



## Walter Johnson High School Education Foundation, Inc.

6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Dear Walter Johnson Parents, Students, and Alumni,

The Walter Johnson Education Foundation spent the last few years supporting enhancements to the bricks and mortar of the modernization of the school. Now we turn our focus into the building and to making our great programs become excellent ones. The modernization substantially upgraded the media center—in fact moved it from an old, convoluted space to the new location outfitted with technology and great work areas for students and staff. Now it is time to support updating the collections- both print and media to the level that our staff and students should have.

We are working with our new Media Specialist, Naomi Gelfand, to identify the most urgent areas of need. She reports that there are ample on-line sources for students to use, but books and other print media or play-aways are seriously lacking in both quantity and quality. Books on science, technology, economics, or the digital arts must be recently published to be most useful. Many resources are available electronically but students still need to have a broad range of print and media sources at school to develop research skills. And we want to encourage the love of reading by providing an abundance of current fiction.

MCPS provides an annual budget for the media center and a portion of this is used for on-line subscriptions for resources such as encyclopedias and databases. But to truly bring our media center to where it needs to be will take many thousands of dollars. The PTSA recently donated \$1000 and the Ed Foundation allocated \$5000. We will donate the proceeds of the joint PTSA, Booster and Ed Foundation Adult Carnival this winter to the Media Center Collection. We are optimistically hoping to raise \$30, 000 this year.

Ms. Gelfand is busy selecting new materials based on her expertise and to fulfill requests from students and staff. MCPS policy requires all books to be approved to be allowed for media center use. Ms. Gelfand is requesting approval of numerous new books and media, including current fiction, anime novels, and non-fiction sources. In addition, library bindings make books that are borrowed by many readers last much longer. Therefore, we are requesting that donations to the Media Center be through a newly established fund or in consultation with Ms. Gelfand.

You can help by donating funds towards a specific author, genre, or just to help build the Media Center Collection Fund. See the details below to donate either by mailing a check with enclosed form or by Paypal on our website.

### **Book Plate Information:**

Your donation can be acknowledged with the name of a student, family, teacher, coach, club, or team on a book plate placed in the book.

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**How to order:**

Please use the enclosed order form to indicate the amount and wording information for your book plate. You may download additional order forms or order online at [wjedfoundation.org](http://wjedfoundation.org).

**Questions?**

If you have questions about ordering books or the WJHS Education Foundation’s Media Center Collection project, please contact John Moriarty at [moriartyrj@comcast.net](mailto:moriartyrj@comcast.net) or Lee Moersen at [wjbricks@gmail.com](mailto:wjbricks@gmail.com) Or contact Ms. Gelfand, WJ Media Specialist, for more specific information about book donations.

Please give generously (order on-line with Paypal or make checks payable to Walter Johnson Education Foundation, Inc.) [www.wjedfoundation.org](http://www.wjedfoundation.org)

**Contact Information**

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Alumni- Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Current students date(s) of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Donation:</i>		
___ \$25	___ \$100	___ \$500
___ \$50	___ \$250	___ other amount \$ _____
<i>Book/series/genre/author from this donation:</i> _____		
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*Inscription on Book Plate:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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