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## Rotating Reads A new adventure in classroom reading

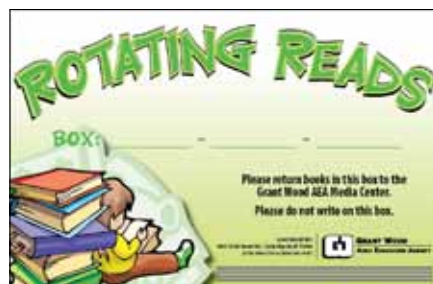
Staff in the Media Center is preparing to launch the new Rotating Reads program scheduled for the fall of 2010. The program supports reading and supplements the school library resources by providing sets of books for the individual classroom on a rotating basis every six weeks.

Each set will contain both informational text and fiction books and have been selected by GWAEA

professional staff. Materials for sets are based on reading and interest level. Each set contains 25 different titles.

Teachers in second grade will be the first group involved in the project next year. Difficulties finding, ordering and receiving appropriate books for the first grade level have caused us to delay the start of the first grade rotation. It is our intent to begin Rotating Reads for first grade mid-year.

We are looking forward to offering this new service and hope to work with some of the teachers in the project and have them provide data and comments on how they are using the materials.



For questions on Rotating Reads, please contact Hope Runge at (319) 399-6435 or 1-800-798-9771 ext. 6435.

## Saying good-bye to the New Children's and Young Adult Literature Book-talks

In 1996, staff in the Media Center at Grant Wood AEA collaborated with staff from the East Central Regional Library office to begin what would become a perennial tradition with public library patrons and school library staff for 14 years.

That year, Maggie White, GWAEA media specialist, and Lily Lau and Linda Lumsden from ECRL put together a program that included Paula Brandt and Beth Belding as the two presenters. The event was held at Grant Wood AEA and there were 72 participants. The New Children's and Young Adult Literature book-talks began!

In 1997, the event was expanded to include Northern Trails AEA. There were eight sites and 79 participants.

The number of participants took a jump in 1999 when they increased to 147 and we added a new presenter- Lisa Petria who replaced Beth Belding.

In 2002, all of the AEAs became official sponsors and we reached 67 sites with 344 participants. Participation each year has increased with 2009 holding the record at 623 at

over 99 different sites.

The 2010 New Children's and Young Adult Literature Book talk was broadcast to 93 sites and 505 participants. Over the years, our presenters have changed, except for Paula Brandt who returned every year to review new books for Pre-K- Grade 3. This year's presentation marked the final review for Paula.

At a meeting in mid-April between GWAEA and staff of the East Central Regional Library System, it was decided that due to a multitude of changes for the 2010-2011 year it was time to sunset this program. Due to the fact that we would have to find all new presenters; a location suitable for broadcasting and budget reductions placing increased demands on the ECRL and AEA staff; we felt it was best to end the program on a successful note.

Both AEA and East Central Library staff would like to thank presenters, past and present, for their contributions to this successful event. We also thank the 5,193 total participants for their support of the program as well. It truly was a perennial favorite.



## 2.0 for your summer reading and viewing

*Catching Up or Leading the Way.* Yong Zhao. ASCD 2009. R 370.973 ZHA (183493)

*Drive : the surprising truth about what motivates us.* Daniel Pink. Riverhead Books 2009. R 153.1 PIN (183717)

*Toward a 21<sup>st</sup>-Century School Library Media Program,* edited by Esther Rosenfeld and David V. Loertscher. Scarecrow Press, 2007. R 027.8 TOW (178859)

*21st century skills: promoting creativity and innovation in the classroom* (DVD). Dr. John Brown. ASCD 2009. R 370. 157 TWE (182566)

*A Whole new mind: why right-brainers will rule the future* (DVD). Daniel Pink. Better Life Media 2006. R 153.35 WHO (181910)



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## Upcoming Events 2010

- May 9-15..... Children's Book Week
- June 21-23..... Prairie Lakes Technology Conference at Buena Vista University n Storm Lake. Keynotes: Scott McLeod and Annette Lamb. Focus this year is for elementary teams. Sponsored by Prairie Lakes AEA and Northwest AEA.
- June 24-29..... ALA (American Library Association) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.
- September 21 ..... Professional Development for teacher librarians with GWAEA Technology Consultants
- September 25-  
October 2 ..... Banned Books Week
- October 10-12..... ITEC in Coralville
- October 13-15..... ILA (Iowa Library Association) Annual Conference Coralville; theme: "Hard Times, Hard Decisions: Iowa Libraries in 2010"
- October 17-23..... Teen Read Week

## Upcoming Events 2011

- January 28-  
February 2, 2011.... ALA Mid-Winter meeting in Chicago
- April 10-16, 2011.... National Library Week
- June 23-29, 2011 ... ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA
- October 26-30, 2011 ... AASL 15th National Conference & Exhibition in Minneapolis, Minnesota










### Tip

Send your middle school students to high school with this idea. Select for a display an intriguing collection of fiction and informational text from the high school libraries in your district. Be sure to include some favorites that can be found in both the middle and high school libraries. You can do this with your elementary students moving on to middle school as well. If time permits, schedule times to book talk the books.

