

## What's Happening in the IRMS Library

### NEW READS

#### Fiction

##### *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

Events in the Sudan in 1983 and events in the Sudan in 2003 are narrated by two children in alternating story lines. Use as a discussion prompt on current events, philanthropic efforts, or a compare and contrast activity.

#### Non-Fiction

##### Dan Green's Basher Science series

Comprised of titles Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Rocks and Minerals, and Algebra and Geometry, each book presents essential concepts and terms as "characters" which allow a deeper understanding of the concept or term and its place within the subject. Use for students who need extra support or just have a witty sense of humor.

#### Professional

##### *The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander*

Barbara Coloroso's book on bullying and those involved - as seen and heard at Superintendent's Day training.

#### Tech Tools

<http://newwordy.com/>

Expand students' Tier 2 vocabulary by learning the real meaning, uses and misuses of news buzzwords, accompanied by current events articles.

<http://www.nasa.gov/externalflash/PQTimeline/>

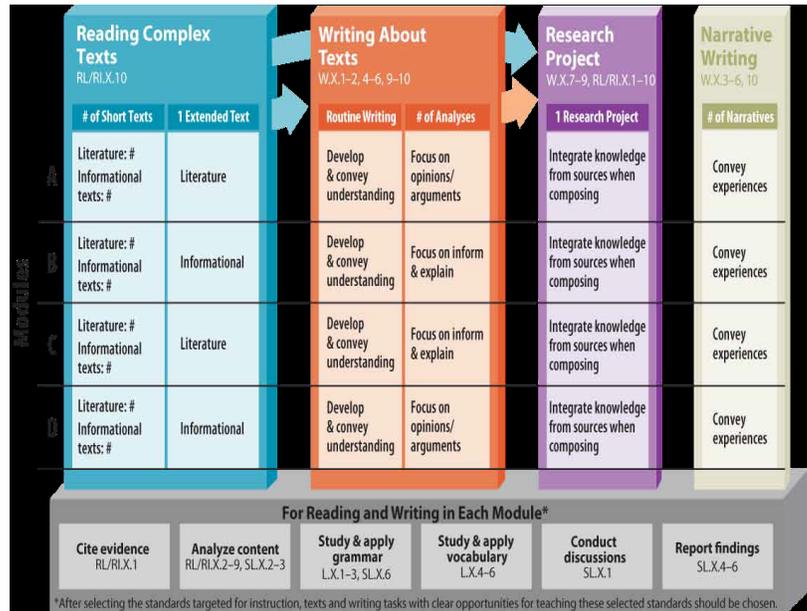
Timeline ranging from 450 B.C.E. to 2009; use to spark cross curricular discussions on the nature of the universe.

<http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/60in60fromiste11>

60 educational websites to integrate into your curriculum.

<http://video.sciencemag.org/SciOriginals>

Dozens of videos across science-related topics; also includes several interactive posters.



<http://www.parcconline.org/sites/parcc/files/>

PARCC%20MCF%20for%20ELA%20Literacy\_Fall%202011%20Release%20%28rev%29.pdf

### Improving the Library Program

**Differentiated Inquiry Instruction:** As part of the library plan, the library would be happy to provide differentiated collaborative instruction for your lessons or units. Instruction can be provided on library materials, note-taking, citation, and many other inquiry or research skills. Please let the library know if support can be provided for your projects. Email or access the collaboration forms on the library website.

**Web 2.0 Tools:** Everyday, more and more free, educational tools are coming online, and most of them are very easy to use. If you are looking to integrate technology into your lessons, stop by to see if there is a tool that would work for you and your curriculum.

**Library Advisory Committee:** If you have a need or idea for how to improve the library program, stop by the LAC meeting. The committee is working on revising the current library plan, and all input is welcome.

<p><b>Library Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>January 12 at 2:30 in the library</p> <p>All are welcome.</p>	<p><b>T.A.G. Meetings</b></p> <p>January 5 and January 19 at 2:30 in the library.</p> <p>Open to all students.</p>	<p><b>January is International Creativity Month.</b></p> <p>Encourage your students to swing by the library to get some tips - or books - on how to improve their creativity.</p>
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