

MONTHLY MEDIA DISPATCH

The newsletter of the Erie 2 BOCES Media Center

Brain Games for Young Learners

Now available: 5 puzzles from the award-winning game designers at [SmartGames!](#)

A fantastic way to build computational thinking and problem-solving skills in preschool and elementary grade students, these puzzles are fun and engaging. Each kit contains 5 puzzle sets, for use in a large group or classroom setting.

Safari Park Jr.: Help the safari animals find their spots based on shapes, sizes and other features.

Day & Night: Stack the wooden blocks to match the images shown on the challenge cards... but color clues disappear when it's dark!

Three Little Piggies: Help the three piggies play outside, but keep them safe from the wolf!

Snow White: Use spatial insight and problem-solving to find out where Snow White goes.

Little Red Riding Hood: Build a path for Little Red Riding Hood to reach grandma's house, but watch out for the wolf!



Holiday Films on Swank Streaming

The holidays are here! Treat your students to a movie through Swank video streaming:

Elf (2003, rated PG)

After accidentally falling into Santa Claus' gift sack, a human baby is raised at the North Pole, growing up to believe he is an elf. Due to his large size, the "elf" causes chaos in Santa's workshop, forcing Kris Kringle to send him on a mission to find his human roots.

The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992, rated G)

The Muppets' version of the Dickens holiday classic about a miser who's visited by three ghosts features Kermit the Frog as the penny-pincher's hardworking and loyal employee.

The Polar Express (2004, rated G)

When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993, rated PG)

Bored with the same old scare-and-scream routine, Pumpkin King Jack Skellington longs to spread the joy of Christmas. But his merry mission puts Santa in jeopardy and creates a nightmare for good little boys and girls everywhere.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989, rated PG-13)

This sequel to the two Lampoon Vacation flicks has the Griswold family staying home for the holidays and being invaded by bickering relatives.

Please note: if you haven't logged in to Swank recently, you will be asked to verify your email address and create a new password. If you need to update your password, you will be sent a verification email from Swank after entering your old password. Please click the link in the verification email to regain access.

If you don't receive this email, please check your spam folder. For questions or help logging in, please contact Casey Twichell: ctwichell@e2ccb, 716-672-4371 ext. 2023.

THIS HOLIDAY, DISCOVER YOUR INNER ELF.



Teach Information Literacy with Learn360

In this era of widespread misinformation and disinformation, the importance of incorporating information literacy into education cannot be overstated. Students need to be equipped with research skills if they are going to be able to manage today's information glut.

If you're looking for a resource that can help teach how to evaluate and fact-check sources, avoid plagiarism, use sound search strategies, and more, we have an essential video series for you: *Mastering the Art of Information Literacy* (2023) from Motion Masters.

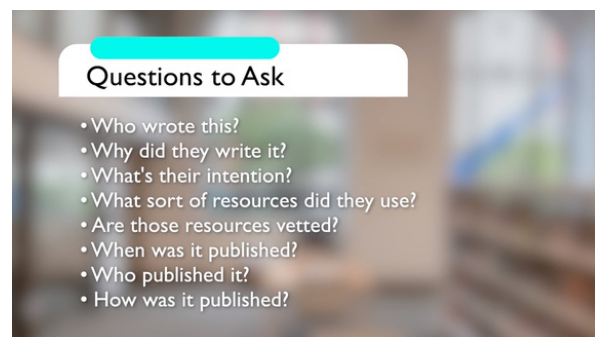
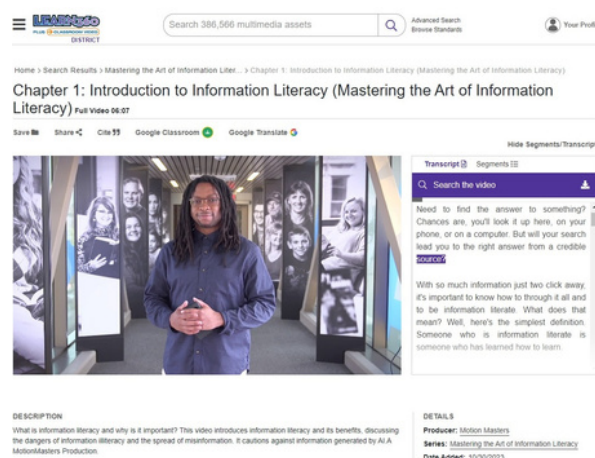
Available exclusively from Learn360 for K-12 schools and districts, this eight-part series teaches students how to review information presented and become masters at evaluating information in books, online, in the news, and information generated by AI.

