

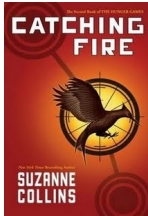





# Media Newsletter

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## Catching Fire By Suzanne Collins



Against all odds, Katniss Everdeen has won the annual Hunger Games with fellow district tribute Peeta Mellark. But it was a victory won by defiance of the Capitol and their harsh rules. Katniss and Peeta should be happy. After all, they have just won for themselves and their families a life of safety and plenty. But there are rumors of rebellion among the subjects, and Katniss and Peeta, to their horror, are the faces of that rebellion. The Capitol is angry. The Capitol wants revenge.

## Formatting Formal Papers in Word



Mrs. Renfroe, Mrs. Peabody, and Mrs. Prosser brought classes to the media center for a lesson on formatting formal papers in Microsoft Word. Students learned how to double space, indent, use spell check, and format font. Mrs. Renfroe's classes also created title pages. Her students learned how to center text, create borders, and insert pictures from clip art and the web.

## BOOKS-A-MILLION

shop online at [booksamillion.com](http://booksamillion.com)

The Books-a-Million Book Fair was a great success. The media center received over \$400 from afternoon sales and parents donated four new books to the library. Thanks so much to the Teacher's Pets group for organizing the event.

## Staff Development



Our next staff development session is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>. The topic for that date is PowerPoint. Please let me know if there is something specific you would like for me to cover.

## Literary Birthdays:



<a href="#">Nicholasa Mohr</a>	November 1
<a href="#">Sterling North</a>	November 4
<a href="#">Armstrong Sperry-Web resources</a>	November 7
<a href="#">Bram Stoker-Dracula</a> (Online book)	November 8
<a href="#">Robert Louis Stevenson</a>	November 13
<a href="#">Elizabeth George Speare</a>	November 21
<a href="#">Reader's Theater script</a>	
<a href="#">Madeleine L'Engle-Web site</a>	November 29
<a href="#">Mark Twain</a>	November 30

## Thanksgiving

### Fact or Fiction

Native Americans used cranberries, now a staple of many Thanksgiving dinners, for cooking as well as medicinal purposes.

The movement of the turkey inspired a ballroom dance.

One of America's Founding Fathers thought the turkey should be the national bird of the United States.

On Thanksgiving Day in 2007, two turkeys earned a trip to Disney World.

Turkey contains an amino acid that makes you sleepy.

Macy's was the first American department store to sponsor a parade in celebration of Thanksgiving.

## Answers

I worked with Mrs. Waters' classes to create **Book Trailers** from favorite books her students had read. A book trailer is a video advertisement for a book which employs techniques similar to those of movie trailers. We used Photo Story 3 from Microsoft to add pictures, title text, narration, motion, transitions, and music to the video. Those who had returned permission forms were uploaded to my [wiki](#).