Teen Read Week

The library celebrated Teen Read Week (theme: LOL at your Library) from October 15-19. Our appreciation goes out to Wesley Shannon and Peter Travis who read humorous excerpts in conjunction with ‘LOL.’ Thanks also to Mr. Eikner and Mr. Saunders who performed a Shakespearean Insults Skit during OP on the front steps. Students ate cookies and listened to two of their teachers trade insults.

A quotations quiz included selections from Reading List books and well-known Shakespeare plays. The prize for the quotations contest went to Anand Patel (9th grade). When checking out books, students put their names in a drawing. Gift cards were awarded to John Oates (8th) and Charlie Goodfellow (7th) from the Lower School, and Wyatt Whicker and Taylor Bates (9th) from the Upper School. Gift cards were for iTunes, Starbucks, Borders, Coldstone Creamery, and TGIFriday’s.

Other giveaways during the week included a tiny flip pen, Get out of a Fine Free cards, bookmarks, and candy. To watch the video from Teen Read Week, check out the Library Blog at http://faculty.musowls.org/mus-library.

Safari Montage holds over 2,000 educational video titles from companies such as BBC, PBS, and A&E.

**Library:** How easy is it to use SM?

**Barry Ray:** It has been extremely easy to use in the classroom. I can call it up in class to show clips or an entire video relating to material we are studying. In preparation for class, it is easy to view and select the various clips I intend to use that day.

**Library:** How has SM affected your class?

**Barry Ray:** Students seem to like the variety of approach in talking about the material we are covering. The response from students has been very good. I don’t know if there is a correlation or not, but the overall academic performance from my class this semester is better than previous groups. I have to think that the changes in approaching material have had a positive effect on their learning of material.

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Upper School Coat and Tie

Sometimes you forget. The library has collected enough unclaimed coats over the years to start our own business. Instead, we will offer a coat and tie for checkout on Fridays if you have forgotten or mislaid your own. Come into the library before school on Friday and pick out your size, then return it to us after chapel that same day.

New Displays

Mrs. Presley has collected materials from the South-west trip that Dr. Winfrey and Mr. Murphy took with boys from MUS. The display case at the north side of the library holds photographs, artifacts, and a map of their travels through the Wild West.

Also, our fall book display is themed Into the Wild, featuring wilderness adventure stories. Read about the dangerous explorations of the South Pole, the doomed attempt to triumph over Mt. Everest, or capsizing storms on the high seas. The movie version of Into the Wild is in theatres now, and the book is also required reading for the tenth grade.

On the table at the bottom of the stairs, Mrs. Arant has gathered the latest in sports books--soccer, football, and even NASCAR.

As always, check the Birthday Book display for new books given in honor of your birthday. Titles range from a DVD of Fiddler on the Roof to The Rough Guide to Fantasyland.

Finally, Mrs. Molasky puts new books on display that she thinks might interest you. The wooden bookshelf in the entryway and the index table outside the computer classroom hold books that have arrived within the last few months; as you go by, check these two places for the latest book in the series you’re reading or a new one to start.

College Collection Updated for Fall

Thinking about college? Where to apply? How to pay for it? Need help with that admissions essay looming over your head?

There’s lots of help available in our College Collection and we update it every fall with some of the newest books to help you with all your questions. College books circulate for 3 days or you can simply browse through them during your free periods. Here are just a few of our newest titles:

What You Don’t Know Can Keep You Out of College: 13 Fatal Application Mistakes and Why Character Is the Key to College Admissions. by Dan Dunbar.
Acing the College Application. by Michele Hernandez.
The College Hook: Packaging Yourself to Win the College Admissions Game. by Pam Proctor.

New Arrivals

Saturday Rules by Austin Murphy
“Murphy...spent many years covering the NFL for Sports Illustrated and even more years covering the college beat. Saturdays, he argues, feature the essence of sport—young athletes playing their hearts out. Mix that with rivalries that are deeper than any in the NFL [and] wacky college traditions. . .and nothing can beat a Saturday in a college-football stadium. To prove his position, Murphy traveled from L.A. to Michigan and back again multiple times “researching” the college-football experience from the fan's point of view.” --from Booklist

Meat Market: Inside the Smash-Mouth World of College Football Recruiting by Bruce Feldman.
Get inside the world of Ole Miss football recruiting with this new nonfiction title. "Recruiting is the lifeblood of college football yet is the most mysterious, misunderstood aspect of the sport. Feldman opens doors and opens eyes in a revealing look at how the machine that drives college football really works. Playing the big boys on the field is one thing. For those outside the "traditional power" fraternity, Meat Market shows that recruiting against them is even tougher . . . even for a Red Bull powered recruiting maniac like Ed Orgeron."
--Rece Davis, ESPN College Football studio host.

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