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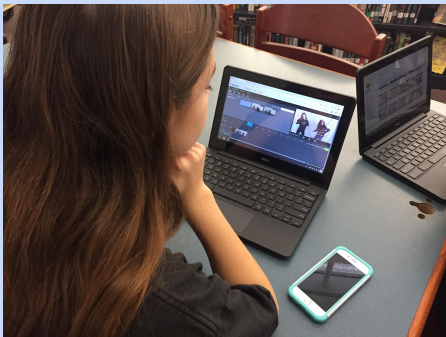
Thank you again for the grant you awarded us last December to purchase a pilot of WeVideo, a web-based video production suite. Our students truly grew as creators and producers because of this grant. We hope you enjoy the pictures and projects linked below. If you have any questions about their work please let us know. Thank you for the many ways that you support our teachers and students. We are a better district and a better community because of your support!

Sincerely,

Lisa Manganello and Jillian Trader

WeVideo: The Learning Process

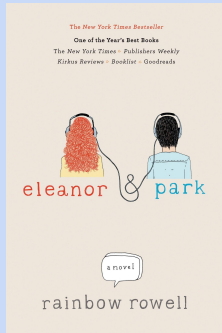
Since this is a 21st century course, we challenged our students to take the lead in exploring and perfecting their use of the WeVideo suite. Students experimented and shared their understandings with their classmates resulting in a rich dialog that fostered true collaboration.



[One area that proved challenging was learning to act and film in front of a green screen.](#) The green screen allowed our students to edit in new backgrounds and settings for their videos. A student wrote [instructions](#) to share her success with her classmates. In this way students were not just producing a video, but learning to create a product that could help others to improve their own productions. [Click here to view and example of the use of the green screen in the post-credits scene.](#)

Spring 2018: SBHS Library Book Trailers

The Writing for Film and Media Students used WeVideo to create book trailers to advertise our assigned summer reading selections to incoming freshman. Of the many fine works our students produced, two stood out as special. Click on the book title to view the work of our students.

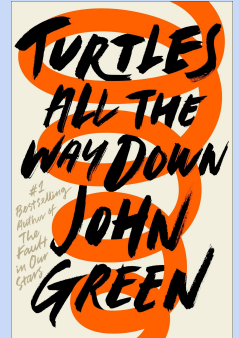


Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

Eleanor, unique, quiet, troubled, and STRONG, meets Park, sensitive, but guarded, when the pair are forced to sit together on the school bus. In alternating chapters, the duo shares the role of narrator allowing the reader to understand the deep complexity of both sides as the unlikely friendship and first love blossoms.

Turtles All The Way Down by John Green

Aza battles “intrusives”, irrational thoughts that impact her decisions and actions. Despite a caring parent, medication, and therapy, the reader feels Aza’s anxiety and, along with her supporting characters, roots for her to get better. Green writes with honesty acknowledging that Aza can learn to accept and manage her mental health, but that is different than the hoped for cure. A local mystery and quirky supporting characters combine to make this a satisfying read.



Fall 2018: Silent Films

Silent films force the filmmaker to tell a story visually without supporting dialogue. The silent films created by our students follow the traditional three-act format, but challenge the filmmaker to present a concept visually. For this project, students developed a concept, wrote a script, and cast, starred in, filmed, and edited the final production. Access to WeVideo allowed students to use special effects and sophisticated editing tools to improve their creative work. Below are two examples of successful short films created using WeVideo. The short descriptions were created by our students. Click on the film title to view each work.



It's Not What You Think

The short film starts, with Blake waking up out of breath, gasping for air and panting. She goes to the bathroom to wash her face and starts hearing whispers and turns her head quickly to see where its coming from. She walks to school with a fazed

expression but then starts to hear the same voices and whispers she starts to walk quicker and then they go away. After a break down in school the teachers calls her mom. Blake is then driven to the doctor's office by her mom. She doesn't trust anyone to examine her feeling unsafe around other people other than her mom. Blake's mother calms her down and allows the doctor to give her check-up. After a few minutes the doctor talks to the mother outside so Blake doesn't hear them. They leave the office and go to a store and Blake stays in the car, she sees the paper that the doctor gave her mother, in bold it says "Paranoid Schizophrenic."

School Days



Raj and Bob get to school and Raj puts his umbrella down on the floor. Bob accidentally trips over Raj's umbrella and Raj laughs at him. The next day arrives and Bob trips over Raj's umbrella again and Raj laughs again. Bob then gets incredibly mad at Raj. He starts chasing him in anger while everyone in the class watches in confusion and amazement. They fight each other with random objects in the classroom for a while. But then the teacher comes in and they run back to their desks in fear.

Thank you for granting us the money to help our students!