

2nd Place Winning Essay

Book Nook—the Knowledge Paradise

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The Book Nook as a part of library. It belongs to library as a special scenery with its unique western decoration. It was built up by our foreign teachers, especially Mrs. Stenback and Michelle in September 2007. It used to only opened to our department students. And the librarians came from our department who can afford to this position.

When I came to this university in the first year, I'm a little disappointed at the library's books, on the one hand, the books are in the library can't catch my eyes, for they are too old; on the other hand, there is no atmosphere to speak English. So I'm eager to own a place where the books are original English and can attract my attention. Later, the Book Nook meet my needs, my dream come true, and make oral English atmosphere for us. Therefore, since it was built up, I go there every day from 1:00-2:20 and never miss it. It becomes a part of my college life.

The Book Nook, in truth, not only have impact on my study, but also the view of my life. According to the Book Nook, I can travel across the American. I read "National Geographic" to close the nature and know that different place has different culture and custom. For example, from a series of "Geographic" book that I can know the Appalachian Mountains are the oldest mountains in the United States. They were formed over 250 million years ago. That was before the age of dinosaurs. It was very old.

What's more, in the South Florida, fresh water is hot politics. As we known, with the world population's increasing, water supply become a big problem, and many countries are lack of water. Therefore, the human being ask for the whole world to cooperate to solve this world problem. We should pay more attention to the water resource, otherwise, the last water is our tears.

Generally speaking, we can't ignore the great people who make success by working hard and working miracles at length. So the "Top People's" biography draw my eyes. I read Schwarzenegger, Bush, J.K. Rowling, Pele, Yao Ming and so on. They all inspire me that "where there is a will, there is a way." On our way to be success, we'll suffer a lot of torture and difficulties. My favorite writer J.K. Rowling, lead a hard life before she became famous and wealthy.

When she was young, stories had fed her imagination and she wrote her first story at 6 year old. In particular, after her mother's death and her father's remarriage, her life changed completely. She was a single mother and adopted her daughter by herself, at the same time, she finished her great famous works "Harry Potter" which was one of the most famous literature in the world. Since then, she was famous for the Harry Potter's mother.

So it is a must to know the difference between "Chinese girls" and "foreign girls." I read American girls and find out that we have a lot of common about the value of life

and the view of the world. However, above all, different culture develop different people and character. Every nation has its own character and appreciation.

Robin Williams, he's very popular in America. I read it in the "Reader's Digest." A divorced father who dressed up as a nanny in Mrs. Doubtfire, he's tackled character of every stripe. I have seen this film last year. It impress myself on my memory I can figure a power of laughter.

As for me, I think, in America, children can make a living far more than the Chinese when I finished a series of "Boxcar Children." They remind me of my childhood, sometimes tears full of my eyes, however, laughter and happiness filled with my life. While I'm reading the "Chicken Soup" I can clearly feel my mood changed from disappointment to hopeful and satisfactory.

Even if the time is limited in the Book Nook, I'm also a fashion-conscious girl, I scan the "fashion" clothes to feast my eyes and "Newsweek" to meet my thirst for the world current and development.

In all, the Book Nook become adjustment among my dorm, classroom and canteen. It is enrich my college life and leave a lot of good memories for me. I'm sincere invite more students to go there, make friends, play word games, read books and so on. I'm sure you will love it very soon.