

# School Corps Quarterly

An occasional publication of the Multnomah County Library School Corps — an outreach program connecting students, teachers and media staff with public library resources. [www.multcolib.org/schoolcorps](http://www.multcolib.org/schoolcorps)

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## Does Your Staff Know about Multnomah County Library Resources?

by Jackie Partch

Does your school have a staff meeting, in-service day or a department meeting coming up? Would you like staff to know more about Multnomah County Library's resources for educators?



School Corps can make a presentation to staff on any or all of the following topics:

- Educator library cards
- New, curriculum-related books
- Recent award-winning books
- Subscription databases available through Multnomah County Library for student and staff use
- Live Homework Help, an online service that connects students with one-on-one tutoring
- Buckets of Books, circulating book collections on curriculum topics
- Customized booklists and book collections

To request a visit at a staff meeting or other event for educators, contact School Corps at [lib.school.corps@multcolib.org](mailto:lib.school.corps@multcolib.org) or 503.988.6004.

## Meet Our New Team Member

School Corps is happy to welcome librarian Lee Catalano to the team. Lee has worked all her librarian life at Multnomah County Library -- first at the Midland Regional Library and, since 2002, in the downtown Children's Library. She welcomed hundreds of students who came for tours of the Central Library, as well as younger children for storytimes. Lee is a librarian on the statewide chat reference service, L-net, helping students from all over Oregon with their homework and other information needs.

## 2008 Teen Author Visit: Rick Riordan

Take your class to see Rick Riordan! Multnomah County Library is looking for middle and high school classes to participate in the **2008 Teen Author Assembly**. Students and educators from selected classes will be guests at an assembly at Parkrose High School on **October 14 at 10 a.m.** Partner classes will receive transportation assistance, curriculum support, and copies of one of our featured author's books for students' home libraries. Riordan will also speak at a ticketed public lecture on October 13 at 7 p.m. at The Old Church.

Biography excerpted from Riordan's website ([www.rickriordan.com](http://www.rickriordan.com)):

"Rick Riordan is the multi-award-winning author of the Tres Navarre mystery series for adults and the #1 New York Times bestselling *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series for children.

For fifteen years, Rick taught English and history at public and private middle schools in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Texas. In 2002, Saint Mary's Hall honored him with the school's first Master Teacher Award.

His *Percy Jackson* series features a twelve-year-old dyslexic boy who discovers he is the modern-day son of a Greek god. The novels draw on Riordan's experience teaching Greek mythology and his interaction with students who have learning differences. **The Lightning Thief** was a New York Times Notable Book for 2005 and has been optioned for feature film to Twentieth Century Fox. **The Sea of Monsters** was a Child Magazine Best Book for Children for 2006 and a Publishers Weekly and BookSense national bestseller. The most recent title **The Titan's Curse**, a #1 New York Times children's series bestseller."

Applications are available from: [www.multcolib.org/schoolcorps](http://www.multcolib.org/schoolcorps)

Deadline for completed applications is **May 6, 2008**. For more information, contact Ebonee Bell at [eboneeb@multcolib.org](mailto:eboneeb@multcolib.org) or by phone at 503.988.3067.

## Booktalk

by Kate Houston Mitchoff

Hilliard, Richard. *Ham the Astrochimp*. Boyds Mills Press, 2007.  
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What would it be like to be the first living being to go up into space? What kind of fears would you have? Would you know how to function in the vacuum of space? Would it be able to support life?

These questions were on everyone's minds during the great space race of the 1960s. People didn't know if humans could survive in space, even with oxygen and other supplies, or how a living being would respond to weightlessness. So, what is NASA to do?

They decided to send a chimpanzee into space. Since chimps are very similar to humans, NASA thought this animal would be the best to test the effects of space on a living being.

So, they began to train many chimpanzees. But Ham was a standout from the very beginning. He had such personality and was one of the brightest being trained. He was set to go up into space.

But how can NASA communicate with Ham to make sure he can follow directions and make decisions? Ham and his trainer created control panels in the cockpit to help him push buttons in response to questions NASA asked. That way NASA would know he was okay.

When his flight ended, he landed safely and became a great hero. If you want to know more about Ham, read *Ham the Astrochimp*.

## Día de los Niños y Día de los Libros

### A Celebration of Bilingual Literacy

Come and participate in the 10th annual celebration with food, music and special activities at your library, featuring author Pat Mora at the Midland Library event. If your classroom would like to participate, volunteer or attend an event as a group, call the library nearest you for more information.

### Día de los Niños y Día de los Libros

Location	Date	Time
Fairview	Tuesday 4/29/08	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Gregory Hts.	Saturday 4/19/08	2-5 p. m.
Gresham	Thursday 4/24/08	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Midland	Saturday 4/12/08	1-5 p.m.
N. Portland	Saturday 4/26/08	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Rockwood	Saturday 4/26/08	2-5 p.m.
St. Johns	Friday 4/25/08	2-5 p.m.

### The Title Wave Used Bookstore Sale

The Title Wave Used Bookstore will have a big one-day sale on March 26, 2008. All used merchandise will be 55% off its marked price.

The store will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Title Wave is located at 216 N.E. Knott St., Portland. Regular hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

You are invited to attend the Multnomah County Library 11th Annual Children's Author Lecture featuring Newbery Medal-winning author Lois Lowry.

Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m.

First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park Ave., Portland

Tickets are \$5 for students in grades K–12 & \$10 for adults and will be available in early February at select Multnomah County Library locations and area bookstores. Call 503.988.5402 or visit [www.multcolib.org/kids/lecture](http://www.multcolib.org/kids/lecture) for more information.