



TEC Library



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LOOK! New BOOKS!

For me, there's always something exciting about getting new books. Okay, so I'm a teacher-librarian, it's expected. Yet, I hope my enthusiasm for books infects others, staff and student alike.

To that end, I'd like to share a few of the cool titles now available in our Tye Library. Many of these books were selected from a composite of several booklists—primarily the American Library Association's (ALA) [Best Books for Young Adults 2008](#), [BBYA nominees for 2009](#), and [Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers 2008 and nominees for 2009](#). I also consulted various lists for graphic novels and non-fiction as well as taking numerous requests from students as well as a few staff members. There are certainly more to come—both non-fiction curriculum-focused materials, references and fiction.



One of the coolest finds, I think, is *Earth: Then and Now* by Fred Pearce. It's a photographic journal of geographic changes that have occurred both over time and relatively recently as a result of human development, natural phenomena, and global warming. It's a remarkable collection of historic images that could serve as launch points for many class activities.

Know your Library!

The Tye Library houses a large collection of magazines for staff and students to read, gather information from or simply enjoy. Although there is a core set of titles that are always popular, some titles can vary from year to year. Space has been created so that we can keep informational magazines for several years.

Some of the titles we currently have that students might explore for research and information include:

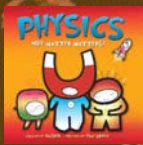
- Time
- Newsweek
- The Nation
- The Advocate
- Science News
- National Geographic
- Mother Jones
- The New Yorker
- Faces (student-oriented social studies))
- Odyssey (same as above but science)

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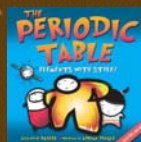
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New Books, continued...



Two more focus on science, *The Periodic Table: Elements with Style!* and *Physics: Why Matter Matters* by Basher and Dan Green. These books incorporate cartoon-type



graphics and easy-to-read text to describe rather difficult scientific concepts in both physics and chemistry. Could be used to introduce a new concept, or for students wanting supplemental material.

It's Complicated: The American Teenager by Robin Bowman is a truly amazing collection of black and white photographs with adjoining narratives from a diverse group of American teens ranging from 13-19. Once I opened the book I was mesmerized by the expressiveness of the photography as well as the amazing stories that came from these young individuals.



Malcolm X's childhood until his assassination in 1965. It's powerful stuff.

The next is a "based-on-history" fictionalized story about Laika, a dog destined to become the first space traveler. It's a sad tale that depicts not only the life of the dog, but those responsible for her health and well-being.



There are many more excellent titles, including several copies each of the ten nominees for the [2009 Evergreen Teen Book Award](#) contest which takes place in mid-March. For more information about these books see the link above.

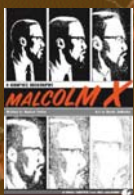
COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW TITLES AND HAPPY READING!

Monthly Drawing Winner #2!

[Abdirahman Mohamed](#) is October's TEC Library drawing winner! He won a \$25 gift card at Barnes & Noble.

For more information about how students can participate, click on the link above and print out the poster to put up in your classroom.

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Two graphic novels hold great promise—*Malcolm X* by Andrew Helfer and Randy DuBurke, and *Laika* by Nick Abadzis. The first is a graphic biography of the legendary African-American leader. Black-and-white, realistic illustrations create a solemn tone as the reader moves from