

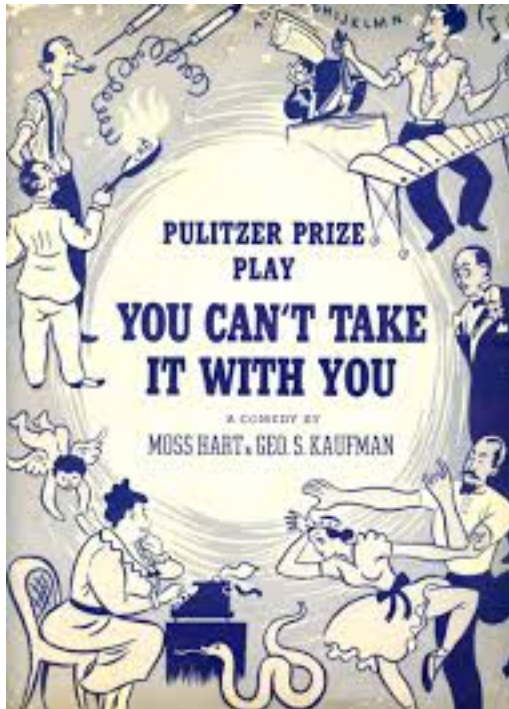
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Interested? Visit the library on Monday afternoon, or have a talk
with Mr. Scannell any time.



“You can’t Take It With You” by T. Hespian

Mr. Matt Recore has announced this year's BHS Drama Club production. The club is putting on a classic, yet timeless, comedy from the 1930's. It is one of the most produced plays in the world: "You Can't Take It With You," by Moss Hart and George Kaufman. Just recently, this play enjoyed a run on Broadway with James Earl Jones as a lead.

18 Students in the cast and 30+ students in stage crew have been working since early October on this amazing show about family, young love, odd relationships, and life lessons. The crew has faced several setbacks as the new auditorium had been routinely delayed. However, it is now ready and we are excited.

So on [January 6th](#) and 7th at 6:30 or [January 8th](#) at 2pm, we hope that you will all enjoy this kid-friendly show.

A portion of each of each ticket sale will go to the BHS class of your choice. Also, the BHS Business club will be running our concession stand, so come and support them too. Thank you for your support of your past and/or present students. If you have any questions, or to pre-reserve tickets, please don't hesitate to email Mr. Recore.

Bottle and Can Collection Contest By Al Coa

Ms Downes has announced that her class raised over \$100 in November by collecting bottles and cans, then redeeming them for money, which they donated to charity. The person who contributed the most old bottles was MS. Linda Holian, who contributed a number of large bags full of water bottles.



Cabaret

by Amanda Scalzi

This past October 22nd, 2016 at 7:00p.m. BHS's 2016 Cabaret was performed. It was another phenomenal school event full of talented singers. Performances ranged from songs from popular movies like "High School Musical," to songs from long running Broadway classics like "The Phantom of the Opera," "Wicked," "Annie," "Bye- Bye Birdie," and several others. The program included a variety of various songs and performances. The evening took many parents and students a lot of time and effort to create. A silent auction took place, as well, to help benefit the BHS Musical. The cafeteria was packed with parents, students and extended family members; it was one of the biggest turnouts I have seen in three years of going to the cabaret. Each musical number reflected the personality of each student who performed.

Ms. Kathryn Crabb Scherer served as Musical Director for this year's show.

Interact Club News

By Nicole Cyr

Magazine and Book Drive

The BHS Interact Club needs your help with collecting magazines and books. Donations will be donated to local hospitals for patients to enjoy. All kinds of magazines and books will be collected. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Your donation may be dropped off in the main office or in Ms. Hatton's (Room 2226). Drive ends **December 16th, 2016**. Any questions, feel free to contact Nicole Cyr, Interact President & chairman of this collection at berlininteract@gmail.com.

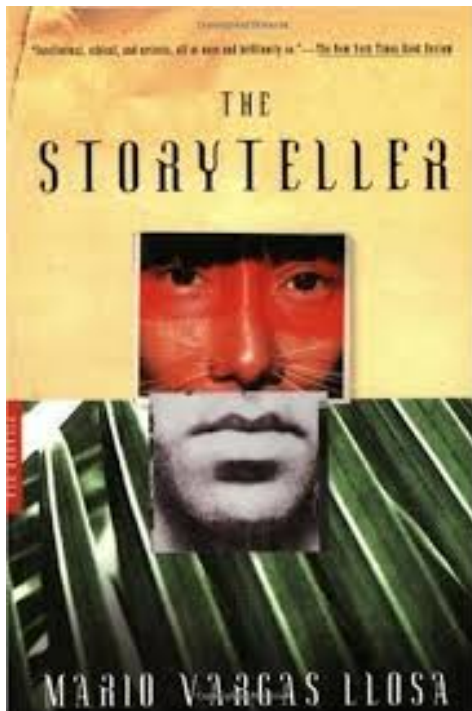
Interact Can Tab Drive!

