



E.News for Schools

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News from Sarah Lynch, Teen Librarian at Fall City, North Bend and Snoqualmie

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone's year is off to a good start. I am always available to help your students with research instruction, book recommendations or whatever library services you may need. We are going to offer several creative writing classes in October. I am attaching a flyer with dates and times.

System-wide Events

Introducing the **Digital Discovery Zone**, looks like a bookmobile, but is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including five MacBook computer stations, a photo scanner, cameras and camcorders. The DDZ can go anywhere in King County, bringing technology to people of all ages. It will visit schools, teen and community centers, social service agencies, senior centers, community fairs, shopping centers and more! It is ADA accessible. Design and share multimedia projects; everything you need to learn about and create games, blogs, videos, or animation is on board. Use your imagination! Details at Answerline 800-462-9600 or digitaldiscovery@kcls.org Contact me at 425-888-0554 or sslynch@kcls.org to schedule a visit.

Free SAT Prep Classes If your students need help with the SAT, they can sign up for one of the 5 week classes offered by Sandweiss Test Prep this fall at a library near you. This free 5 week class is offered by the King County Library System and the [King County Library Foundation](http://www.kingcountylib.org) For more information call **425-888-0554** or visit www.kcls.org/teens/sat.cfm The closest libraries hosting fall classes are Carnation and Issaquah.

Meet the Author: Ellen Hopkins Award winning and NY Times bestselling author Ellen Hopkins is the 2010 Kim Lafferty Honor Lecture Award Winner. Ellen's first book ***Crank***, was based on her own experiences with her daughter who became a meth or "crank" addict. Ellen has written 7 more novels in verse and her newest book ***Fallout*** is the third book dealing with the characters first met in ***Crank***. The program will be at Federal Way Library, 34200 1st Way S., Federal Way on Wednesday, October 6, at 7pm.

Featured Online Database

Log on to www.kcls.org

Select "Databases" from the main website menu at the top.

Select "Alphabetical List" of KCLS Databases'

Then select: **Oxford Language Dictionaries**

Translate from 6 languages to English or find out how to write "rat" in Russian and explore ways the word is used. There is a sound component so you can listen to the words you choose. The dictionary set includes Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish.

Featured Homework Help Site

Log on to www.kcls.org

Select "Research and Homework" from the menu bar in the tan center box. Then click on "Homework Help"

Choose "Mathematics" www.kcls.org/homework_help/mathematics.cfm

Then click on **Wolfram Mathworld**. Use **Mathworld** to answer questions about numbers, math formulas, or theorems. Terms and ideas can be searched with full text or keywords in the search box, using the subject tree or the alphabetical index. Applied, theoretical, business and recreational math topics are covered.