



# New Library News

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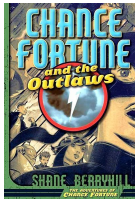


## Lonestar Spotlight

Chance Fortune and the Outlaws

by Shane Berryhill

Despite his self doubts, Chance is accepted into the school of his dreams, the Burlington Academy for the Superhuman, where he uses his skills to help his team battle the forces of Evil.



Genre:  
Science Fiction

## Library Events

August 25th

1st Day of School

September 1st

Labor Day Holiday

September 4th

ER—Open House

September 2-12th

Library Orientation—  
reserve a time now!

September 22nd

Staff Development

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back from the Summer! I want to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Selena Knight, and I will be the new Librarian here at AC New Middle School. I am very excited to have the opportunity to work at this campus and to share not only my love of reading and literature, but also my love of technology and education. I look forward to working with all of the faculty, staff and students here on campus, and I want each of you to know that I am always willing to help you in any way that I can.

There are several great programs that are already in place here in AC New's Library that I would like to continue, and there are several others that I would like to implement. First of all, I would love to not only continue the Lonestar Book Program, but I would like to see even greater participation this year. The trip to Celebration Station is a huge reward for the students, but the chance to promote great books and foster a love of reading is an even greater reward.

One of the programs that I would like to implement on campus is a Book Club

that meets twice a month. We will read and discuss different books and work in conjunction with Terry Middle School to participate in a Book Club wiki to share our thoughts via technology. If you don't know what a Wiki is, it is an online site where each member can contribute their thoughts through text, graphics, links etc. We will take this opportunity to not only broaden the book club members' literary skills, but also advance their technology skills as well as introduce them to their peers across town. We will also try to do live book discussions through iChat so that the students can see and hear one another.

The reading café is another great program that I would love to continue and possibly expand here on campus. I want each and every teacher and student to visit the library on a regular basis. I hope to foster a welcoming atmosphere and a cooperative climate here in the library where we all work together to help our students gain the necessary traits and skills to succeed.

I look forward to seeing you in the library soon!

## Technology Tip of the Month

According to the ACRL, information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information." Finding and evaluating information on the Internet is an increasingly difficult problem. The following sites are useful when trying to determine the validity of information:

<http://www.easywhois.com/> allows users to determine who the author of a website is

<http://www.archive.org> this site's Way Back Machine allows users to view the history of a website—\*\*Be careful what you publish because even if deleted from the Internet, it is never completely GONE.

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/evalmidd.html> - Kathy Schrock's web site evaluation worksheet

<http://www.albany.edu/~ef8043/webquest.htm>—A WebQuest designed to help teach information literacy.