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Just in: A *BLOG* Advisory...

Do you like to read? Do you have an opinion? Do you like technology? If so, the IMC Book Blog is for you! The Book Blog was established to give students a place to discuss books they've enjoyed reading. Ms. Starcher will post topics for discussion and any student or staff mem-

ber can add comments. If you have an idea for a discussion topic, see Ms. Starcher to make your suggestion(s). All Northmont students are invited to participate in the blog. To make a comment, you must supply a name and e-mail

address. Your e-mail address will NOT be posted in the blog. All comments are subject to approval. If you want to check out the blog, go the IMC web page, click on *News*, and look for the blog link. Questions? See Ms. Starcher.

Check out our display of love stories, love poems, and other books for Valentine's Day.

Books Boys Love (yes guys, it's ok to read)

Ms. Starcher has purchased several books with male teen readers in mind. Some of the most popular books with Northmont boys are *Black and White* and *Rooftop* by Paul Volponi; *Crackback* by John Coy, *Roughnecks* by Thomas

Cochran, *Tears of a Tiger* and *Battle of Jericho* by Sharon Draper, *Boy's Life* by Robert MacCammon, *The Percy Jackson & the Olympians* series by Rick Riordan and many more. Stop by the IMC to check out these titles. In next

week's issue: Great Reads for Girls!



Featured Author: Kevin Brooks

Kevin Brooks, a popular author in the NHS IMC, describes his books as “stories about real people—their thoughts, their feelings, their hearts and their minds.” Brooks published his first novel, Martyn Pig, in 2002 and has since published six more novels. The additional titles, available in the IMC or currently on order, are Lucas, Be-

ing, Kissing the Rain, Candy, and The Road of the Dead. Brooks’ novels appeal to a variety of students, boys and girls. For additional information on Kevin Brooks and his books or to read an interview with the author, visit teen-reads.com or doublecluck.com and search for Kevin Brooks.



Photo source: Chicken House Publishing



Time out for Technology!

5 Strategies for Evaluating a Web Site

Ever wonder if the web site you are using is trustworthy? Here are five tips to consider the next time you are doing online research:

1—Make sure the site clearly indicates the person or group responsible for the site.

2—Look for a copyright date to ensure the information is current.

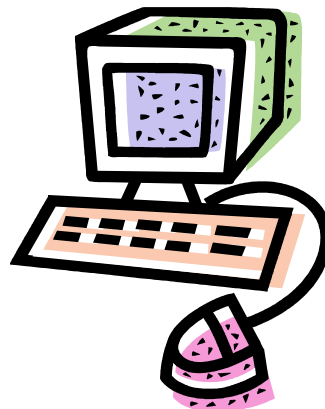
3—Be aware of any bias present on the site; this *could* indicate an elimination of important facts.

4—Watch out for errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar.

5—Be aware of the site’s purpose (is it selling, informing, entertaining, etc.) and how this purpose might affect the information presented.

Tech Tip: Can’t Open MS Office 2007 files at school?

If you are using MS Office 2007 at home and need to view those same files at school where the 2003 edition is used, there is an easy fix. When saving the file, drop down the file type menu and select the 1997-2003 version of your program. You might lose font styles but shouldn’t lose your information!



A Database for Scientific Minds: *Access Science*

Access science is a database science lovers will appreciate. It includes a science encyclopedia for browsing or searching, AP exam help, biographies of famous scientists and mathematicians, multimedia links (including video and animation), study guides, and more. This database can be accessed for free through INFOhio’s collection of databases, located on the IMC web page. To use it at home, a username and password is required.

See an IMC staff member for this information.