kids here, we wanted to know just how many people ARE in the library on a given day. The library decided to keep track of the number of individuals who use the space over the course of two days (one blue and one white day).

We checked the gate count between each block, did some fancy-pants math, and studied the final numbers for days and days. What we found was eye-opening and jaw-dropping, but definitely not head-scratching.

Over the two days, from 7 AM to 6 PM, the library had a total of 2,114 students, faculty

and staff pass through; averaging out to over a thousand people a day! Breaking down those numbers even more the library averaged about a hundred visitors an hour or 1.6 every minute. Egad!



We also wanted to separate usage during the school day to before and after school. During the school day (7:30-2:20), we averaged 538 users. That breaks down to around 135 students per block!

The numbers for before and after school are even more bananas. From 7:00 to 7:30 AM, we average over 150 students in the library, while after school (between 2:20 and 6:00 PM) sees an average of over 350 visitors. WHAT!!!?

Looking at these numbers, it becomes pretty obvious that the library gets used, but we never doubted that. The library is a happening place and these numbers, coupled with our circulation numbers, prove that this is the place to be. And when a student says, "There are like a million people in here," we can say, "Well, not a million, but pretty close."

## Introducing Ms. Fleck

At the beginning of the school year PRHS welcomed Emelia Fleck as the new library assistant. While attending Franklin Pierce University, where she graduated with a degree in Fine and Liberal Arts, she was employed as a library assistant where she developed a great love for library science.

After living and working in Western Massachusetts for the past ten years she ven-

ured back to her home state bringing her enthusiasm for literature and education with her. Emelia is thrilled to be working in a library once again and is loving every minute!

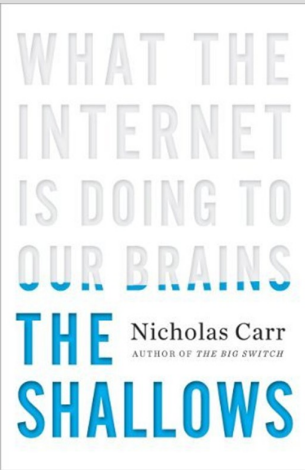
### Fun Facts about Ms. Fleck:

She walked 1,500 miles across Europe, volunteered in Peru teaching English, is an amateur photographer,



adores bird watching and loves soup.

**Featured  
Non-Fiction**



***The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains*  
by Nicholas Carr**

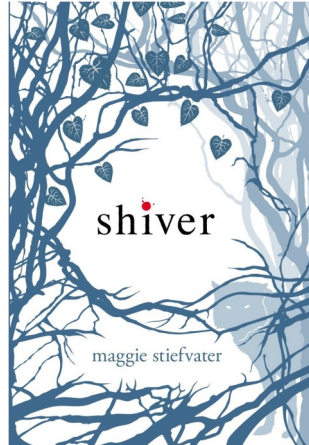
This book examines the physiological and psychological effects the Internet has on the brain and argues that human focus and patience have become shorter, deep thought has lessened, and reading has turned into scanning due to changes the Internet usage causes on neural pathways.

I just finished reading *The Shallows* and am a little bit frightened of how I see my brain changing over the last decade. I'm off to read more books!

