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Arthur's Not That Scary!

Graphically Speaking

By Amber Moore



Beck Mongolian Chop Squad

Yukio Tanaka is fourteen and a very boring guy. He Hasn't one single hobby, only a small vestige of personality, and a weak taste in music. His somewhat neurotic personality and shyness has made him his own enemy. What he doesn't know is that his life is about to change for better or for worse when he meets Ryusuke Minami. Ryusuke is a very unpredictable American sixteen year old with a cool dog named Beck. Ryusuke who has just returned to Japan from America aspires Yukio to get into the music as they begin a journey through the world of

Summer Reading Give-away

By Benjamin Reynolds

To kick off the summer, wide varieties of books were given away to participating children in the 2nd floor program room. A ticket was given to each participant when they signed up for the Summer Reading Log program. These tickets were exchanged for free books, ranging from picture to chapter books. Over 60 children attended this event along with their parents, and they were all hyped from the start until the end of the event. The library staff took the children's pictures so they could insert their photos onto their newly made passports, which were given out by a teen volunteer. These passports will act as mementoes to the children. There was also a lot of commotion in this process, for there were long lines of parents awaiting their child's free book.

The parents were asked questions as to why they came here to this event with their children. One parent responded, "It's something to keep them good—to keep them reading."

One of the patrons at this event was a grandmother who brought in her grandchildren. When asked the question, she responded, "It's summer reading for the grandchildren for their school's lexile." She was also asked how she found out about this event and she casually responded, "I regularly go to the library [and I] found the [event] brochure."

A person inside an Arthur costume came to visit this event to greet children and take their pictures with him. *Arthur* is a publicly broadcasted television show. The teen newsletter volunteers asked him a couple questions about his job and how frequently he does it. His assistant answered them instead, and he told us, "Twice a week." When we asked him how many different libraries he and Arthur has been to, he told us, "We've been to two different libraries: St. Pete Main and Clearwater Main." Arthur was hosted by the Great Explorations children's museum in St Petersburg.

In the end, this event started and ended quickly since it only lasted about one hour. The children left happy, and the parents left satisfied, which in effect, is a great way to kick off their summer.

The Disappointed Customers

Photograph by Franco



Life's Music : Ft. Avenged Sevenfold

By Leigh Hackman



Avenged Sevenfold is the band what up lifts me in so many ways. Their New Cd, "Avenged Sevenfold" is different from all their other cds because they changed a lot of their lyrics. M Shadows decided to stop screaming. Also, they used to talk about seedy subjects in every song they possibly could, like "Beast and The Harlot". Now, they talk about how people trash one another. I agree with them in their opinions that people just need to stop talking their trash. Anyway, I think that Synyster Gates is totally the best guitar shredder in the world.

Meghan, a loyal fan says this: "Avenged Sevenfold. Oh my god. I've never really had a band that I would do anything for. This band completes me. I only heard about them back in 8th grade, but once I heard them, I knew there was just something about them that I couldn't get enough of. Avenged really has brought out a side of me that I've never shown before, & despite what others think, I believe it was the best thing that has ever happened to me. I don't know what I would do without them, & I'd rather not think about it. Every song they make amazes me. I can't begin to describe how I feel when I listen to them. Ever member has such a genuine personality. Even though I have never met them, I almost feel like Matt, Brian, Zack, Johnny, & Jimmy are my 5 closest friends. The kind of friends you would do anything to make happy. The kind that always have a way of making you happy. I felt at home when I saw them play live. I still can't quite take in the fact that I was blessed so much to see the band that has helped me through ever single situation in life since I started listening to them. I can never thank you enough. I hope I can meet you guys one day & tell you just how much of an impact you've made on me. I love you guys. Thank you for coming into my life. I could go on and on forever talking about this band, but I'll spare you. To put it simply, no band will ever replace them. Ever."

Shut down and boarded up!!!

By Robert Kirkley

When I was walking past the, used-to-be café here in the Clearwater Main Library, I thought to myself about some questions I would want to ask the director of the library, Barbara Pickell, about why the café closed. The café was pretty cool having around because, while you were reading you could go get a smoothie, or even a salad. So I went up to the second floor and asked the director when it was coming back, she said probably sometime in July. The last café owner wanted to move his Café to Miami to get more

business. So back to the new café... it will be serving almost the same items as the last café like the beautiful salads, soups and best of all, coffee. The new café owner already has another café in Dunedin. The library location should be around for at least 5 years, due to a long-term lease. Ms. Pickell has no further word as to what the name of the café will be. Keep an eye on the old space for when the boards come down, and join me for a cup of coffee!