The BHS Interact Club needs your help with collecting can tabs. All tabs will be donated to the Shriner's Children Hospital, in Springfield, Massachusetts. Tabs of all kinds will be collected. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Your donation may be dropped off in the main office or in Ms. Hatton's (Room 2226). Any questions, feel free to contact Nicole Cyr, chairman of this collection at berlininteract@gmail.com.

Corn hole Toss \$

Finally, the Interact Club would like to thank the community for participating in their Corn Hole Toss Event at the Homecoming Football game on **October 28th**. They would also like to thank the BHS Athletic Department for allowing us to run this event in conjunction with their game. We would also like to thank Berlin Park & Recreation for allowing us the use of Sage Park. We raised \$81 to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Bristol. All the money raised has gone towards bus passes and Wal-Mart gift cards for the shelter. The bus passes may have been used to allow families to travel home for **Thanksgiving** and/or travel to job interviews. The Wal-Mart gift cards allowed the shelter to purchase perishable food items in time for **Thanksgiving**.





The Storyteller

By Margo Vargas Llosa

Review by Alejandro Arcila

This novel is a very good read. It is about a man, who is not given a name, who visits a picture gallery in Italy. He sees a photo of a small tribe of Peruvian Indians when he notices one of the members as an old college friend. He recognizes him because of the birthmark on his face. "Saul Zuratas had a dark birthmark, the color of wine dregs, that covered the entire right side of his face...The birthmark spared neither his ears nor his lips nor his nose...". The nameless man picks up on this and goes straight to Peru to try and touch base with his old pal.

Someone might want to read this book if they are feeling stressed, as it is a pretty good stress reliever. The author takes the reader into a world isolated from the way people live today. The reader has to have an open mind and allow the book to provide a completely different feel for how some people live today.



Losers Take All

by David Klass

Review by Matt Jakiel

In this novel, Jack Logan is famous for his last name; his dad and brothers are sport stars at his high school, Foremont High. Even though Jack has the Logan last name, he is having a difficult time living up to that standard because he finds sports unnecessary, and he believes that studies mean everything in school. Things change when Jack's current principal, who agrees with Jack, has a heart attack and dies. The new principal steps in and makes a bold first move: he requires every student to play at least one sport a year for their school. With this new rule Jack has to find a sport that fits him and at the same time live up to his family's great legacy

This author effectively sets the mood in the first chapter of the book, which helps give a feel for what the rest of the book will be like. Also, even though it is a sport

book, it doesn't overwhelm the reader with sports terms, but rather interests the reader with very clear explanations. This book is meant for everyone to read and enjoy, and is especially good for a reader who enjoys a fast moving plot. One of its focuses is on sports, but, at the same time, it also focuses on the characters. A number of characters mention how sports are unnecessary, for instance, "They can't do this to us... They can't make me play a sport I hate". The feud between the principal and many students then continues to drive the plot forward. Finally, one of the best parts about this book is how it isn't a part of a series, so the reader won't have to understand any background from previous books that could have been in a series.

After You

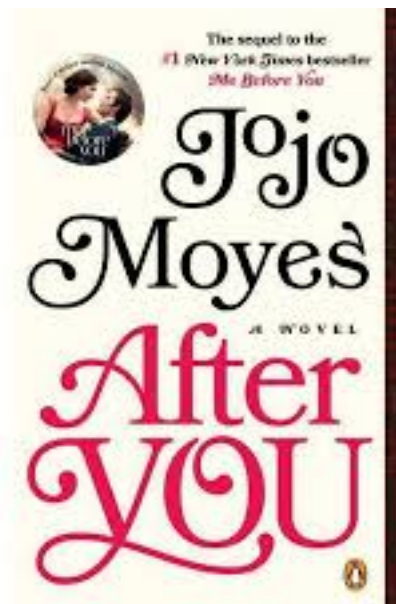
By Jojo Moyes

Review by Audrey Jankovich

After You takes the sympathetic reader through Louisa's (Lou's) journey of dealing with the loss of Will Traynor. After having a near death experience, she realizes how important it is to live her life as if each day could be her last. After visiting her parents, Lou is given an ultimatum: in order to stay in London she must go to a weekly focus group to help her deal with her grief. When a figure from Will's past shows up, the task becomes harder than it seemed at first glance, but finally things start going her way as she starts dating Sam, the doctor who had saved her life. Then, Sam gets seriously injured and Will's daughter disappears with no notice. We hope that Lou can get her life under control before it is too much for her to handle.

