

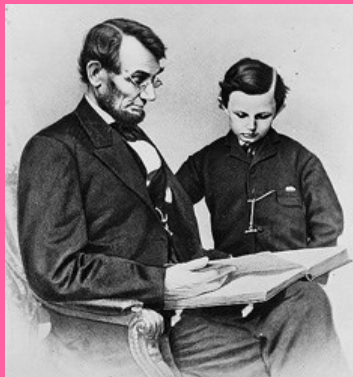
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“The things I
want to know
are in books;
my best
friend is the
man who’ll
get me a
book I ain’t
read.”

Abraham
Lincoln



Trash or Treasure? Evaluate those Websites!

Students rely heavily on the Internet for information, so it is vitally important that we constantly remind them to evaluate the sites they choose to use. Evaluating can be done just by asking a few questions of the site they have selected. First, ask WHO created the site...this checks for the AUTHORITY of the person or organization posting the information. Next, ask WHEN the site was created or updated...this checks the CURRENCY of the information. Then ask WHERE did the author get the info...this checks the ACCURACY of the info. Then, ask WHAT is the purpose of the site...this answers the OBJECTIVITY of the site. Last, ask WHY use this site or why is this site better than another...this examines the USABILITY of the site. There are many other criteria we could examine as well, but these 5 simple questions, as suggested by educator Kathy Schrock, focus on some of the most important.

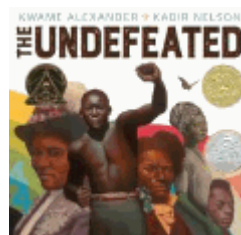
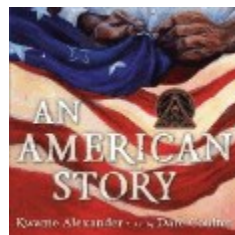
Remember, anyone can make and post a website. It's an amazing power and freedom, but also a bit frightening knowing the bad actors out there and how often people blindly trust what they find on Google.



African American Authors

Must read award-winning African American Authors

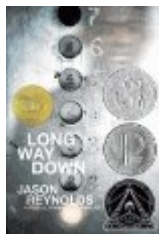
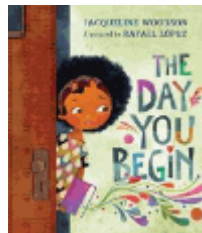
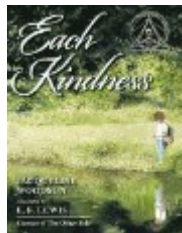
Kwame Alexander



Jason Reynolds



Jacqueline Woodson



Sharon Draper



Love is in the Air!

Get ready for Valentine's Day with these great books found at our libraries:



Froggy's First Kiss

By Jonathon London

Froggy thinks that he is falling in love with the new girl in class, but his feelings change when she gives him his first kiss.

The Yuckiest, Stinkiest, Best Valentine Ever

By Brenda A Ferber

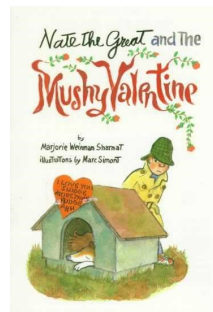
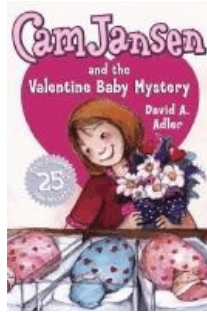
A young boy named Leon pursues a runaway Valentine meant for his true love, Zoey Maloney.



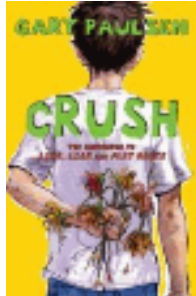
Find the clues to solve two great mysteries...

Cam Jansen and the Valentine Baby Mystery

Nate the Great & the Mushy Valentine



At the Middle School Library:



WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

Black History Month Resources

National Museum of African American History & Culture

Located in Washington, DC

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

Black History Month

Explore cultural expressions, artists, park stories, portraits, and lessons for teachers.

<https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>

African American History

From the National Archive

<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/african-american-history>

Black History Month

From National Geographic Kids

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/black-history-month>

International African American Museum Located in Charleston, SC

<https://iaamuseum.org/>

This Month in History

2/1/2003 Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over West Texas killing 7 in crew.

2/8/1910 Boy Scouts of America founded

2/11/1990 N. Mandela freed after 27 yrs in jail

2/14/1929 St. Valentine's Day massacre

2/19/1942 Internment of Japanese Americans began as issued by FDR

2/21/1965 Malcolm X assassinated

February Birthdays

2/3/1849 – Elizabeth Blackwell – 1st female physician

2/6/1895 – George Herman "Babe" Ruth

2/11/1847 – Thomas Edison—inventor

2/17/1963 – Michael Jordan – Basketball legend

2/20/1967 - Kurt Cobain—lead singer of Nirvana

2/23/1868 – W.E.B. Dubois – African-Amer educator

2/25/1841 – Pierre Auguste Renoir – French painter

2/28/1940 – Mario Andretti – Indy race car driver