## Fall Book Club Titles

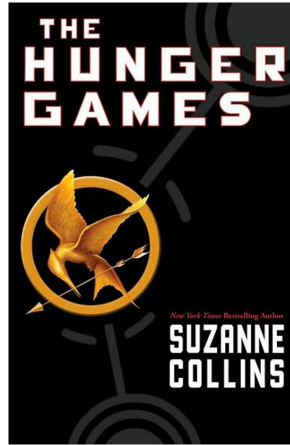
***Shiver***

by Maggie Stiefvater



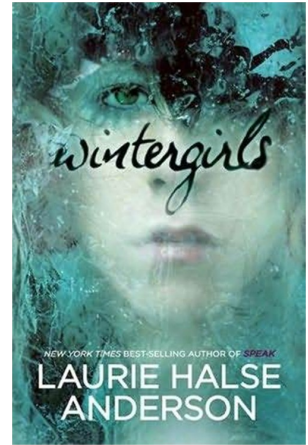
***The Hunger Games***

by Suzanne Collins



***Wintergirls***

by Laurie Halse Anderson



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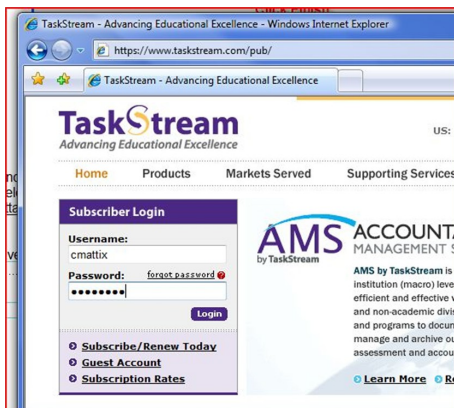
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[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

**The Internet Public Library** has an index of

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[www.ipl.org](http://www.ipl.org)



# Digital Portfolio Deadline Is Announced for Seniors



The deadline for completing the new Digital Portfolio graduation requirement is **April 15, 2011** for all seniors planning on graduating in June.

Seniors who want to complete the requirement should submit a "portfolio completion form" in the library.

Be sure that you have at least two work samples listed under each section heading. You should also include a reflection for each work sample.

Finally, be sure to include a student profile with your picture.

If you are lost, frustrated, or confused we are here to help! See Mrs. MacLean, Ms. Simensen, Mrs. Harland, Mr. Brough, or Ms. Fleck for assistance.

Stop by the library on any school day:

Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## Academic Research

Looking for academic or scholarly research sources? Use Google when searching for song lyrics, use EBSCO's Student Resource Center when looking for current events in magazines and newspapers, but use the following resources when searching for academic research papers and scholarly journal articles.



Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional socie-

ties, online repositories, universities and other web sites. Google Scholar helps you find relevant work across the world of scholarly research.

<http://scholar.google.com>



Within EBSCO, there is a delightful database called Academic Search Premier. EBSCO describes it as "A multi-disciplinary database that provides full text for more than 8,500 journals, including full text for more than 4,600 peer-reviewed titles. PDF

*"The real purpose of books is to trap the mind into doing its own thinking."*

---- Christopher Morley

backfiles to 1975 or further are available for well over one hundred journals, and searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,000 titles."

<http://search.ebscohost.com/>

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<http://prhslibrary.com/>

“The purpose of the Plymouth Regional High School Library is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information.”

### Quotes about Research

Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.

~ **Carl Sagan**

Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose.

~ **Zora Neale Hurston**

If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?

~ **Albert Einstein**

# PRHS Library By the Numbers

Statistics are a great way to see how the library is used each Quarter.

### Total Check Outs by Month

August 2010: **340**

September 2010: **1479**

October 2010: **1841**



### Top 5 Students with the most checkouts this quarter:

Maggie Drew (pictured): 127

Chelsea Martel: 86

Michael Bowman: 81

Nicholas Campbell: 80

Cecilia Falter: 63

The following graph shows the number of individuals who walked into the library over the course of two average days in November.

	BLUE	WHITE	AVERAGE
<b>Before School (7:00-7:30)</b>	153	154	154
<b>1st Block (7:30-9:00)</b>	111	120	116
<b>2nd Block (9:00-10:45)</b>	123	117	120
<b>3rd Block (10:45-12:45)</b>	132	159	146
<b>4th Block (12:45-2:20)</b>	217	97	157
<b>After School (2:20-6:00)</b>	386	345	366
Total	1122	992	1057
School Day Total	583	493	538
Before/After School Total	539	499	519
Avg. Students Per Hour	102	90	96
Avg. Students Per School Hour	83	70	77
Avg. Per Before/After School Hour	154	143	148
Avg. Students Per Minute	1.7	1.5	1.6