

What's going on at the Holmes LMC?



Before break, each reading class visited the LMC to see a presentation to learn about BOB..Battle of the Books. BOB is an optional program in which students form a team of 2-3 members and they divide and read 10 books from a given list. To make things even more fun, this year our winning Holmes team will battle against the winning team from Grove. We'd really like to show Grove our Holmes spirit with a competitive but friendly battle. It really is a great opportunity for students to become involved at school. There is no time commitment outside of school, except for reading the books. <http://holmes.ccsd59.org/about/195-2/> (link to book list and permission slip).



It's not too late for students to read books from the Rebecca Caudill book list. The Rebecca Caudill award is awarded each year to a book voted as being the best by Illinois students. To participate students need to read three of the books on the list and get a 70% or better on the AR tests for those books. Once this is completed, students can attend a voting party in February and have a voice in the book they think is best. . <http://holmes.ccsd59.org/about/195-2/> (link to book list).



**As an incentive some of the books on the Caudill list are also on the BOB list.

Resources available to all Holmes students

Please take a few minutes to read below. There have been several changes and improvements to resources available to students.

There are links to all these resources in the Learning Resource Center section on the Holmes homepage. <http://holmes.ccsd59.org/about/195-2/>

Follett Destiny

This year we have a new library circulation system called Follett Destiny. Students use Destiny to search for library books, place holds, and locate ebooks. Students also have the opportunity to recommend books to other students and to write book reviews.



Brytewave, in conjunction with Follett Destiny, is the free tablet app. This app has been pushed out to all student tablets. When logged in, students may view all of our library books and check out ebooks to read on their tablets. Once an ebook is checked out students have the ability to highlight text, write notes, change text size and background color, and bookmark the text. This is a free app that can also be loaded on android and apple smart phones.



*As with iTunes, once checked out the ebook needs to be **downloaded** to the individual device. Ebooks CAN be downloaded to more than one device.

OneClick Digital Audio: (OCD) This is our second school year with OCD audio. This is a great resource...that even mom and dad might want to use. This resource allows unlimited access to approx. 1,400 audio books for children and young adults. This app has been pushed out to all student tablets.



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Research Databases:

Opposing Viewpoints in Context:

Opposing Viewpoints in Context is an online research database for those seeking information and opinions on hundreds of today's hottest social issues. It features continuously updated viewpoints, topic overviews, full-text magazines, academic journals, news articles, primary source documents, statistics, images, videos, audio files and links to vetted websites organized into a user-friendly portal experience.



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