## Book Pairs in the GWAEA Media Center

Book Pairs consists of one fiction title paired with one informational text title that focus on the same or a similar topic. The books share a common subject and/or theme so students can relate and refer information from one book back to the information they find in the other book. Benefits of Paired Books:

-  Helps students differentiate between fact and fiction
-  Helps introduce content material in a new way
-  Helps students become more familiar with certain topics and specialized vocabulary
-  Helps increase reading comprehension
-  Helps provide scaffolding of information
-  Book Pairs work well with Venn diagrams, KWL charts and other graphic organizers
-  Book Pairs are great to use with reluctant readers, ESOL students, and readers below achievement levels.

Book Pairs are part of the Classroom Collection in the Professional Library. Length of loan is 10 days. Search for them in the Grant Wood AEA Online Catalog using "Book Pairs" in the Search box and selecting Titles by Subject in the Keyword drop-down box. For questions, comments or suggestions for additional Book Pairs, contact Melva Starr, GWAEA media specialist, at (319) 399-6454 or 1-800-332-8488, Ext. 6454 or e-mail [mstarr@gwaea.org](mailto:mstarr@gwaea.org)



## Hubble Space Telescope

The Hubble Space Telescope was launched 20 years ago. Here is one of many good Web sites to view photographs taken over the last two decades by the Hubble Space Telescope.

<http://www.Hubblesite.org/gallery/album/show>

## IASL 2010-2011 Book Award Orders – Deadline Extended



Due to the recent state budget cuts, many schools have inquired about a deadline extension and a July 1 billing date for the IASL Award Books. Perfection

Learning has been extremely flexible and offers the following extension terms.

Orders being paid out of 2009-2010 budgets were to be received by Perfection Learning by April 16 to ensure delivery by June 18. Orders received between April 16 and May 21 will be shipped and billed after July 23, 2010.

**An order form is available for download at:**

<http://www.iec-ia.org/vnews/display.v/ART/45071eee822c1>

### 2010-2011 Awards Books

- NEW! - Goldfinch Award (19 books) - \$179.46
- Iowa Children's Choice (23 books) - \$204.80
- Iowa Teen Award (15 books) - \$144.02
- Iowa High School Book Award (13 books) - \$145.24



The new National Ambassador for Young People's Literature 2010-2011 is Katherine Paterson.



## Tech Tip

For ideas on using Smart Board technology in many curriculum areas try these Web sites:

- <http://eduscapes.com/sessions/smartboard>
- <http://topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx>

Content Standard III in the National Education Technology Standards for Teachers

From **75 Outrageous Ways for Librarians to Impact Student Achievement in Grades K-8.**

Laurie Noble Thelen. Linworth 2008. R 027.8 THE (179808)

# The Media Center

at Grant Wood AEA

What can the Media Center do for *you* today?

