

# Loreto High School Beaufort

## Library Bulletin



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### Popular Reads



We regularly make new purchases to add to our library stock. Each year certain authors seem to enjoy “bestseller” status, or in the case of the library “most borrowed”. In the 2008/2009 school year this distinction belonged to the author, Stephenie Meyer and the *Vampire* series.

However, some old favourites, like the *Nancy Drew* series are still enjoyed. Even President Obama recently endorsed the Nancy Drew “can do” attitude. In his nomination speech for Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court he mentioned Nancy Drew as the inspiration behind her successful career. “Judge Sotomayor’s interest in the law was sparked as a young girl by reading the Nancy Drew series,” said the president, “and when she was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of eight, she was informed that people with diabetes can’t grow up to be police officers or private investigators like Nancy Drew.” He went on to say that Sotomayor refused to “scale back her dreams”.

### World Book encyclopaedia

**World Book Online**  
[www.scoilnet.ie](http://www.scoilnet.ie)

World Book, the encyclopaedia and reference source, is now available through Scoilnet and the Schools Broadband Network.

The encyclopaedia has been in existence since 1917.

World Book online contains the entire text of the 22-volume Encyclopaedia, plus illustrations, video clips, 3D panoramic views, and sound files.

It has been made available by means of a licensing agreement set up by the Department of Education and is available on the school network. In addition, the Encyclopaedia Britannica is available on the library computers.

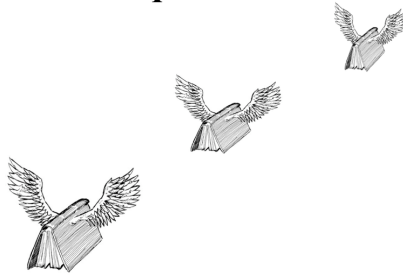
The availability of these resources gives students access to research tools that are reliable and authoritative.

## New term

Loreto Beaufort school library is delighted to welcome all new students as library members. 1<sup>st</sup> year classes have been issued with library cards and have begun to use the library facilities.

Librarians are pleased to welcome our 4<sup>th</sup> year students who volunteer in the library as part of their silver Gaisce activities.

## Recent Acquisitions



*Al Capone shines my shoes*/by G. Choldenko  
London: Bloomsbury, 2009

*Beyond the barricades*/  
by Deborah Ellis  
Oxford: University Press, 2009

*Chains*/by L.H. Anderson  
London: Bloomsbury, 2009

*Dream on*/by S. Barlow & S. Skidmore  
London: Barn Owl Books, 2009

*Homeless bird*/by Gloria Whelan  
London: HarperCollins, 2000

*Inchworm*/by Ann Kelley  
Edinburgh: Luath Press, 2009

*The lady in the tower*/by M. L. Jensen  
Oxford: University Press, 2009

*Numbers*/by Rachel Ward  
Somerset: Chicken House, 2009

*The Post Office girl*/by Stefan Zweig  
Trans. from German  
London: Sort of Books, 2009

*The Reminder*/by Rune Michaels  
London: Simon & Schuster, 2008

*Rowan the strange*/by Julie Hearn  
Oxford: University Press, 2009

*The Runaway*/by Angela McAllister  
London: Orion Children's Books, 2009

*The secret scripture*/by Sebastian Barry  
London: Faber & Faber, 2009

*Set in stone*/by Linda Newbery  
London: Transworld, 2006

*The Warrior's Path, Book 1:*  
*Sisters of the Sword*/by Maya Snow  
Oxford: University Press, 2009

## A word from Miriam Flanagan

At mid-term I bow out of my position as school librarian in Beaufort. My departure is due to family commitments, and to the fact that I need to be away from home frequently in the near future.

Many thanks to all the staff and students, for the friendship and camaraderie of the past nine years. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience, which became all the more pleasant in September 2005 when Bernadette Cunningham and I began our very amicable job-sharing arrangement.

Now my colleague will job-share with Joan Kelly. I wish the very best of luck to the new librarian, and hope that she will be as happy in Beaufort as I have been.

And so it just remains to say (in the words of Lord Byron):

*“Farewell! A word that must be,  
and hath been –  
A sound which makes us linger;  
- yet – farewell!”*

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