Welcome to Gordon Korman

Mark your calendars. Gordon Korman will spend the morning at MUS on February 29. In preparation for this author’s visit, the Hyde Library held a poster contest whose winner will receive a Starbucks gift card and will introduce Korman that morning. Gordon Korman published his first book at the age of 14 and is an entertaining speaker who encourages students to write. Korman will speak to the Lower School and answer the students questions. Next, Mr. Korman will conduct an adventure writing workshop with Barbara Crippen’s 7th grade English class. For lunch, the library’s contest winners and Book Club members will meet in the Loeb Room. In case you have trouble remembering when and where Mr. Korman will be, here is a brief schedule of his day at MUS.

Lost’s Daniel Mendelsohn

On February 14th the Hyde Library welcomed Daniel Mendelsohn as he signed copies of his book *The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*. Mendelsohn had a public book signing at Davis Kidd the night before and then came to the MUS campus to speak with students about his writing process, his love of literature, and the search for his family’s identity. He followed this visit with a chapel speech on Friday, Feb. 15. Mendelsohn’s visit was arranged by Flip Eikner, and the library was pleased to showcase his novel and give the staff and students the opportunity to meet him.
DISH Network

MUS faculty can now record and play back current satellite programming or even show live TV to their classes. But first, a teacher needs to have the Slingbox program installed on his or her computer. Each teacher will have access to one of the four DVRs: History, Language, or Science. On a first come, first serve basis, teachers should place a request with Bonnie Barnes when they want a program recorded, and then they can play back the program at their convenience. Playback scheduling should be reserved on the Faculty Portal's reservation page. Recordings will be saved until the end of the school year as long as the DVRs have space; after that, they will be deleted. If a program is needed for future use, the library will buy it from a vendor in order to comply with copyright fair use guidelines.

New Arrivals:
National Book Award Winners 2007

Book Award for Nonfiction
Legacy of Ashes: a History of the CIA by Tim Weiner. “Here is the hidden history of the CIA: why eleven presidents and three generations of CIA officers have been unable to understand the world, and how these failures have jeopardized our national security.” Based on more than 50,000 documents, primarily from the archives of the CIA itself, and hundreds of interviews.

Book Award for Fiction
Tree of Smoke by Denis Johnson. A tale of two American families swept up in the secrets and lies of the Vietnam war. “The real point is the possibility of grace in a world of total mystery and inexplicable suffering.” (from publishers’ descriptions)

an interview with Bonnie Barnes

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READ Posters

Our new READ poster is a group shot of Beg to Differ in their studio on the MUS campus. Beg to Differ is directed by Mr. Hiltonsmith and includes L to R: Tyler Flowers, Matt Haltom, Jake Rudolph, Christopher Bloodworth, Austin Beckford, Hunter Edens, Wesley Shannon, Grant Vogelfanger and (in front), Will Stokes. This group has performed a cappella for the Facing History and Ourselves banquet, Grizzlies (pregame and halftime), The LeBonheur ground-breaking, and Grace St. Luke Episcopal School.