

3rd Place Winning Essay

Fly Freely in the Book Nook

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I will quiet early on write something for the Book Nook. Because I have a special emotion to it. Book Nook not only give me interest of studying English, but decorate my campus life as well. In the Book Nook, all kinds of books and magazines in the originals catch my eyes. Lots of decorations, a comfortable sofa, two sets of ingenious tables and chairs attract me deeply.

Last term, I almost went Book Nook everyday. I learned a lot of things from Book Nook. I'm sure that they are becoming a treasury of my whole life.

Sometimes, there was quiet atmosphere in the Book Nook. That was a good time for reading. Every student was reading books or magazines that they liked. Our dear foreign teachers, such as Mr. and Mrs. Stenback, Michelle, Thad always gave us some advices that which book is better, how to read this book. And of course, they solved all kinds of questions that we asked. If we like, we can eat sweets that was provided by our foreign teachers. I got a satisfaction when I was sitting in the comfortable sofa and reading some interesting books or magazines. These books and magazines came from America. So it's very useful for understanding American culture and present society. For our English major, it's also useful for studying English. I read a great number of books and magazines in the Book Nook. And I like most of them, such as "Country Living," "Family Circle," "American Girl," "MAD," "Reader's Digest," "Seventeen," and so on. "American Girl" is among my favorite magazines. Yes, I like it. I think maybe one reason is its simplicity. Meanwhile I think it's very interesting because it records some opinions of American girls. I can know the difference between Chinese girls and American girls. I also like the magazines called "Country Living." There are some beautiful pictures in these magazines. They teach us how to decorate house. "Air so clean and comfortable inside, the outside might be jealous." I love the house that like this sentence expression. I hope I have a beautiful and comfortable house in the future. "Country Living" let me understand house of Western country. And "Family Circle" let me understanding food of Western country. Every time, I must read "Family Circle" when I went to Book Nook. I have an urge to eat these delicious foods. Although they are only pictures and I can't smell and taste anything from these foods. I also feel like cooking them. I'm very excited because I read a magazine called "Hello" in the Book Nook recently. This magazine is only one magazine called "Hello" from all over the Book Nook. What a wonderful thing for me because I found it and read it. I remember I know these magazines at the first time when I was in the senior school. I know them from television. But now I read the real magazine. This magazine told us some things about pop stars or famous people. I like it. Some English books also catch my eyes. I borrowed some novels from Book Nook. I learned a lot of things from these books. "From Anna" is the first English novel I read. This novel described a little girl who suffered from short sight came from Germany. In the Second World War, Anna and her family to come Canada. In t5his free country, Anna learned how to communicate with

her parents, her brothers, sisters and her friends. She wasn't lonely at all. She was to be a self-confident and self-contained girl.

In the Book Nook, I not only learned much knowledge, but also met many people who I didn't know them before. Most of them became my friends. We talked with each other in English. Sometimes, our foreign teachers join us. I always practice my spoken English in the Book Nook. So, I know lots of students. For instance, one day I met a girl in the Book Nook. We communicated with each other in English. Then we found that we have the same English name. We're very excited and happy. The most surprising thing is that another girl joined our talk and we found that her English name was the same as ours. Finally, we became good friends. We always went to the Book Nook and communicated with each other in English.

Everything from Book Nook was attractive and wonderful. I find Book Nook like our home. I hope everyone can go to Book Nook. If you are here, you will find lots of good things that Book Nook gives us, but other places can't give us. Maybe you will love Book Nook. You will have a special feeling as mine. You will want to go to Book Nook every day. Hope everyone loves Book Nook whole-heartedly. Please remember, you can fly freely in our Book Nook, only in this place.