



# Media Newsletter



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## Virtual Author Visit

To celebrate National Library Month I am scheduling a virtual author visit with Patrick Carman. He is the author of *Skeleton Creek*, *Ghost in the Machine*, *The Land of Elyon* series, and *The Black Circle*, the fifth book in the 39 Clues series. Details coming soon!

### *Skeleton Creek*

Strange things are happening in *Skeleton Creek* and Ryan and Sarah are trying to get to the heart of it. But after an eerie accident leaves Ryan housebound and forbidden to see Sarah, their investigation



takes two tracks: Ryan records everything in his journal, while Sarah uses her videocam to search things out ... and then emails the clips for Ryan to see.

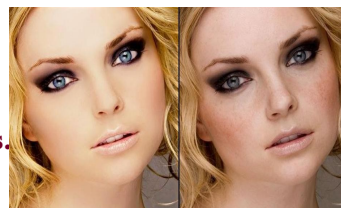
In a new, groundbreaking format, the story is broken into two parts -- Ryan's text in the book, and Sarah's videos on a special website, with links and passwords given throughout the book.

## Literary Birthdays:

<a href="#"><u>Washington Irving</u></a>	April 3
<a href="#"><u>Maya Angelou</u></a>	April 4
<a href="#"><u>Booker T. Washington</u></a>	April 5
<a href="#"><u>William Wordsworth</u></a>	April 7
<a href="#"><u>Beverly Cleary</u></a>	April 12
<a href="#"><u>Gary Soto</u></a>	April 12
<a href="#"><u>Thomas Jefferson</u></a>	April 13
<a href="#"><u>Eudora Welty</u></a>	April 13
<a href="#"><u>Henry James</u></a>	April 15
<a href="#"><u>Thornton Wilder</u></a>	April 17
<a href="#"><u>Charlotte Bronte</u></a>	April 21
<a href="#"><u>William Shakespeare</u></a>	April 23
<a href="#"><u>Web site &amp; Reading Guides</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Harper Lee - Study Guide</u></a>	April 28

## Media Lessons

This month I worked with Mrs. Anderson's classes on the mixed messages magazines send with retouched photos. Student were shown before and after retouched photos and then were taught how the pros do it using an online photo editor called Fotoflexer. I also worked with Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Renfroe's classes to create book trailers.



## Favorite Children's Book Contest

To win a copy of, *Ripley's Believe It or Not 2010* students must match faculty to their favorite children's book. Entry forms can be found in the folder on the bulletin board outside of the media center.

**Celebrate National Library Month**

Match each faculty member to their favorite children's book to win a copy of

Where the Red Fern Grows	Twilight
Hunger Games	Black Beauty
Goodnight Moon	Superfudge
Pippi Longstocking	Number the Stars
Fear Street series	Vladimir Tod
Flowers for Algernon	Charlotte's Web
Little House on the Prairie	Freckle Juice
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish	

Libraries....  
they aren't just  
for reading  
anymore!



Password is versatile