

Bathroom Reader

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Banned Books Week Sep 24– Oct 1

The American Library Association keeps track of books that patrons think should be removed from the library. These requests are called ‘challenges.’ See the display for banned books in the library. You might find some surprises!

The Hobbit was first published on September 21, 1937. This book by John Ronald Reuel Tolkien is still a favorite today. Only 1500 copies were printed originally. Now on its 65th birthday, there are 50 million copies in 40 languages available. It has never been out of print since World War II.



Yellow Traffic Lights

According to National Motorists Association, 6 US cities have already shortened the yellow light below the legal limit. Beware! Running a red light can be expensive.

Is the war in Iraq/Afghanistan an issue any longer?

According to the Pew Research Center, the total minutes on network TV devoted to the war between January and June this year = 300 minutes. Last year the during the same time period=1,229 minutes.



Contacts vs. Eyeglasses

66% of US children say that kids who wear glasses are smarter than those who don't wear them. So ditch the contact lenses and look smarter!

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

There is much discussion about the legality and morality of same-sex marriages, but what about the money? According to the state of California, it expects to take in \$684,000,000 for marriage licenses in the next 3 years.

ROOM 1249 –Library & Teaching Research Seminar Room

This is mainly a teaching room. A schedule of times when the room is closed for classes is posted at each door. Please use a another lab during these times.

Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

The estimated amount by which per-gallon gasoline prices would change if the ANWR were drilled ?

According the Synergistics Corp. Down \$.04 per gallon