“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

MUS Library Online

The library staff has been busy revamping the MUS library website recently, in anticipation of the soon-to-be-released, new and improved school website at musowls.org. Instead of listing databases only by their names and expecting you to “sink or swim,” we’ve also made lists that sort the databases by the subjects they cover and the type of information they include. These charts will be displayed in drop-down menus and will point you to the exact databases you need for a particular class or project.

A third drop-down menu lists the Class Research Guides that librarians construct for specific projects when a teacher brings in a class for a help session. Other new features of our website include a Help Desk with frequently asked questions, Book Report and Reading lists, and the library blogs, wikis, and forums. The recently posted Quick Guide to Bibliographic Citations (under the MLA Style heading) will also be included.

For a preview of the coming website, go to the current library homepage and click on “About the Library.” A rough draft of the new structure and features is already there for you to test drive.

Also, new passwords have been assigned for our databases. Email the library for that information or pick up a databases handout.

READ Posters

This READ poster was created in Mrs. Bal-ton’s Digital Design class, and it’s similar to what the library can produce with our new software. So far, the football and basketball teams have posed for our posters. If you’d like to get your group together and create a poster, email Mrs. Bonnie Barnes.

Memphis Soul

The influence of Memphis on our musical heritage is evident in all genres of sound and continues to capture the world’s attention. In our lighted display case, the library will exhibit the school’s connection to Memphis music with books such as this one.

Big Star: The Short Life, Painful Death, and Unexpected Resurrection of the Kings of Power Pop by Rob Janovanovic (782.42166 J86b). This is the history of Big Star, a Memphis band that had little commercial success, yet influenced

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bands like R.E.M., the Bangles, Wilco, Jeff Buckley, and Garbage. Cheap Trick’s version of their song "In the Street" became the theme song for That ’70s Show. Band members included Andy Hummel ‘69 and Chris Bell ’69. John Fry ‘62 recorded their music at Ardent Studios.

**The MUS Studio Band** The library now has a copy of this CD produced by Mr. Hiltonsmith’s class.

**New Ways to Get Information**

The library has acquired several new databases: American National Biography, Dictionary of National Biography (British), Grove Art Online, and Grove Music Online. They require the same username and password from home as most of our other databases. The two biography databases have information on the lives of men and women who shaped America and Great Britain’s past. Grove Music has the full texts of the Dictionary of Music and Musicians and New Grove Dictionary of Jazz. Grove Art includes over 3,000 thumbnail art images and links to more. To explore these databases, go to the library homepage.

**New Materials at MUS**

If you like to unwind with a good mystery or spy novel, you might be interested in these novels by Michael Simmons.

**Finding Lubchenko** Michael Simmons (FIC S592f). When his father is framed for murder and bioterrorism, high-school junior Evan, using clues from a stolen laptop, travels from Seattle to Paris with two friends to find the real culprit.

**The Rise of Lubchenko** Michael Simmons (FIC S592r). Suspecting that his father’s business partner is selling smallpox virus to terrorists and murdering anyone who gets in his way, sixteen-year-old Evan Macalister once again travels to France with his friends to search for the mysterious Lubchenko, the elusive spymaster whose help they need to avert a major disaster.

**Are you ready for March Madness?**

Here are some great books about college basketball to get you in the mood for all the upcoming action. Try one of these books currently on the display table near the newspapers.

**How March Became Madness: How the NCAA Tournament Became the Greatest Sporting Event in America** Eddie Einhorn (796.32363 E35h).

**Glory Road: My Story of the 1966 Championship and How One Team Triumphed Against the Odds and Changed America Forever** Don Haskins (796.32309 H351g).

**Last Dance: Behind the Scenes at the Final Four** John Feinstein (796.32363 F299L).

**Library Blog**

Check out our new library blog. We’re highlighting books you might want to read, and we welcome your comments or recommendations. Access the blog through the library website and click on ‘Comments’ at the end of a post to send us your thoughts.

**Trivia Question**

Derived from ancient games in southern France, *petanque* is a 1907 *boule* game similar to lawn bowling. The name originated with the term *pieds tangues* which means stuck feet. Where on campus can you get a petanque set?

**Answer to November’s trivia question:** *Rowland Ward’s Records of Big Game* REF 799.26 W262

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