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# Rooftop Library Newsletter

## *Rooftop Elementary School Library*

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## The San Francisco School Library Miracle

SFUSD once had the same problems as almost every other California school district. Teacher Librarian positions were few and dependent on budget whims, especially after central allocations were eliminated and site-based budgeting allowed individual schools to decide whether or not to fund a librarian.

Of the 76 elementary school libraries, only three funded a librarian. We were functioning with 20 teacher librarians for a district of nearly 60,000 students for over 100 schools. Recognizing that students lacked essential services for a well-rounded education, a group of activist parents got busy. Along with SF City Supervisor, Tom Ammiano, the group crafted a proposition for a citywide ballot in 2004 to financially assist the city schools. The Public Educa-

tion Enrichment Fund (PEEF) called for the city to set aside millions for the city's children and schools over a 10-year period. One third of the fund each year would go to SLAM – Sports, Libraries, Art and Music. Any of those programs alone might not have generated the support needed to pass the funding proposal, but the three together created a synergy that carried all the proposals to victory in November 2004.

Funds were first available for the 2005-2006 school year. A community advisory committee, appointed by the Board of Education and the Superintendent, recommended spending proposals to the Board. One of the committee's guiding principles was that funds were to be used only for enrichment. Additionally, new

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## Information Access:

### Accessing the School Library's Online Card Catalog

You can search the San Francisco Unified School District Online Catalog when you need to locate library materials for class projects, your own personal use, or just finding a book to read for fun. "Destiny" is the name of our district-wide, web-based catalog. Any computer that has Internet access can reach it.

You can use the Destiny Online Catalog whether you log in or not, and may search for library materials by keyword, title, author, subject, or series.

#### How to Login to Destiny

At <http://follett.sfusd.edu/> -

Click on your school

The "Login" is located in the upper right hand corner

of your school's home page

Enter your username: your 6-digit

Student ID Number

Password: your last name



#### Advantages to Logging In?

1. You can view materials you have out.
2. You can renew materials 1 time if they are not overdue.
3. You can place materials on hold.
4. You can create \*Resource Lists.

\*All library materials and Internet sites can be saved in a resource list.

\*When you have materials in a resource list you can print them as a bibliography or make a citation list.

## Featured Author: Brian Selznick

Brian Selznick is the Caldecott Award winning author of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. Martin Scorsese's beautiful adaptation, *Hugo*, is in theaters now. Selznick's current book, *Wonderstruck*, is another amazing journey in pictures and words.

Born in 1966 in New Jersey, Selznick studied at The Rhode Island School of Design before working at Eeyore's Books for Children in New York City. His first book, *The Houdini Box*, which he both wrote and illustrated, was published in 1991 while he was still working at the bookstore. Since then, he has illustrated many books for children, including *Frindle* by Andre Clements, *The Doll People* by Ann Martin, and *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins* by Barbara Kerley, which received a 2001 Caldecott Honor.

Find out more by visiting:

[http://www.theinventionofhugocabret.com/about\\_brian\\_bio.htm](http://www.theinventionofhugocabret.com/about_brian_bio.htm)



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programs should not supplant district funding for existing programs. Because most high schools already had a teacher librarian prior to PEEF, the advisory committee decided that PEEF money could not initially fund secondary library staffing. The advisory committee recommended that K-5s be the first to receive funding. We have built staffing in K-5s for the last 6 years, adding middle schools 4 years ago. Schools are allocated librarian time by enrollment numbers from 1 to 3 days a week. The library program has stabilized at 70 K-12 teacher librarians compared to 20 in 2004-05, just

before the start of PEEF. The improvement in the teacher librarian-student ratio is especially dramatic for elementary schools where it has gone from 1 for 8,676 students to 1 for 714.

PEEF is a 10-year program. In order to ensure Sports, Libraries, Art and Music continues to grow in SFUSD, the voters must pass another proposition before the 2015-16 school year.

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"A house without books is like  
a room without windows"

- Horace Mann