What’s New at the Hyde Library

“Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify himself, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant and interesting.” –Aldous Huxley

Volunteer State

Our library volunteers this year have come out in force to help with some massive projects. Eighteen moms have scheduled times to lend a hand. One Monday morning, we formed the Book Brigade and shifted all of the downstairs Reference section. With such a large number of volunteers, we were able to knock it out fast. Thanks to the MUS Moms for standing in the gap!

Other recently completed volunteer projects include a total reorganization of our storage area and the creation of an Oversized section located upstairs. Volunteers are also helping process newly-arrived gift books and even sitting at the front desk to handle checkouts, returns, and questions. We appreciate having such good help.

Oversized books are located upstairs next to the biographies (92s). They’re listed in the online catalog as Oversize and have stickers to match. Reference 500s have been placed in the stacks north of the reference well, by Mrs. Arant’s office, and books in the well have all been moved.

It Pays to Read

Teen Read Week was celebrated nationwide October 16-20 with the theme Read for the Fun of It. Five guys won gift certificates to Borders, Starbucks, Friday’s, and iTunes after a drawing on October 23rd. Lower School winners: Blake Berry, Carson Smith, James Akers. Upper School: Wesley Shannon, Stephond Allmond. If you received a “Get Out of Jail Free” card during Teen Read Week, don’t forget to use it the next time you have an overdue book!

Inside Story on Book Report Books

Students in Mrs. Barnes’s section of the 7th grade VCR class are now able to post comments about Book Report books they’ve loved or hated. Go to Mrs. Barnes’s homepage, follow the links, and you can log in as a guest. Once the wiki gets rolling, we’ll add the rest of the 7th grade as users (definitely by second semester). There’s also a forum called “Lloyd’s Library Forum” for other books (not on the book report list) that students want to recommend. We’re considering starting separate wikis or forums for the other grades, so let us know what you think.

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New Arrivals

New Materials at MUS
We’ve added over 350 new books and audiovisuals since the beginning of the school year. Here are some fiction titles you might want to check out:

The Tales of the Otori--Lian Hearn. (FIC H436a)
Requested by a student, this series begins with Across the Nightingale Floor and is a cross between fantasy, adventure, and historical fiction.

His Majesty’s Dragon--Naomi Novik (FIC N943h)
Combination fantasy and history, this novel is set during the Napoleonic Wars and involves aerial combat with fighting dragons.

Blood Fever: a James Bond Adventure--Charles Higson (FIC H638b)
This book imagines the life of James Bond as a teenager.

Ark Angel--Anthony Horowitz (FIC H816A)
This is the newest addition to the Alex Rider adventures. Ask Officer Thebaud–he’s read them all!

Don’t like to read fiction? We’re always adding interesting nonfiction books to our collection:

ESPN College Football Encyclopedia
(REF 796.33263 E77)
Even though it’s a massive 1649 pages, you can check it out overnight. It’s also been floating around the various couches and coffee tables for a few weeks.

Glory Road--Don Haskins (796.32309 H351g)
Last Dance: Behind the Scenes at the Final Four
--John Feinstein (796.32363 F299L)
Be prepared for basketball season with these two books. Also check out Feinstein’s other “behind the scenes” books for fascinating reading.

Are you curious about more new books? Don’t forget to check our “New Materials at MUS” link from the online catalog. You’ll find it under Book Lists at the top right corner. It’s updated every Thursday morning.

Trivia Question
Upstairs in the library is a stuffed lion. He was taken by a friend of an MUS alum during a big game hunt. Somewhere in the Reference section of our library is a book of records that reads:

Length before skinning: 10’0”
Date: 6/70
Locality: Botswana
Owner: C. Askins

Can you find this book?
Come to the Hyde library and search for the book. The first person who shows it to one of the library staff will win a prize!

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