Yo Quiero Taco Bell

By Franco Espinoza

Y tu? Do you? Ever wished you could order your food in Spanish or understand what the people are saying?. What if I say I can help you with that?. 'Bueno'! That means good and I can help you very soon. Hello my name's Franco. I am a native Spanish speaker from Peru. I'm a high school student and I'm doing this for the Bright Futures Scholarship, This Florida Lottery-funded scholarship rewards students for their academic

achievements during high school by providing funding for them to pursue postsecondary educational and career goals in Florida. If you have started learning Spanish and need help or practice just sign up at the Clearwater Main Library on Osceola Ave. Or call (727) 562-4970 ext 5236 for one-on-one assistance

Gametarianist

Franco Espinoza



Creating a Dragon

By Benjamin Reynolds

Guitar Hero

"Aerosmith"

Developers: Neversoft
Series: Guitar Hero
Release Date: June 29, 2008
Genre: Rhythm
Mode: Single-player, multiplayer
Rating: Teen (T)

You've all played Guitar Hero before right? Rocking out playing 'Trough The Fire and Flames' On Guitar Hero 3 and 'Beast and the Harlot' on Guitar Hero 2 now get ready for the next big thing, *Guitar Hero: Aerosmith!* It follows the career of the band Aerosmith, by playing important songs from their past in a 'rough chronological fashion'. The game will follow the band through various periods in their history, from their first show at Mendon Nipmuc Regional High School in 1970 to the 2001 Super Bowl XXXV halftime show, to their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on March 19th, 2001. The player will start as Joe Perry, and will eventually be able to unlock Brad Whitford and Tom Hamilton, who will then join the game. The Wikipedia states:

The game will not focus on internal strife and stress within the band. Guitarist Joe Perry stated that the game would focus on the positive aspects of Aerosmith's history. Perry has stated that 'Having a game built around Aerosmith has been a huge honor and really a great experience for us. We've put a lot of ideas into the game so that fans can have fun interacting with our music, getting inside our body of work and learning about the band's history.' Even though the player will be able to play as Aerosmith, they will start the setlists as the original band from *Guitar Hero III* with a rhythm character added as the opening act. After the player has played a song with the characters from *Guitar Hero III*, Aerosmith will make a dramatic entrance and the player will start the journey through Aerosmith's career.

Recently in the 2nd floor program room, children signed up and gathered for an interesting dragon making event. This activity required child-to-child interaction to work together as a team in this fun filled project.

To start off this event, David, a librarian, gave the children a detailed description of dragons, and he also told an enchanting story titled "Ganekwane and the Green Dragon." This story was descriptive and could easily be pictured in the mind. It was basically about a dragon and a storyteller named Ganekwane who resided on a mountaintop. The dragon's cave towered over the nearby village. The villagers kept this scary dragon content by feeding it their sheep. When they ran out of sheep, the dragon started feasting on their people. Eventually, he wanted to eat the daughter of the tribe leader. When the tribe leader heard this, he commanded messengers to the mountain to reason with the dragon. After the 3rd messenger was consumed, the tribal leader decided to ask the elder of the tribe to try to stop it. She had a strategy of defeating the

dragon. She found out he was prone to shrinking by her village tales. After many of these tales, it shrunk small enough not to be a threat to the village. To this day, these villagers still tell these tales that the village elder once told to defeat the green dragon.

After this story was finished, the children began working on the dragon. They were given a wide variety of materials such as: boxes (body), CDs (scales), paper towel rolls (legs, neck, tail), construction paper (skin), meat trays (back bone scales), and other creative materials.

The children worked on all different body parts of the dragon, but they still needed assistance or direction by teen volunteers and some library staff members. Occasionally, there would be instances wherein some of the children would go do their own thing to the dragon without letting the other children know, but that isn't really their fault, for they are still learning the basics of teamwork. As a result of this, there would be multiple groups working on one body part.

In the end, the dragon turned out to be a stunning 2ft

tall and 9ft long, which is pretty big for a child-made object. Although it wasn't completely finished due to the amount of time, library staff and volunteers embellished the dragon to finish the project for the enjoyment of patrons at the Clearwater Main Library. If you're wondering where the location of this dragon is, it's stationed on the 2nd floor near the videos—you really can't miss it due to its massive size.



The Poll
Franco Espinoza

I went around the Clearwater Main library asking teens about their opinions and came up with these results:

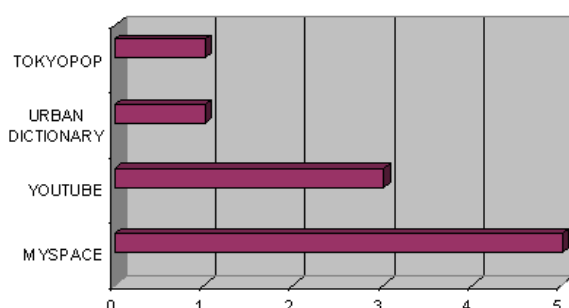
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- Youtube 3
- Urban dictionary 2
- Tokyopop 1

What kind of e-mail do you use?
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-Yahoo 5
-G-Mail 4
-Hotmail 2

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