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 Mr. Eikner, and the library was pleased to showcase his novel and give the you the opportunity to meet him.

MUS to Welcome 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. Also, the library held a reading contest—a race to see who could read the most Korman books before February 25. The winners of the contests will receive a Starbucks card and lunch with Korman on Friday.

Mr. Korman published his first book at the age of 14, so we know he has some interesting things to say to about writing. He’ll speak first at the Lower School chapel and answer your questions there. Then he will sign books for whoever wants autographed copies; the library will have a few available to purchase. After that, Mrs. Crippen’s 7th grade class will attend an adventure writing workshop with Mr. Korman. Finally, contest winners and Book Club members will go to the Loeb Room to eat lunch with Mr. Korman. In case you have trouble remembering when and where Mr. Korman will be, here is a brief schedule of his day at MUS.

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**New Satellite DISH**
MUS teachers can now record and play back current satellite programming or even show live TV to their classes for instructional purposes. Foreign language programming, documentaries, films, and current events are all accessible on the spot; teachers will be learning how to access and use the system during the month of February.

**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 groundbreaking, and Grace St. Luke Episcopal School.

**New Arrivals**
Winter is dragging along and sometimes it's hard to concentrate on class work. It's not a waste of time to exercise your brain a little with fun books of trivia and facts. You never know when your knowledge will come in handy -- especially if you're on the Quiz Bowl team or if you ever become a contestant on Jeopardy! Come by the library and browse through some of these new books:

*Do Not Open* by John Farndon is an "encyclopedia of the world's best-kept secrets." (031.02 F235d)

*The Knowledgebook: Everything You Need to Know to Get By in the 21st Century* by The National Geographic Society "distills thousands of years of humankind's most significant ideas and achievements, explains how they are linked and why they are important, and packs everything into a single, irresistibly readable volume." (Ref 031 K73)

*The Book of General Ignorance* by John Lloyd is a British best-seller revealing "all of the hugely entertaining misconceptions, mistakes, and misunderstandings in common knowledge." (031.02 L793b)

*Take Me to Your Leader* by Ian Harrison includes "Weird facts, bizarre stories, and life's oddities." (031.02 H319)

*The Sports Book: the Games, the Rules, the Tactics, the Techniques* by David Summers is packed with all kinds of information about more than 200 different sports. (796.02 S764s)

*The Worst of sports: Chumps, Cheats, and Chokers from the Games We Love* by Jesse Lamovsky is a "hilarious and informative look at the lowest moments, lousiest teams, and least impressive personnel in the history of American sports." (796.0207 L236w)

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"People can lose their lives in libraries. They ought to be warned." --Saul Bellow