Teen Read Week

On October 12-18 the library will celebrate Books with Bite to encourage teen reading. All week, students checking out a book will enter a drawing for gift certificates to iTunes, Starbucks, and Target. Winners will be announced the following week in Upper School chapel and Lower School assembly. On Tuesday, listen to students read scary stories; Thursday you can enjoy a scene from Macbeth. Each day the students check out a book they’ll also receive some kind of reward with bite: candy, pencils, overdue coupons, or bookmarks. Finally, a Trivia Quiz makes the students eligible for another prize if they can answer questions about vampires throughout literature.

Banned Book Week

On September 27-October 4, libraries are displaying books that were challenged or banned last year. These ‘toxic’ books were deemed hazardous to the students’ mental health and challenged by parents across the country. Some of these authors are on your own reading list, or have won prestigious book awards. Highlighting these books is an effort to promote reading and encourage critical thinking in our students.

Guys Read

Four Guys Read book clubs were formed during the Upper School Activities Fair last week. With 24 members, groups will meet about once a month during lunch or before school. Twelve faculty and staff members volunteered to help model reading for the boys. Laurie Clark, John Cady, Elizabeth Crosby, Bonnie Barnes, Lin Askew, Jenny Fernandez, and John Harkins volunteered in the upper school, and Shaun Gehres, Vicki Tyler, Nancy Arant, Laura Lawrence, and Bonnie Barnes will lead Lower School book clubs starting in November. Not only did the students sign up enthusiastically, but the Guys Read program formed a charter with Wesley Shannon and Michael Green as co-presidents. These groups range from mystery/thriller specific to seniors-only. Bonnie Barnes’s Upper School group are taking up the challenge of reading The Brothers Karamazov by Dostoevsky. The library is excited about your support for the reading club and we thank you for volunteering.

New Faculty READ Poster

Thanks to the new MUS faculty members for taking the time to pose for our latest READ poster. It will display in our lobby for a few months before finding a permanent home elsewhere.

Big Move

All the Fiction books, which used to be on the second floor, are now shelved in the back of the library. The Short Story Collection (books with SC on the label) will soon be merged with Fiction downstairs. We had moving help from our 7th graders as a hands-on exercise in their orientation program. Thanks to the new owls for their hard work.

V for Vote!

As the presidential campaigns heat up, stop by our V for Vote! display to satisfy your curiosity about the candidates and the process. We have books like McCain’s Faith of My Fathers or Obama’s Audacity of Hope. You’ll also find Millennium Makeover by Morley Winograd & Michael D. Hais which talks about the internet’s influence over the process. Then get in a few laughs from Jon Stewart’s America: a Citizen’s Guide to Democracy Inaction.
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