**About fish: a guide for children and Fish eyes: a book you can count on.** (184150)

**African animals ABC and Honey...honey...lion!** (184032)

**All about Braille: reading by touch and The Black book of colors.** (184207)

**Allen Jay and the underground railroad and Under the quilt of night.** (183705)

**Amazing Grace and The Story of Ruby Bridges.** (184033)

**Animals stackers and A Apple pie.** (184154)

**Animals in flight and Catwings.** (184029)

**Ants and Two bad ants.** (183704)

**The Apple pie that Papa baked and From seed to apple.** (183693)

**The Armadillo and Armadillo rodeo.** (184209)

**Aunt Harriet's underground railroad in the sky and Harriet Tubman: a women of courage.** (184221)

**Baby bears and Bear wants more.** (183680)

**Backyard bear and A Bear named Trouble.** (183695)

**Barefoot: escape on the underground railroad and Following freedom: the underground railroad.** (184142)

**Bats and Stلالuna.** (183700)

**Boat and Little Bear's little boat.** (183699)

**Bob and Otto and Caterpillars to butterflies.** (183678)

**The Cats in Krasinski Square and Child of the Warsaw ghetto.** (184037)

**Chester Raccoon and the big bad bully and How to deal with bullies.** (184156)

**Christmas in the trenches and Woodrow Wilson.** (184148)

**Click, clack, moo cows that type and The Milk makers.** (184149)

**Cockroaches and Crickwing.** (183676)

**Counting on Grace and Kids at work: Lewis Hine and the crusade against child labor.** (184028)

**Cracker!: the best dog in Vietnam and Vietnam Veterans Memorial.** (184210)

**Death and Saying goodbye to Lulu.** (184155)

**Deserts and Desert voices.** (183999)

**Diary of a worm and Dirt: the scoop on soil.** (184143)

**Dory story and A Journey into the ocean.** (183692)

**An Earthworm's life and Wiggle and Waggle.** (184153)

The following are new "Paired Books" available from the Classroom Collection in the Media Center at Grant Wood AEA. For more information, please contact Customer Service at (319) 399-6754 or 1-800-642-4107. Order online at <http://medten.aea10.k12.ia.us/media/>

(All of the titles listed below have a shelf # of LA 4A).

**The Egg and An Egg is quiet.** (183691)

**Fever 1793 and Purple death: the mysterious flu of 1918.** (184027)

**Follow the moon and Sea turtle.** (183687)

**Freedom summer and This is the dream.** (184195)

**Frog and Stick.** (183684)

**Frogs and Hop jump.** (184310)

**From seed to apple and The Seasons of Arnold's apple tree.** (183682)

**Hard hat area and How a house is built.** (184038)

**A House for hermit crab and What lives in a shell?** (184144)

**How many seeds in a pumpkin? and A Seed is sleepy.** (183689)

**How we make music and The Maestro plays.** (184026)

**I wish I were a butterfly and Monarch butterfly.** (184208)

**Ida B. Wells: let the truth be told and A Thousand never evers.** (184030)

**If frogs made weather and Weather words.** (184147)

**Jenny found a penny and One cent, two cents, old cent, new cent.** (183683)

**Kitten's first full moon and The Moon.** (184036)

**Leaves and Let's look at fall.** (183679)

**Life on the underground railroad and Steal away home.** (184035)

**Lincoln and his boys and Stand tall, Abe Lincoln.** (183677)

**Little cloud and Shapes in the sky: a book about clouds.** (184145)

**Miss Spider's tea party and Spiders.** (184152)

**Move! and Scoot!** (184031)

**Night of the twisters and Tornado alert!** (184308)

**Only tadpoles have tails and The Trouble with tadpoles.** (183694)

**Owl and owl babies.** (183685)

**Penguins and Tacky the penguin.** (183681)

**Pigs and The Three pigs.** (184146)

**Rain, rain, rain forest and Verdi.** (184151)

**Red leaf, yellow leaf and Why do leaves change color?** (184034)

**Too many pumpkins and The Pumpkin book.** (183690)

## Using Stats to Drive Usage

by Melva Starr, GWAEA Media Specialist

Tony Amsler, GWAEA technology consultant, and I visited with Kathy Kaldenberg, K-12 teacher librarian in the Solon Community School District, about her Online Resources usage report for her administration. Kathy shares annually with her administration but this is the first time she took her reporting a step further and used Google Docs to post it. Kathy likes comparisons and she wanted to find out how the Solon district compared with other districts in Grant Wood AEA. She has kept usage stats since the 2003-2004 school year and usage has increased in direct proportion to her marketing

efforts and using the Online Resources with her classes. She does follow-up interviews with teachers who are strong users of the various resources to determine the success of the unit and ways to improve for next time. TRAILS, a Web-based system for assessment, is a tool Kathy and Solon teachers use to identify strengths and weaknesses in information literacy. The assessment is for grades 6, 9, and 10. Learning how to navigate subscription databases is a 21st century learning skill.

If you would like to view the data as it is for all districts, go to either of the following

addresses: <http://tinyurl.com/gwaeadata> or to the Solon Community School District Media Services blog at <http://tinyurl.com/SCSDmcBlog>

If you have any questions or would like to share success stories, contact Kathy at (319) 624-3401

[kkaldenberg@solon.k12.ia.us](mailto:kkaldenberg@solon.k12.ia.us)

<http://mediaservices.solon.k12.ia.us/scsdmediaservices/site/District.html>

[http://www.solon.k12.ia.us/~kathy\\_kaldenberg/Site/Blog/blog.html](http://www.solon.k12.ia.us/~kathy_kaldenberg/Site/Blog/blog.html)

# Circulation systems

A set of questions was sent out to some of our teacher librarians for them to evaluate their circulation systems. The information is intended to assist those looking to have their first system or for those looking to change or upgrade. A compilation of comments is in the table below.

