

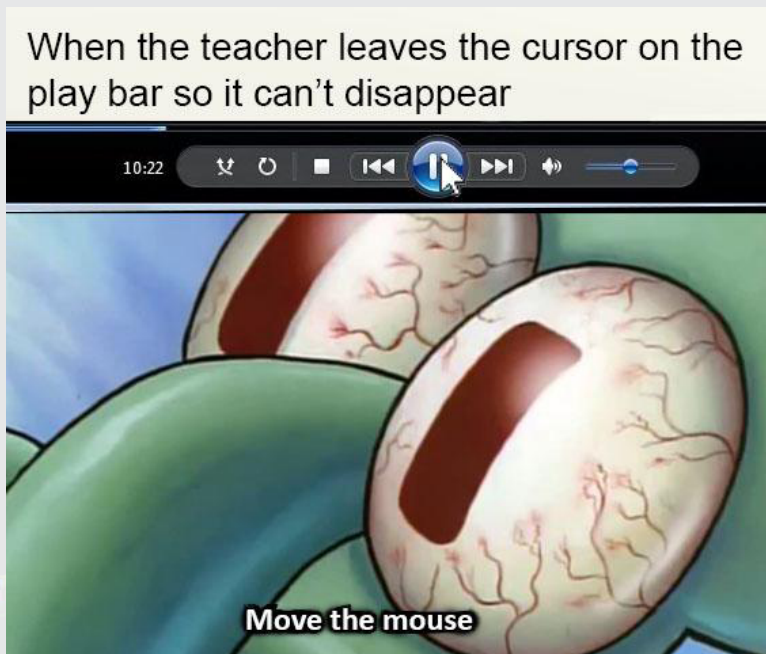
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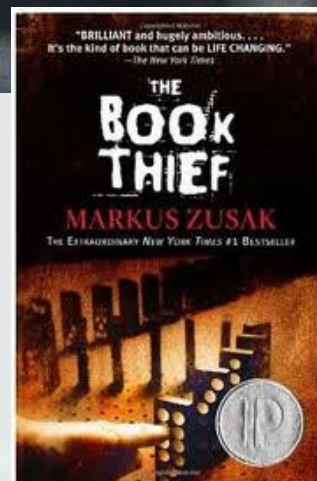
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March 2018

Meme of the Month



Quote of the Month



Book of the Month

Here's my pick for book of the month: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Narrated by Death, *The Book Thief* is the story of Liesel Meminger, a nine-year-old German girl who given up by her mother to live with Hans and Rosa Hubermann in the small town of Molching in 1939, shortly before World War II. On their way to Molching, Liesel's younger brother Werner dies, and she is traumatized, experiencing nightmares about him for months. Hans is a gentle man who brings her comfort and helps her learn to read, starting with a book Liesel took from the cemetery where her brother was buried. Liesel befriends a neighborhood boy, Rudy Steiner, who falls in love with her. At a book burning, She is seen stealing a book from the burning by the mayor's wife, who later invites Liesel to read in her library. Keeping a promise he made to the man who saved his life, Hans agrees to hide a Jew named Max Vandenberg in his basement. Liesel and Max become close friends, and Max writes Liesel two stories about their friendship. Later, Max must leave, and Hans is drafted into the military. Later, Liesel writes the story of her life in the Hubermanns' basement.

-By Emma Woods

Band/DJ of the month

Marshmello

Christopher Comstock, known professionally as Marshmello, is an American electronic dance music producer and DJ. He first gained international recognition by remixing songs by Jack Ü and Zedd, and later collaborated with artists including Omar LinX, Ookay, Jauz and Slushii. In January 2017, his song “Alone” charted on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 at number 60.

His musical style includes groove-oriented, synth and bass-heavy electronic dance music. Inspired by other masked DJs like deadmau5 and Daft Punk, Marshmello appears wearing a full-head-covering white coloured bucket. Despite the anonymity, his career received international recognition in 2015 when he began releasing tracks online, including remixes of Zedd’s “Beautiful Now”, Jack Ü’s “Where Are Ü Now” and others, as well as his own single “Alone”



Story of the month

Doge

Doge is the Internet slang for dog. Mostly they mean a particular breed, the Shiba Inu (which they nicknamed Shibe, I kid you not). You might have seen the fluffy little critter in photos and accompanied by a stream of monologue thoughts written in colourful Comic Sans font. Oh, and very bad grammar that denotes sarcasm. Such wow.



This particular Shiba Inu photo is the most popular for its hilarious-looking face. The dog was at the risk of being euthanised when it was rescued by Japanese kindergarten teacher Atsuko Sato (that’s her in the photo below). The dog, Kabosu, posed for her owner which was then posted on Sato’s blog and the dog charmed itself into the hearts of the Internet.

By: David Bartholomew

Tech of the Month

Anki Cozmo

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The Anki Cozmo is a cute little robot with a ton of personality. Powered by a sophisticated artificial intelligence, Cozmo is self-aware, capable of recognizing its owner and expressing feelings, and always ready to play games. Those who like to dig further into robotics can utilize a developer platform and add more features to Cozmo.

By: Collin Montgomery

Story of the month (2)

Stephen Hawking dies

Stephen Hawking, the brilliant British theoretical physicist who overcame a debilitating disease to publish wildly popular books probing the mysteries of the universe, has died, according to a family spokesman. He was 76.

Considered by many to be the world’s greatest living scientist, Hawking was also a cosmologist, astronomer, mathematician and author of numerous books including the landmark “A Brief History of Time,” which has sold more than 10 million copies.

Hawking suffered from ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), a neurodegenerative disease also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, which is usually fatal within a few years. He was diagnosed in 1963, when he was 21, and doctors initially gave him only a few years to live.

The disease left Hawking wheelchair-bound and paralyzed. He was able to move only a few fingers on one hand and was completely dependent on others or on technology for virtually everything -- bathing, dressing, eating, even speech.

“His passing has left an intellectual vacuum in his wake,” tweeted Neil deGrasse Tyson. “But it’s not empty. Think of it as a kind of vacuum energy permeating the fabric of spacetime that defies measure.”