



It's Time to Catch Up with Library News

ProQuest Current Newspapers and ProQuest Historical Newspapers added to HF Library Database Collection

We've added two excellent newspaper resources to the HF Library collection. We are phasing out *Newsbank*, our former resource for newspapers. Both new subscriptions can be accessed from the HF [Library homepage](#) "Databases and E-Books" link. For your convenience, the web addresses are provided here as well. Please take a minute to check them out.

ProQuest Current Newspapers

<http://proquest.umi.com/login>

Full-text newspapers, many with backfiles dating back to the 1980s. Our subscription includes hundreds of national and international newspapers. Key titles include *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times* and *USA Today*.

ProQuest Historical Newspapers

<http://hn.bigchalk.com>

We now have full context, full image access to four historical newspapers: *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Daily Tribune* and *The Chicago Defender*, dating back to their original editions.



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Search for e-books in the HF library catalog

A screenshot of a library catalog search results page. The main entry is for "St. James encyclopedia of popular culture [electronic resource] with an introduction by Jim Cullen ; editors, Tom Pendergast and Sara Pendergast. (Series: Gale virtual reference library)". It indicates there are no local or off-site copies. Below the entry is a list of search filters: "Popular culture -- United States -- History -- 20th century -- Encyclopedias.", "United States -- Civilization -- 20th century -- Encyclopedias.", "Titles by: Pendergast, Tom.", "Titles by: Pendergast, Sara.", "Titles by: Gale Group.", and "Series: Gale virtual reference library." A link at the bottom states "Available for HOMEWOOD FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL via Gale Virtual Reference Library. Click here to access".

Did you know? You have access to almost 500 electronic books, all part of the *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, which you'll find on the HF library homepage under the "Online Databases and Ebooks" link. Recently, we were able to add all our electronic books to our online catalog. Now, when you [search for books](#), you may also retrieve electronic books, which you can read right on your computer screen. Our catalog also gives you the option to limit your search to electronic books.

Click on this link to open an e-book in the HF Library Catalog

Internet Safety Resources

According to a new study by MTV and the Associated Press, half of all young people have experienced some form of digital abuse or cyberbullying (bit.ly/65aUyb). With help from Lorelei Jones, we've put together a list of resources you can use to help students safely and responsibly use technology. Find the list on the HF [library homepage](#) – just click on the “Internet Safety” button.



Some great examples – MTV has just launched *A Thin Line* (www.athinline.org). In addition to tools and resources, this new site offers a contest, the Redraw the Line Challenge, which will award \$10,000 to a teen-designed game, tool or activity that addresses Internet safety issues.

Google and YouTube's *Being Smart Online Safety Center* features a number of good short videos. <http://www.youtube.com/user/SafetyCenterVideos> Topics include reading web sites for truth or fiction, online citizenship, general Internet safety; and playing and staying safe on YouTube.

A new Commoncraft video, *Protecting Reputations Online in Plain English* <http://www.commoncraft.com/protecting-reputations-video>

Winter Break Book Blast



Students have been steadily coming to the library to claim their prizes (free paperback books and an extra-credit certificate) as part of our winter break reading program. BUT...we know there are more out there! If students ask, tell them they have until the end of January to stop by the library and choose a prize. Thanks again to Reading and English teachers for helping us to promote this program!

Want the latest library news? Check out our NEW library blog!

We can say we've kept at least one of our New Year's resolutions – we started a new blog for library news, events and resources. Please take a look and make a comment! Click on the “Library Blog” button on the [HF library homepage](#), or go to <http://hflibrary.blogspot.com>

Inspiring Internet Tools and Resources

January can be challenging! If you are looking for something new and interesting, you might want to take a look at the following websites.

Wordle – www.wordle.net Wordle is our new favorite thing in the library. Students love it. It's a fun, easy way to express your thoughts. Also see the slide show, [Forty-three Interesting Ways to Use Wordle in the Classroom](#).

Free Tech for Teachers Blog – www.freetech4teachers.com If you haven't seen this resource yet, definitely give it a try. Edublogs Educational Site of the Year.