

NPHS Library News

Technology Upgrade!

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The Northern Potter Junior Senior High School Library received a technology upgrade. The SMART board which formerly hung on the wall was replaced with a SMART projector. It enables any wall surface to become a SMART board.

The library has an “old fashioned” whiteboard for use and the interactive SMART projector for more technological uses. Many seniors

choose the library as their destination for presenting their senior projects. They love the ability the library provides them for setting up their presentation and presenting to random patrons as a practice session.

The previous SMART board is currently housed in Mrs. Bailey’s room to enhance her classroom experience for her students.

The Best Morning Announcement Crew

Each school day the students are greeted by the morning announcements starting promptly at 8:07 AM. They are given the date, lunch menu, and motivational quote, and the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, and other pertinent announcements are made for the students’ benefit.

None of this would be possible if the morning announcement crew did not volunteer

their time and voices for this endeavor. The members of the crew are “paid” by never receiving a library fine for an overdue book. They love that fringe benefit!

The morning announcement crew members are: Cori Mace, Sam Ritter, Joy Olney, Brooklynne Cowburn, Mariah Morgan, Mandy Slawson, and Hannah Tilton. They are all awesome!

Library Science Rocks the Web 2.0 World



Library science students are afforded an opportunity to be introduced and explore the world of Web 2.0 tools which will enhance their learning and research skills which are required in many of their core subject areas as well as for their senior graduation project. The students spend a nine weeks rotation learning the in's and out's of their student Gmail account and Google apps. They are educated about keeping safe on the Internet with all of the social media

pitfalls they encounter on a daily basis. The students create several presentations using different modes of technology. They also continue a long standing relationship with the library's reference, nonfiction, and database areas for their exploration in their individual classes. Once they have encountered library science class, they always feel more secure about their research tasks assigned in their classes.

Collection Additions and Patrons Love the Library

The Northern Potter Junior Senior High School library has grown! There have been one hundred seventy-five new titles added to the stacks of the fiction, nonfiction, and reference sections of the library.

Many of the additions to the collection came from the teacher suggestions. They completed a small survey at the end of the 2012-2013 school year as to where they would like to see additions to the library collection. Fifteen teachers responded either online or in person giving their feedback and suggestions.

The Northern Potter students give their feedback on a daily basis. They are never shy

about asking for a title or book series. They are open concerning what books they LOVE and the ones that could GO AWAY forever. The library does the best we can to get the titles the students most want to read with the financial resources budgeted.

The library patrons are loyal and frequent "flyers" to the library during the school day. On average, one quarter of the student body passes through the doors of the library on any given day. They have a wide range of needs and each is addressed as efficiently as possible. The library is open every period for student use.