	Alexandria	Follett Destiny	Library World (owned by Casper)
Customer Support	Good to excellent; pleasant people; available 24/7 user manual poorly written	Good to very good; provide easy access to Web help; offer e-learning modules online, help sheets	Between poor and good; customer support is on Pacific time
Cost of the program is reasonable	Yes. Compares well with like products; tech support included	Yes; Original and ongoing costs expensive but features and accompanying costs tailored to district needs	Yes.
Search functionality/ user friendliness	Favorable to excellent; students can find things as long as they know how to search	Superior search features; includes Basic, Advanced, Visual and Category searching; new alternate user interface, Destiny Quest, more visually appealing	Good.
Examples of reports it will generate	Items (checked out, lost, etc.), patrons, circulation, statistics, orders, overdue notice formats, parent letters, usage reports, bar codes, spine labels; "think of it and there is a way to do it"	Report builder to build your own reports; various catalog, inventory and circulation reports; all kinds of pre-set statistical reports; "top patrons" "top titles"; overdue lists automatically generated	Title, author, call number, subject, labels, hold and reserve lists, overdues, circulation activity, top patrons, catalog import and export logs, OPAC activity, patron brief list
Ease of data import/export	Very good; very easy to do	Very easy; compatible with a variety of sources	Yes, by find set
Features you especially like	Easy for staff and students to use; great support when needed; easy to adjust records; Web-based;	Title Peek (optional, not Follett content); teachers can log in and create and save lists; students can log in to place their own holds, write reviews and recommendations; appealing graphical interface (social-media-like); My Quest where they can communicate with one another; accessibility	Immediate download of MARC records; Web-based system runs on both platforms; can access all buildings from laptop; OPAC is linked to school Website
Other comments	Not fond of use of "All Words" rather than "Keywords;"	Our HS purchased One Search so that will search Destiny as well as our online databases at one time.	Service has unscheduled interruptions

*A special thank you to those who responded.*

# Grant Wood AEA Media Center 2010-2011 Online Resources

All of the current online resources for students provided by Grant Wood AEA Media Center will be available for the 2010-2011 school year. At this time no additional online resources will be offered.



There are some changes in the online resources being offered for Teacher Librarians. The Nonbook Materials Core Collection will no longer be available.

In addition, the Wilson Web resources subscription will be based on a fixed number of users (20). It will be important for Teacher Librarians using the resources to logout when they are done, so that others may access them.

The Media Center provides funding for the statewide purchase of the Iowa AEA Online Resources as well as providing funding for additional online resources for the schools in the Grant Wood AEA service area.

These electronic, across-the-curriculum resources allow all schools, to offer a “library without walls” that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from any Internet-accessible computer.

## Iowa AEA Online

Iowa AEA Online is a statewide collaborative project that provides no-cost access to high-quality, web-based resources for all Iowa students and teachers. Iowa AEA Online is funded by Iowa’s Area Education Agencies. For more information about Iowa AEA Online, contact your school’s teacher librarian, an AEA technology consultant, or visit [www.iowaaeaonline.org](http://www.iowaaeaonline.org).

## Iowa AEA Online resources:

AccuWeather provides current weather information to enhance science curriculum for projects, research, and presentations.

AP Images is the database of the Associated Press Archives offering teachers and students access to AP articles, audio clips, charts, graphs, tables, maps, and photos from the 1840s to moments ago.

Atomic Learning is an electronic help desk and training system for computer applications. The Assistive Technology Collection focuses

on helping educators, students and parents use and apply assistive technology.

iCLIPART for SCHOOLS is a collection of more than 7.8 million photos, clipart, fonts, animations, sounds, and HD video backgrounds.

DE streaming is a web-based digital video delivery system from Discovery Education, which provides more than 6,600 full-length videos and more than 68,000 video clips searchable by keyword, subject area and grade level.

EBSCO is the largest school subscription agency of full-text periodicals, newspapers and reference tools for elementary, middle, and high school students, and offering teachers access to more than 500 education journals.

Learn360 is a web-based digital delivery system for streaming and downloading full videos, video clips, images, audio, digital files, and podcasts.

SIRS Issues Researcher offers thousands of relevant full-text articles and analysis on today’s social, scientific, health, historic, economic, political, and global issues.

