

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

NCRL: Common Sense in Library's Internet Filtering



The staff and Board of Trustees of the North Central Regional Library, in their mission to "promote reading and lifelong learning," revere the First amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 5 of the Washington State constitution. We believe that the important and varied duties of public libraries are intertwined with fundamental rights of free speech.

The North Central Regional Library filters internet content for all patrons, adults and children alike. We filter because it is an efficient, effective means of including internet-based resources in the collection according to our Mission and Collection Development Policy. We filter because doing so makes us eligible for important federal funding. We also filter because it enhances an appropriate, safe library experience for all, including many school-age children who depend on our libraries for educational needs.

The filtering is not extensive. We filter out web sites having as their dominant content Pornography, Nudity and Risqué, Adult Materials, and Gambling. We also filter Hacking, Proxy Avoidance, Phishing, Malware, Spyware, Span URL, Image Search, and Video Search. Any patron who believes an internet site has been blocked in error may ask for prompt review by the Library. The Library takes a measured, commonsense approach to internet filtering that is designed to reflect our traditional mission and the values of the communities we serve while providing access to a rich and diverse collection for the benefit of all patrons.

I assure all of our patrons that the library embraces free speech and its resources will always reflect those fundamental rights. However, our libraries traditionally have played an important, varied role in the communities we serve. We welcome the internet and have worked hard to provide free access to our patrons. It is a tremendous tool for lifelong learning yet we must manage it to ensure it is not used in ways that adversely impact others.

Dean Marney, Director

In 2003, the American Library Association challenged the constitutionality of the Children's Internet Protection Act, a law requiring internet filtering of content deemed harmful to minors as a condition of federal funding. The ALA argued that internet filtering violates the First Amendment rights of adults. The U. S. Supreme Court ruled against the ALA but left open a door for an "as applied" challenge to the law.

On June 23, 2009, exactly six years from the date of the ALA decision, the North Central Regional Library appeared in the Washington State Supreme Court to defend its internet filtering policies against the claims brought by four plaintiffs and the American Civil Liberties Union under Article 1, Section 5 of the Washington State Constitution.

The ACLU and four plaintiffs have challenged the Library's filtering policy because we choose not to disable our filter upon the request of an adult. That policy has been the subject of recent discussion, not all of it well informed.

MEET A LIBRARIAN: MALIA TUCKER



I started working at Wenatchee Public Library at the information desk and later in circulation. I am now a regional manager for the branches in Chelan and Douglas Counties, excluding Wenatchee Public Library.

I grew up near Seattle, in a rural part of King County. I remember our small local library very well.

Mrs. Corner, our librarian had raised ten children before starting her career. She was very strict but always encouraged the children who loved to read. I also remember the excitement when the bookmobile came to my elementary school in Woodinville twice a month. It was a lot smaller than NCRL's Bookmobile!

I graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in history and got married shortly after that. My husband's career took us to Virginia and California. We settled in Wenatchee in 1989. I have two daughters, Jeannie and Madeline. This fall Jeannie will start a graduate program at the University of Washington Information School and Madeline will begin the Nursing program at Wenatchee Valley College. My husband Rich passed away in 2007.

I have worked for the King County Historic Preservation Office and at the University of Washington as an administrative assistant. My hobbies include reading, gardening, three dogs, and renovating my old house. I serve on the Historic Preservation Board for the City of Wenatchee. "My new position as regional manager is exciting and I am loving the chance to work directly with branch librarians who do so many wonderful things for their communities."

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BOOK REPORT

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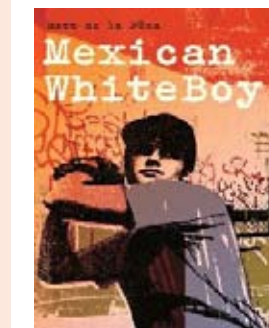
Join teens throughout North Central Washington in reading
"Mexican WhiteBoy" by author Matt de la Peña.

For the past several years NCRL has sponsored an author visit to schools in our region with the goal of encouraging upper elementary to High School children to read and discuss the same book with their peers and with adults. The program is called "Teen One Book" and the chosen book is available for check out at all branches. This year NCRL is thrilled to feature Matt de la Peña's second novel, *Mexican WhiteBoy*.



Matt de la Peña's first novel, *Ball Don't Lie*, in 2005 centered around a boy and basketball, revealing his lifelong love of the sport, a subject further explored in *Mexican WhiteBoy*. He has published short fiction in various literary journals and his most recent short story, "Last Red Light Before We're There", appears in the anthology *Does This Book Make Me Look Fat*. His third novel, *We Were Here*, will be published by Delacorte on October 13, 2009. Matt received his MFA in creative writing from San Diego State University and his BA from the University of the Pacific, where he attended school on a full athletic scholarship for basketball.

Matt characterizes his journey from his love of basketball to his career as a writer in this way — "No matter how far I move away from the game, into this new life as an author, no matter what strange direction my literary interests lead me in next, or where I go, or who I meet, I will always carry the game of basketball in my chest. This game was my best friend growing up. It was my confidant. My passion. My ticket to college, to education, to books and words, the rhythms of poetry." Matt de la Peña currently lives in Brooklyn, NY, where he teaches creative writing.



The Novel:

- * An ALA-YALSA Best Book for Young Adults (TOP 10 Pick)
- * 2008 Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Blue Ribbon List
- * 2009 Notable Books for a Global Society
- * 2009-2010 Texas TAYSHAS Reading list

Danny's tall and skinny.

Even though he's not built, his arms are long enough to give his pitch a power so fierce any college scout would sign him on the spot. A 95 mph fastball, but the boy's not even on a team. Every time he gets up on the mound he loses it.

