“The library is not a shrine for the worship of books. . . [It] should be the delivery room for the birth of ideas--a place where history comes to life.” –Norman Cousins

Senior Send Off

The Library staff has enjoyed working with you and we wish you well in your continued studies in college and beyond! We hope your experience in our library has been positive. Here are a few things to remember when using your college library:

1. Don’t be afraid to ask for help! Librarians really do want to help. They are trained to know where to look and what to get--fast.

2. Go to the Reference Desk for research help instead of the Circulation Desk. In college libraries, the people who work at the circulation desk are usually students and just deal with checking out books. The librarians are at the reference desk and have the knowledge to help you with what you need.

3. The majority of college and university libraries use the Library of Congress classification system, not the more familiar Dewey Decimal system. LC numbers begin with one or two letters followed by numbers. For example, their E468 .C612 2004 is our 973.3 C582t, a book on the Civil War.

4. If you’ve gotten used to relying on certain databases for research (like JStor), you will probably be able to find your old favorites, but be willing to use new databases. Check your college library website for database information, or just ask the librarian.

5. Go to a library orientation session or class. We know this is probably the last thing you’re going to want to do, but it will really come in handy when you have to start writing research papers.

6. You will likely find many of the comforts of home in your college library, such as coffee shops and comfort-able easy chairs. When exam time rolls around, many of them will stay open all night to accommodate your study habits. For example, the students at Rhodes have contests to see who can stay up studying in the library the longest.

We’d really like to get feedback from you about your MUS library experience. Send us an email library@musowls.org and tell us what you think is good about our library and/or what you think needs improvement.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

Summer Reading--for Fun

While we know you’ve got a summer filled with vacations, friends, family activities, and even dreaded summer reading, there will be times when you just want to read a good, engrossing book that has nothing to do with school or work. Here are two suggestions for some light summer reading:

Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows
by J.K. Rowling.

How can you let the summer go by and not find out the fate of the characters that you’ve grown up with? Even though it doesn’t come out until July 21, there will be plenty of time to read it before school starts. You just have to find out if Snape really is on the dark side, if that’s the last we’ve heard from Dumbledore, and if Harry can find the last horcrux!

“What can I say? Librarians rule.” --Regis Philbin
The Children of Hurin by J.R.R. Tolkien

“The first complete book by Tolkien in three decades, this book reunites fans of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings with Elves and Men, dragons and Dwarves, Eagles and Orcs. This stirring narrative will return fans to the rich landscape and characters unique to Tolkien.” –Publisher’s description. Tolkien’s son Christopher compiled various pieces from his father’s unpublished works to create this book. If you’re a fantasy fan, you can’t miss this one.

Answer to February’s trivia question: Of course--at the library! Ask Mrs. Molasky for the petanque set and play an ancient game.

New Library Website--Help!

How do you like the new website? We tried to make your searching simpler and easier. On the left side of every page is a navigation bar. Use Search the Catalogs for MUS and other libraries in the area. Use Search the Databases to find all our databases in three different ways: by title (A-Z), by subject, and by type of media. Subjects will take you to a list of the right databases and even free internet sites. Media will help you find an article, book, image, video, or primary source. If you have a class project, try the step-by-step directions under Class Project Guides at the top of the homepage. We hope this new setup will shorten research time and allow you to work easily from the library or home. Please give us your feedback!

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