To access Learn360, go to the Media Center's online catalog and log in to your account:

<https://erie2.insigniails.com/Library/Home>

After logging in, links to our online streaming resources will appear near the top of the page. Click the link for Learn360 and you will automatically gain access without needing to enter a username and password.

Unable to gain access? Need help logging in to your Media Center account? For support, please contact Casey Twichell: ctwichell@e2ccb, 716-672-4371 ext. 2023.



DVDs from Human Relations Media



For over 45 years, Human Relations Media has been producing top-quality videos that cover the difficult topics and life-altering choices that young people face, in ways that students find meaningful.

Now, the Media Center will be adding a number of new video offerings from HRM. These new videos provide up-to-date information and guidance on a variety of subjects that have recently undergone changes or have come into greater focus. Topics include:

- Vaping
- Social media use
- New marijuana laws
- Stress, anxiety, and social anxiety
- Gender identity and expression

Look for new DVDs on these topics and more, coming soon!

New Multiple Copies

It's Trevor Noah: *Born a Crime* – by Trevor Noah

The former host of *The Daily Show*, Trevor Noah, shares his personal story and the injustices he faced while growing up half black, half white in South Africa under and after apartheid in this New York Times bestselling young readers' adaptation of his adult memoir.

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies – by Seth Grahame-Smith

As a mysterious plague falls upon the village of Meryton and zombies start rising from the dead, Elizabeth Bennett is determined to destroy the evil menace, but becomes distracted by the arrival of the dashing and arrogant Mr. Darcy.



Me and Earl and the Dying Girl – by Jesse Andrews

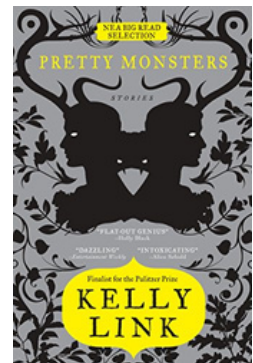
It is a universally acknowledged truth that high school sucks. But on the first day of his senior year, Greg Gaines thinks he's figured it out. The answer to the basic existential question: How is it possible to exist in a place that sucks so bad? His strategy: remain at the periphery at all times.

This plan works for exactly eight hours. Then Greg's mom forces him to become friends with a girl who has cancer. This brings about the destruction of Greg's entire life. . .



Pretty Monsters – by Kelly Link

Through the lens of Kelly Link's vivid imagination, nothing is what it seems, and everything deserves a second look. From the multiple award-winning "The Faery Handbag," in which a teenager's grandmother carries an entire village (or is it a man-eating dog?) in her handbag, to the near-future of "The Surfer," whose narrator (a soccer-playing skeptic) waits with a planeload of refugees for the aliens to arrive, these ten stories are funny and full of unexpected insights and skewed perspectives on the world.



SOS Titanic – by Eve Bunting

Irish teenager Barry O'Neill is journeying to New York on the Titanic's fateful maiden voyage. He's homesick and worried about the Flynn boys traveling in steerage, who have threatened to throw him overboard. Little does Barry know that a struggle with the Flynns is the least of the dangers that await him. This suspenseful story is based on the true and terrible events that occurred as the Titanic sank one hundred years ago.



War Horse – by Michael Morpurgo

It is 1914, and Joey, a farm horse, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of World War I on the Western Front. When Joey is dragged away, his heart aches for Albert, the farmer's son he is forced to leave behind. In the army the beautiful red-bay horse is trained to charge the enemy, drag heavy artillery, and carry wounded soldiers not much older than Albert off the battlefields. Amongst the clamoring of guns, and while plodding through the cold mud, Joey wonders if the war will ever end. And if it does, will he ever find Albert again?

