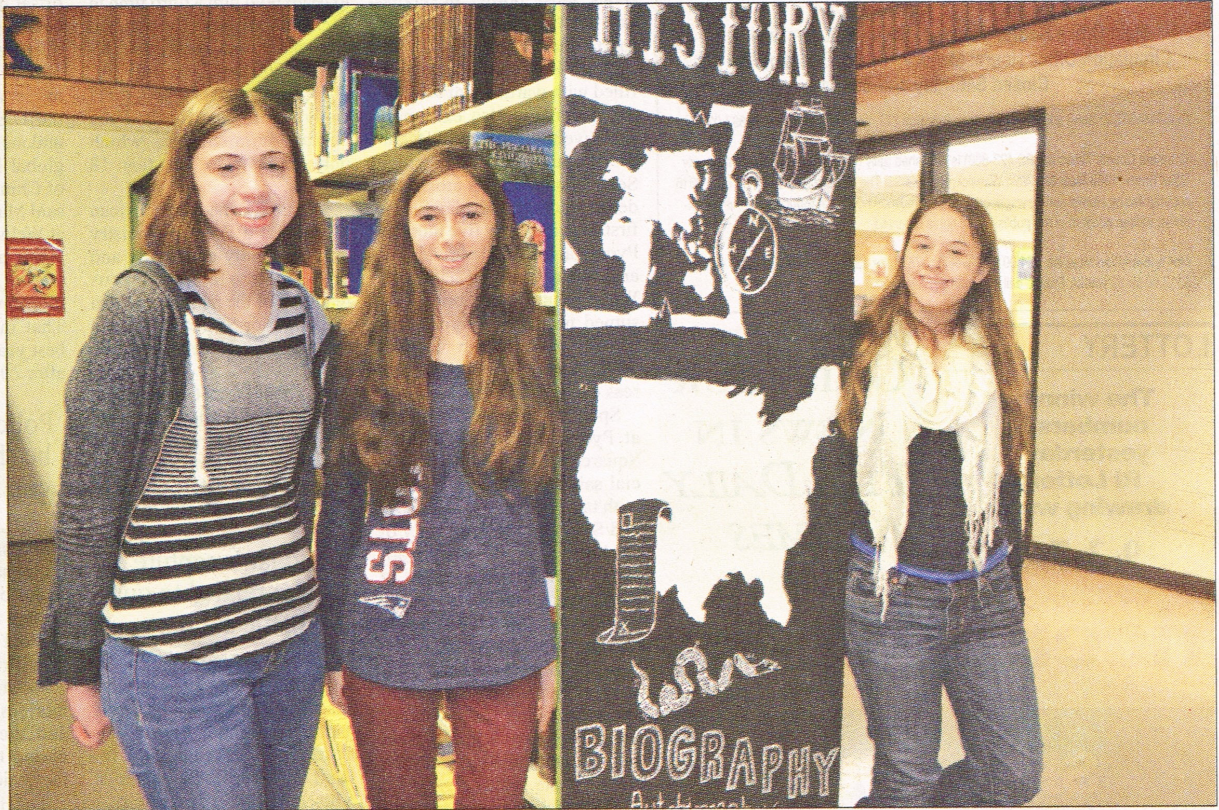


Means to the ends



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Coventry students Megan Doyle, Kaci Perry, and Mariah Rictzel stand in front of the History section end cap at the CHS library.

Coventry High students spruce up school library

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COVENTRY — A unique collaboration, recently completed, between the art and technology students and the librarian, Delores O'Rourke, helped create chalkboard end caps for the library's shelves at Coventry High School.

O'Rourke explained that something was needed to spruce up the library and while she was in a bookstore recently, she found a book that demonstrated how to create chalkboard art.

"I thought it would be a great idea to ask the students if they wanted to take part in the project of designing new end caps using this style," she said. "It was a great collaboration."

Jackie Celeste, art teacher, said the project began in October, and the students involved worked on it during class time and finished it right before Christmas break.

"They worked very intently on the six panels and it's brought such life to the library," she said.

Seniors Andrew Lansberry, Dan Felkel and Cameron Frazier, took part in the project and according to teacher Maryellen Carlu went the extra mile to come up with great designs.

"When I heard about it, I thought it was different because I'm used to working on a much smaller scale," Lansberry, who does a lot of painting, said. He said he's had a passion for art for ten years.

He worked on the technology section and said once he came up



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with the design, it went smoothly.

"We were working on a cover with lettering and Mrs. Carlu liked how I was doing it and asked me if I wanted to take part in the project," he said. "The most enjoyable part for me was sketching and painting because it's just that type of art I like to do then it took me two hours to put it on the board."

Felkel said O'Rourke called him over the summer to ask if he had interest.

"I have a wall of board in my room, which I can actually erase, it's pretty cool," he said.

Felkel is in the woodworking class and explained that having the students in the class measure and cut the boards down to the correct size and mount them to the shelving themselves helped save a lot of money.

"This is going to be here for a while, so when I come back to visit teachers, it will be cool to see this," he said.

Frazier, who has been interested in art since he was a young boy, said he enjoyed the project because he loves to draw. He created the social sciences panel and found representative symbols and designs for each piece he had envisioned, including people representing sociology and psychology along with gears and question marks to represent the mind and how it works.

"I had to repaint a few areas a couple times because some things weren't working but all in all, it went well," he said.

"I'm in the graphic design class and the teacher asked me if I wanted to get involved," he explained. "I enjoyed doing the lettering because I could be creative and do what I wanted. I have an easier time when someone allows me that freedom."

Megan Doyle, Kaci Perry and Mariah Rictzel,



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Coventry High senior Cameron Frazier stands proudly next to the end cap he created in the CHS library.

all sophomores, worked on the history panel.

"Mrs. Celeste was talking about the project and asked if we were interested, so we decided to research some icons for history and put it all together," Rictzel said. "I've had an interest in art and am considering going to college as an art major."

Perry and Doyle have been interested in art since they were youngsters.

Carlu explained how students used the extra wood for a second project where they painted a 14- by 5-inch board and wrote a note of inspiration on it.

"It was a challenge for them to get the spacing of the letters right, because they're so used to typing everything, they don't use penmanship much anymore," she said. "But it was another good project for them to do and the library looks great."