Welcome back for the 2013-2014 School Year at Atrisco Heritage Academy Library!

New Teacher Librarian at AHA

AHA welcomes Cristin Haake as our new Teacher Librarian!

Ms. Haake brings experience as a librarian in both high school and college environments. This knowledge of college readiness informs and boosts her ability to share relevant information skills and multimedia literacy with our students.

Ms. Haake is an experienced curriculum consultant able to assist teachers on meeting common core objectives. “My goal is to be a collaborative partner with teachers to help pupils embrace current technology and learning.”

Asked why APS, Ms. Haake tells us that she is impressed with this district’s support of libraries. Studies analyzing the impact of school libraries on educational outcomes tell us that strong library programs are an important driver in student achievement and we get to enjoy that here at AHA.

Please look at the list of Bibliographic Instruction Presentations Ms. Haake is ready to deliver. Please come by and chat with her and learn what else she has to offer.

“We are open for business!” she enthusiastically proclaims.

By Nicole Kehoe, Library Assistant

Atrisco Heritage Academy High School Library Bibliographic Instruction Presentations

1. Introduction to Academic Research - Online Database Training utilizing Infotrac (coordinated with your topic of study). Infotrac contains reference information, periodical information, and primary source documents. This is a great resource for English projects that can be accessed from the Library or home.

2. Introduction to Academic Research II: Citing Those Tricky Sources! - Preparing MLA Works Cited Lists (Plagiarism issues are covered). This presentation provides an overview of the MLA format, specifically addressing Works Cited issues.

3. Introduction to Researching Controversial Topics - Using the Opposing Viewpoints Online Database. Opposing Viewpoints provides critical essays (both pro and con) on various issues, such as abortion, censorship, sex education, etc.

4. Sources of Information - Finding and Using the Appropriate Reference Source for Your Information Need. Students learn to use an atlas, a dictionary, a thesaurus, and an almanac in a hands-on, participatory scavenger hunt. Perfect for a Freshmen English class.

5. Introduction to the Literary Reference Center or the Biography Reference Center. A great way to research famous authors, leaders, mathematicians, scientists using the LRC & BRC Databases offered through the Albuquerque Public Library.

6. Introduction to the College Blue Book (college information for students).

7. Introduction to the online Occupational Outlook Handbook (career information for students) and Vocations and Careers Collection database from El Portal.


9. Researching Supreme Court Cases - Primary and secondary sources of information using StreetLaw and the Oyez Project.

10. Using Go!Animate Video Creator in the Classroom. Students learn to create animated videos to present information in a new and dynamic way.
Display Your Class Artwork or Projects in the Atrisco Heritage Academy Library

The AHA Library has over eight beautiful glass display cabinets just waiting to be filled with beautiful art. Currently, we have a lovely display of miniature ceramics and homemade piñatas from the classroom of Lilia Martinez. The AHA Library staff, patrons, and other teachers have had wonderful experiences appreciating these lovely items. Teachers may contact AHA Library staff about displaying their class artwork or projects to fit around unique themes, such as Hispanic Heritage Month, Women’s History Month, Teen Read Week, or Banned Books Week.

Screencasting: Adding Audio and Video to Your Digital Presentations

Students have the exciting opportunity to add excitement and sound to the traditional PowerPoint or instructional presentation. Students may “capture” a digital video and audio recording of what is happening on their computers to share with their teachers and fellow students.

Screencasting is appealing to educators working with the new Common Core State Standards because it is student-active work. Students learn how to create presentations for others to view literally across the world. As a part of her Social Studies and Teacher Librarian Clear Credential process in California, Ms. Haake worked with students in Advanced Placement World Civilizations classrooms to add both sound and video to their traditional PowerPoint presentations.

Students utilized headsets with microphones and the Screencast-O-Matic website, which made this process easy and extremely “hands-on.” Students were able to email their presentations to their teacher even though he was in another state reading Advanced Placement exam.

Please contact AHA Library staff to reserve a time to implement this technology and educational strategy into your assignments.

How do I reserve the AHA Library for a project?

The Atrisco Heritage Academy Library is available for your information and technology needs. Teachers, feel free to email or call the AHA Library staff to book your class for a lesson on how to use our online databases, on how to create animated videos with your class, to use our computer lab, or to even have a class book check-out. We are scheduling for the entire year so feel free to utilize the AHA Library services.

Once you book, the AHA Library Services staff will email you the Friday before your scheduled week, reminding you of your upcoming visit.