

RANDOM FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN

- OWLS WERE ONCE THOUGHT TO BE WITCHES IN DISGUISE DURING HALLOWEEN.
- IF YOU HEAR FOOTSTEPS BEHIND YOU ON HALLOWEEN, IT'S BELIEVED TO BE A GHOST.
- A RING HIDDEN IN HALLOWEEN CAKES FORETOLD MARRIAGE IN IRISH TRADITIONS.
- BATS FLYING CLOSE TO SOMEONE ON HALLOWEEN WAS A SIGN OF NEARBY SPIRITS.
- BLACK CATS BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH HALLOWEEN DUE TO MEDIEVAL SUPERSTITIONS.
- SEEING A SPIDER ON HALLOWEEN IS BELIEVED TO BE A LOVED ONE WATCHING OVER YOU.
- HALLOWEEN IS BELIEVED TO BE WHEN FAIRIES AND GOBLINS ROAM THE EARTH.
- EARLY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS INVOLVED WEARING ANIMAL SKINS AS COSTUMES.
- IN SOME CULTURES, RINGING A BELL IS THOUGHT TO SCARE AWAY EVIL SPIRITS.
- LEAVING FOOD OUTSIDE ON HALLOWEEN WAS THOUGHT TO APPEASE WANDERING SPIRITS.

RESOURCE: RODRIGUEZ, ELLIE. "145 FUN FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN THAT WILL SPOOK." FUN FACTS, 2 DEC. 2024, FUNFACTS.CO/FUN-FACTS-ABOUT-HALLOWEEN/

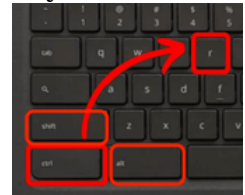
ENJOY THE BREAK OCT. 16-17
TEACHERS ARE THE ONES
GETTING HOMEWORK.

Chromebook Chat:

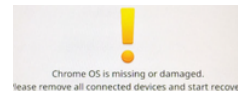
Let's talk Chromebooks (insert eye roll here). Yes, the library wizards are well-versed in their craft, but it's time to learn to fly. So, instead of sending students to the library for assistance, do a *powerwash*. That's all we do. Once this step is done, the student can log back in to their Chromebook using their credentials and resume working. A *powerwash* is very simple. Here is what you do:

**** Simultaneously hold the CTRL+SHIFT+ALT+R keys: ****

When performing a *powerwash*, the login screen must be showing. The device will restart asking to be set up, including connecting to the HSD Guest Wi-Fi. The kids know how to do the rest. It is really that simple. This will alleviate about 99% of the issues students have. Promise it's not voodoo or sorcery.... plus, it's so easy that a caveman could do it!



There are some instances when a "Chromebook OS" message will show up (such as an unfriendly visitor). When this happens, dollars to donuts it hasn't been plugged in and given a full charge in who knows how long. Easy fix: Plug it in and let it fully charge.



****Side note: PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR STUDENTS DOWN TO BORROW A CHROMEBOOK AND/OR A CHARGER FOR A CLASS PERIOD OR A DAY.**

The library will not lend them out. Students need to be held accountable for their devices, including their chargers.

Why did the senior smile after accidentally running over his Chromebook? Because he was smart and purchased the Accidental Damage Protection.

Insurance is HIGHLY recommended. It's only \$15 and must be purchased each school year. It covers lost, stolen, physical/water damage, broken screen, cracked housing... you name it - it's covered. Chromebooks are a \$286 fine. So, for all of the numbers people: $\$286 > \15 . The coverage is purchased on RevTrak through the HHS website: <https://helenaschools.revtrak.net/>

Computer Accidental Damage
Loss Protection
\$15 annually - pay online HHS webpage.

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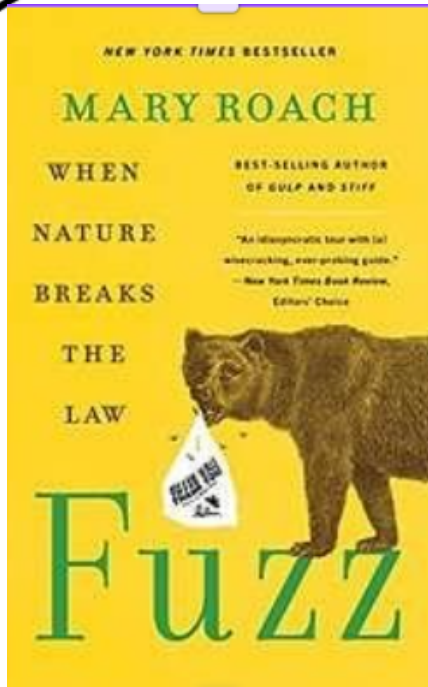
Having problems finding a printer? Try Windows + K. Can't find "CONNECT" this year? Find "CAST" instead. It acts as the same function.

BIG READ

October is Big Read Month. The book chosen for 2025 is "Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law" by Mary Roach.

Overview: A witty nonfiction exploration of the relationships between humans and wildlife, along with the consequences when plants and animals defy regulations. In her narrative, Roach journeys to Colorado, India, and New Zealand, and delves into themes of shared living, ethics, and environmental preservation.

For a **FREE** copy of the book "Fuzz" head down to any of the L&C Public Library locations.



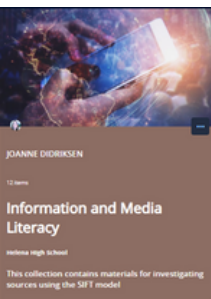
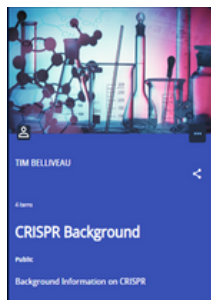
Wait, we have Library Techs?



Absolutely, we certainly do! They handle initiatives like literature showcases, reading promotion posters, and information gathering. They also organize volumes for storage, man the circulation counter, help with borrowing and returning books, perform simple upkeep... all while aiding the Librarians in keeping matters lively and enjoyable.

Work Smarter Not Harder - Collaborate with your Librarians

[Helena High School Collections](#) hosts a wealth of organized resources for teachers and students. Here are some samples. We can create one for you too. (The picture is the link)



Visit the entire [collection through Destiny](#) and/or through an [index of our current collection](#) on the Library website.

<https://hhs.helenaschools.org/library>

Lesson Spotlight

Impactful lessons are not developed without appropriate planning. This month's spotlight illuminates lessons with Spanish curriculum and English classes incorporating IEFA resources that connect to the lessons and essential questions already developed by the teachers. While Spanish classes are now set with ready built collections, the English classes' essential questions IEFA connections continue to develop to establish flexible options for English teachers.

LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM
FRIDAY: 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM

EARLY CLOSURE AT 3:30 P.M. PRIOR TO THE LONG WEEKEND/HOLIDAY

We welcome Grace Lindsay, Pailee Wilbanks, Evey Carsten, Coleton Davenport, Savannah Pipinich, Marlee Williams, Stella Gray and Benjamin Barnhart as our library media techs for the first semester this year. These students will assist us with the daily functions of the library and complete a library advocacy project for the semester. Be on the lookout for special displays in the library, opportunities to submit book reviews, impactful stories from our community, and reading contests as our students promote the benefits that your Bengal library provides to all of our students, teachers and community members.