World Book Web includes continuously updated articles from the 22-volume print set plus thousands of additional articles, pictures, maps, videos, animations, primary source documents and links to other websites. Additional features of World Book Web include: French and Spanish encyclopedias, World Book Discover for differentiated instruction, and three World Book Digital Libraries.

## Grant Wood AEA Online Resources

Grant Wood AEA Media Center provides Art Museum Image Gallery, netTrekker, soundzabound, and Teen Health & Wellness online resources in addition to the Iowa AEA Online Resources to accredited K-12 schools, in the Grant Wood AEA service area.

## Grant Wood AEA resources:

Art Museum Image Gallery is an online collection of high-quality, digital documentation of works of art from around the world. The Art Museum Image Gallery documents over 155,000 works of art.

netTrekker is an educational search tool

that delivers digital content to classrooms in K-12 schools. Content is organized by grade and reading level to support lessons and motivate learning.

soundzabound provides a variety of royalty free music that may be used for educational purposes. A variety of links to copyright information and websites are provided within the site.

Teen Health & Wellness provides students in grades seven through twelve with curricular support and self-help on topics such as diseases and conditions (including a new section on obesity), drugs and alcohol, green/ environmentally-friendly living, internet safety, bullying and school violence, and more.

Teen Health & Wellness content is specifically for students in grades 7 through 12. This resource is being provided by Grant Wood AEA to schools that include those grade levels. Please note that there are some exceptions. If you have User IDs and/or IP authentication that works in buildings for students in grades 7-12, and younger students also use the same authentication method, those younger students will have access. However, the suggested level for use is grade 7 and above.

## Teacher Librarian Online Resources

The Wilson Web online resources available for the 2010-2011 school year include: Children’s Core Collection, Middle & Junior High Core Collection; Senior High Core Collection and the Graphic Novels Core Collection. NOTE: NonBook Materials Core Collection will no longer be offered.

Grant Wood AEA Media Center supports the content standards for the Iowa Core Curriculum by bringing a wealth of information to teachers and students. These online resources offer students and teachers carefully selected resources to enhance classroom learning, featuring content that is continuously updated, often within hours of an event

For password assistance, curriculum integration assistance or product demonstrations for the Grant Wood AEA Online Resources refer to the directory at: <http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/media/electronic.html>



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# Grant Wood AEA Summer Van Delivery Schedule



Summer delivery of materials from the Grant Wood AEA Media Center begins Monday, June 7 and ends Friday, August 6, 2010.

Delivery will be made to one building in each district.

Materials may be checked out during the summer and will be delivered to those buildings that are established as summer drops. If your building is not listed as a summer drop, you will need to do the following:

- ▶ Take the materials to the building designated as the drop for your district.
- ▶ Return the materials directly to the Grant Wood AEA Media Center.

Schedule listed in van delivery order.

## Monday – Route A

KCC – Vinton Center  
Iowa Braille and Sightsaving School  
Vinton-Shellsburg Administration Office  
Benton Administration Building  
Belle Plaine Administration Building  
KCC – Belle Plaine Center  
Iowa Medical & Classification Center  
GWAEA Coralville Facility  
Horizons – Iowa City  
Regina High  
Northwest Junior High  
Youth Emergency Shelter  
Linn County Detention  
KCC – Lincoln Center  
Foundation II Shelter

## Monday – Route B

Olin Consolidated  
Midland Middle/High  
Monticello Supt./Board Office  
KCC – Monticello Center  
West Middle  
Anamosa State Penitentiary  
Springville Secondary  
Marion Administration Office  
Linn-Mar Learning Resource Center (former ESC)  
Alburnett Elementary  
Central City Administration  
North-Linn Administration  
Center Point-Urbana Administration  
(Superintendent's Office)

Schedule listed in van delivery order.

## Tuesday – Route A

Lone Tree Jr./Sr. High  
Highland Central Office (Middle School)  
Sitlers  
Washington Administration  
KCC – Washington Center  
Mid-Prairie Administration  
English Valleys Elementary  
KCC – Williamsburg Center  
Williamsburg Jr./Sr. High  
HLV Superintendent's Office  
Iowa Valley Jr./Sr. High  
Clear Creek Amana Middle  
Linn County Youth Shelter

## Tuesday – Route B

Mount Vernon Administration  
Lisbon District Office  
North Cedar Middle  
KCC – Tipton Center  
KCC – Cedar County Resource Center  
Tipton High  
West Branch Administration Building  
GWAEA Coralville Facility  
Solon Administration  
Prairie High  
Prairie Edge School (College Community)  
Horizons – Cedar Rapids  
Workplace Learning Connections  
Xavier High School

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Grant Wood AEA summer hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.