After You could be considered both realistic fiction and romance. The

story appeals to several audiences, and certainly the book is spontaneous and action packed. I recommend *After You* to any reader who likes a novel that keeps you on the edge of your seat. For example, in the beginning of the novel when Lou has a near death experience, Moyes writes, "My heart lurches a split second before my body follows...I am weightless, in the abyss of the night air...Crunch and then all is black." The suspense created throughout the book creates a well-developed plot. For instance, when Lu falls, she meets Sam whom she ends up dating later in the story. After she falls, she also is also forced to go home - where she has not wanted to go because that is the town where Will used to live. In order to fully understand Lu's background and past life, I suggest you first read the first book in the sequence, *Me before You*.



The Rescue

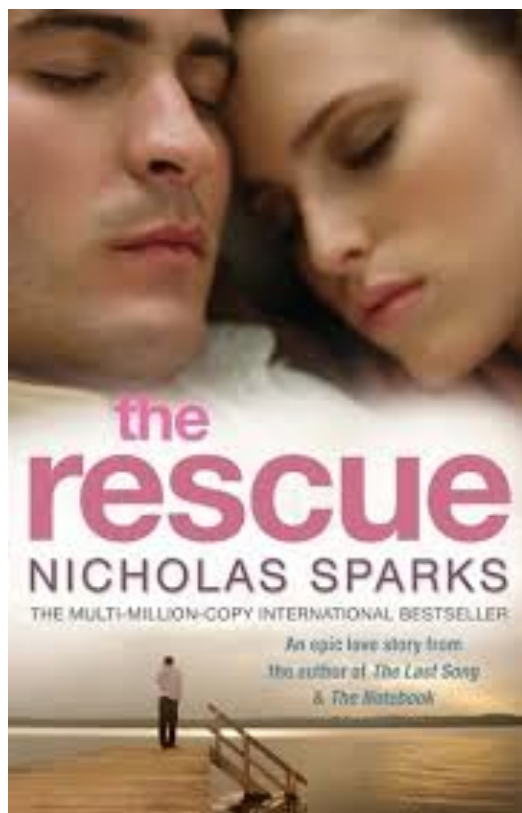
By Nicholas Sparks

Review by Grace Perkins

The fictional love story between Taylor McAden and Denise Holden in *The Rescue* will melt your heart. If you love romance, this novel will not disappoint you - it's a page turner. Denise Holden is a 29 year old single mom living in Edenton, North Carolina. Her son, Kyle, is four, and

experiences auditory processing problems. Kyle's processing problems prevent him from expressing himself and understanding other people. One night a big storm hits Edenton. Denise, with Kyle in the car, hits a giant tree. She wakes up after the accident and discovers that Kyle is missing. At this point, Taylor McAden gets involved. Taylor is a brave and intelligent firefighter, a contractor, and a carpenter. He rescues Kyle, who has run away from his injured mother into the storm.

It turns out that events in Taylor's history have left him to find it difficult to develop strong emotional attachments. Yet the love between Taylor and Denise will become reality after near death experiences, emotional situations, and Taylor's finally sharing the awful memory he has about his father's death. Taylor is left with two choices. Will he love Denise unconditionally as Denise loves him? Or will Taylor walk away because he's scared? This novel will attract readers who might enjoy discovering if the complicated relationship will work out.



Eragon
by Christopher Paolini
Review by Dylan Yoder

“Eragon” is an exciting fantasy novel about a young farmer named Eragon who loves to hunt in the woods in a dangerous part of his land called the Spine, a long string of tall mountains. He hunts for enough food to sell, so his family can have a good life. It seems like his dream has come true when he discovers a large sapphire in the middle of the woods. However, this sapphire gets him involved with an old legend and into lots of trouble, with many others wanting the stone. Eragon becomes a hero for the land of Alagaesia, while he meets new friends and enemies and goes through some changes. There's even a dragon.

People who like fantasy books would enjoy this novel, as this book takes place in a familiar fantasy setting: with castles and walls surrounding cities with guards. This book is also easy for a fantasy lover to understand, because it features the classic traits of a fantasy books such as knights, monsters and magic. The main character is also very brave, as the description of the Spine says, “Strange tales and men often came from those mountains, usually boding ill. Despite that, Eragon did not fear the Spine...” Eragon is an exciting character. This book is the first novel of a 4 book series.