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## News You Can Use

### COMPUTER LAB RENOVATED

Over the summer, Mr. Loeffelholz and his crew gave the business computer lab (Mrs. Spensley's room) a major face lift. The room has been reconfigured to better accommodate computer use by students and can also serve as a regular classroom.



A special thanks to Mr. Herbst for researching the layout and suggesting the change.

Check the weekly lab use sign-up sheet to see when you can have your class use this room.

AN ADVENTURE of the AMERICAN MIND  
(<http://www.ciu.edu/~ciuam>)

Just before school officially started (08/15-16), the newly renovated computer lab was put to the test during the An Adventure of the American Mind workshop held at the high school. The workshop was sponsored by Eastern Illinois University, introducing the use of primary resources found at the Library of Congress (LOC). Topics include searching,

accessing and incorporating digitized resources available at the LOC.

Nearly every workstation was occupied and all who attended agreed, this was an informative and very interactive workshop. Thank you to Ms. Bryant & Mr. Strube for organizing this terrific workshop.

Since we had such good attendance, our district was awarded four multi-media projectors that can be used for group presentations. We have placed two at the high school and two at the elementary school.

These projectors are available for you to use in your classroom and can be checked out from the library.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT:

“An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't.”

----*Anatole France*

#### UPDATED LIBRARY of CONGRESS

While on the subject of the LOC (<http://www.loc.gov>), it has been updated to include new resources for teachers and students. A new feature called “Poetry” includes webcasts of poetry readings from National Book Festivals. A searchable webcasts database provides access to hundreds of speeches, lectures, readings, and

other audiovisual presentations given at the LOC. Check it out!

#### WEB RESOURCES: ASSIGN-A-DAY

(<http://assignaday.4teachers.org>)

Post classroom assignments, announcements and special events, all from your computer!

Assign-A-Day is designed to enhance teacher and student communication through an online, teacher-managed calendar. Teachers create a calendar for each of their classes and add assignments for the students to view. Students view their teachers' calendars in order to see assignments for classes they might have missed or to get an overview of the class.

This online calendar is very easy to setup and use. Check it out and let me know if you need any help in using it.

#### UNITED STREAMING VIDEO SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION

Don't forget that you can use up-to-date, standards based video in your classroom. Our subscription to *UnitedStreaming* the digital video-on-demand service delivered through Discovery Education, has been renewed for this year and will run through June 30, 2006.

Over 43,000 schools and 20,000,000 students and teachers are currently subscribed to this resource.

Remember, if you need any assistance- let me know ([jambrosia@edbqhs.org](mailto:jambrosia@edbqhs.org)). Till next time... *Joe Ambrosia*