But at his private school, they don't expect much else from him. Danny's brown. Half-Mexican brown. And growing up in San Diego that close to the border means everyone else knows exactly who he is before he even opens his mouth. Before they find out he can't speak Spanish, and before they realize his mom has blond hair and blue eyes, they've got him pegged.

Danny's convinced it's his whiteness that sent his father back to Mexico. And that's why he's spending the summer with his dad's family. Only, to find himself, he might just have to face the demons he refuses to see right in front of his face.

Discussion groups for this book will be held at all NCRL branch libraries.
Check with your local library for time and date.

NEW OFFERINGS ON THE NCRL WEBSITE

VISIT www.ncrl.org and click on “**Research And Homework**” to check out **Mango**, our new language learning program:

Mango Languages is an online language-learning system teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. This online learning system is so easy to use you'll see incredible results after just one lesson!



Mango uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach a new language. By listening to and repeating material designed from native conversations, you'll not only learn the individual words and phrases, you'll know how they are used in practical situations and conversations. You'll learn more than grammar, vocabulary and conjugation, you'll learn how to communicate.

A Better Way of Learning?

Every lesson in Mango's system integrates vocabulary and grammar into real-life sentences. As a whole, languages are complex systems. Technology has allowed us to make learning them easier than ever.



Mango Keeps You Motivated.

Genuine progress that you can see is great motivation in learning. When you can apply what you've learned to an immediate situation, you'll start to gain faith in yourself and

confidence in your new language. This satisfaction creates a desire for more progress, as well as the belief that your goals are achievable.

Mango isn't about teaching words without purpose; it's about turning you into a functional communicator in the real world.

Each Mango lesson starts with a meaningful, real-life conversation that you learn to understand and apply. The program truly is a system. It's not like learning from a book where you have to construct your own methods of assimilating the information. With Mango, all you have to do is run through the program, step by step, and let the power of our system take care of the rest.

MORE NEW GREAT RESEARCH TOOLS

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is the premier full-text resource covering today's hottest social issues. **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** brings together all the information that's needed to fully understand an issue: pro and con viewpoint articles, reference articles that provide context, full-text magazines, academic journals, and newspapers, primary source documents, government and organizational statistics, multimedia, including images and podcasts, links to hand-selected web sites, and more!

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center helps to develop critical thinking and information literacy skills by assisting students with researching, analyzing, and organizing various types of data for research assignments, persuasive essays, and debates. It features Lexile reading levels for its periodicals as well as an integrated national and state curriculum standards search with content correlated to high school and middle school social studies and science standards.

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center also includes a unique translation feature, which allows researchers to translate documents—with only the click of a button—into Spanish, French, Japanese, German, Italian, Portuguese, simplified Chinese, and Korean. A new interface preference also allows users to display the interface in Spanish, French, or Portuguese.

With 24/7 electronic access, **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** is always available to meet social issues research needs!

Content and curriculum-focused tools include:

- More than 9,100 pro and con viewpoint articles
- 300 biographies of social activists and reformers
- More than 775 court-case overviews
- More than 140 full-text magazines, academic journals and newspapers (nearly 2.2 million articles)
- More than 1,800 images and a link to Google Image Search
- Thousands of Podcasts, including weekly presidential addresses and premier NPR programs
- Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary



Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center presents robust features specifically targeted to students and educators, including a user-friendly interface that captures student interest and provides a consistent user experience across Gale K-12 databases; a national and state curriculum standards search, correlated to the content, that allows educators to quickly identify material by grade and discipline; InfoMark functionality that allows for copying, bookmarking and e-mailing the URLs of search screens, search results and individual documents, making it easy to create, share and update reading lists, bibliographies, course packs and more.

Don't forget all of our other great tools to help students and, well... everyone!

Just click on “**Research And Homework Center**” to browse the many other worthy offerings of NCRL.

LIVE HOMEWORK HELP from **Tutor.com** is especially worth visiting. Live Homework Help has proven to be a boon to students looking for the answer to that tricky math



problem or English verb conjugation. Students today have a lot going on between homework and studying, extracurricular activities and responsibilities at home. If you need help factoring a polynomial, you can connect to an algebra tutor. Or, if you need help balancing a chemical equation, you can work with a chemistry tutor. This is a FREE tutoring service covering math, science, social studies and English every day from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Thousands of professional tutors!

The tutors are real people—they've all been through high school and know what it's like to be stuck on homework. And, to become a tutor, they each had to undergo an extensive screening, certification and background-check process.

Tutor.com is not just for students either. Adults may take advantage of Resume Help, GED Prep and Citizenship guidelines. So visit the NCRL website and look around. We know you will find much useful information.

Auto Repair Reference Center

One of the most frequently asked questions from patrons of the library system is “where can I find auto repair

information?” NCRL does own a variety of repair manuals for many makes and models of cars but there is often difficulty finding anything current for older vehicles or foreign cars. So don't forget that if you enter the “**Research And Homework Center**” on the NCRL website, you can access Ebsco's **Auto Repair Reference Center**.



Auto Repair Reference Center contains information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes starting as far back as 1945.

Database content includes more than 33,800 vehicles covered from 1945 to present, nearly 800,000 drawings and step-by-step photographs, approximately 83,200 technical service bulletins & recalls issued by the original equipment vehicle manufacturer, over 99,800 enhanced wiring diagrams for easy viewing and printing, specifications & maintenance schedules, Labor Time Guide & Estimator; AutoIQ, Quick Tips, a complete guide to vehicle ownership & maintenance, unlimited remote access and much more. New repair procedures and updates are continually added to the product. All of the content in **Auto Repair Reference Center** has been created by ASE certified technicians.

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