

# It's happening @ your library



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<p><b>Statistics for March</b>  Classes Served: 62  Walk in Students: 811  Circulation: 961  Interlibrary Loans: 57</p>	<p><b>Battle of the Books</b>  On April 16, our student and teacher Battle of the Books teams at Niver Creek will meet at Shadow Ridge Middle School to compete in the district Battle of the Books competition. Both groups have worked very hard reading 24 books to get ready. Wish them luck!</p>
<p><b>Yearly Circulation</b>  August: 391  September: 1,826  October: 1,601  November: 1,301  December: 958 (Christmas Break)  January: 1,439  February: 1,506  March: 961 (CSAP and Spring Break)</p>	<p><b>Inquiry Quest @ your library</b>   This year, Niver Creek students have the exciting opportunity to help with creating our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Technology and Information Literacy Assessment, a requirement of the No Child Left Behind legislation. In the past, the students' use and knowledge of technology and research skills were assessed using a paper and pencil multiple choice test. Our district didn't feel that was the best way to test technology use, so the Inquiry Quest project was created. This year, Niver Creek is one of four schools piloting this project, and the entire district will participate in the assessment next year. 80% of this project focuses on questioning, research, and reaching conclusions, and 20% focuses on producing a digital product, like a slideshow in PowerPoint or Photo Story.</p>
<p><b>Video Book Trailers @ your library</b>  Do you ever think, "There's nothing to read?!" Or, "There are no good books!" Do you want a new way to find good books? Look no further than your library website! There are many video book trailers and video book talks you can watch! What is a "book trailer"? Well, just like movie trailers are shown to promote new movies, book trailers are shown to promote books! Some are created by authors and book publishers. Others are created by fans and students.  To find these book trailers, you can search the Niver Creek Library home page, or you can simply go to <a href="http://delicious.com/nivercreeklmc">http://delicious.com/nivercreeklmc</a>. Some of these videos are produced by Scholastic, but others are on YouTube. You can search by author and genre. Most books that are featured are at the Niver Creek Library. If you see a book you'd like to read, and we don't have it, we are happy to get it for you from another school! Check it out!</p>	<p>Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be completing this project in May, but we have already started working to get ready for their time in the library and the computer lab. I am co-teaching with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade History teachers, Mr. Hammond and Ms. Putsche, to teach skills that will prepare students for their research and computer time. Then, in May, we will spend two weeks in both the computer lab and the library. First, students will be forming their own research question about the Civil War so that they have the chance to find out about something that they are interested in. Then, research will be completed using books, primary sources (like letters or other documents from the Civil War era), online databases, and the Internet. Finally, when research is complete and the students' questions are answered, they will create a short slide show or documentary complete with music or voice over by the students. Students will be presenting their projects to their class as the final assessment.  Inquiry Quest offers students and teachers an authentic, inquiry based project that encourages critical thinking and problem solving using technology. Next year, we plan to integrate this project across more content areas and start earlier in the year with the preliminary lessons. Being a pilot year, we have the chance to help create how this assessment will work for our school. We look forward to seeing what our students can do with this!</p> <p>*****  Don't forget, if you ever need to contact Mrs. LaRue, you can call 720-972-5149. Or, you can e-mail at <a href="mailto:Patricia.LaRue@adams12.org">Patricia.LaRue@adams12.org</a>.  *****</p> <p>Library Websites  <a href="http://www.niver.adams12.org/academics/library.html">http://www.niver.adams12.org/academics/library.html</a>,  <a href="http://nivercreeklmc.edublogs.org/">http://nivercreeklmc.edublogs.org/</a> and <a href="http://delicious.com/nivercreeklmc">http://delicious.com/nivercreeklmc</a></p>

