Senior Sip Day

MUS seniors recently completed a brief survey from the Hyde Library that asked for their top ten favorite books read at MUS, their top ten least favorite, and their favorite picture books read as kids. After we tallied the responses, the library created bookmarks with the top 10 favorites and least favorites.

On Wednesday, April 21, the Library brought back Senior Sip Day, handing out free chocolate milk, coffee, and pastries for our 2010 seniors. The bookmarks were on display, as well as a wide range of children’s picture books our seniors noted on their survey. We wish the seniors luck in their college experience and hope we’ve inspired a love of reading.

You Might Be a Winner!

We have had a busy spring semester! Not only did we honor the seniors in April, but we also hosted the author Ann Bausum in March. Mrs. Bausum met with the Memphis Leaders classes and spoke in Lower School assembly. Next, Mr. Hampton Sides ’80 visited our campus and gave us signed copies of his new book, Hellhound on His Trail. April was National Poetry Month; again this year, the library featured our “Create Your Own” magnetic poetry board and novels in verse. The last display of the year featured materials on privacy and protecting your identity for “Choose Privacy Week,” May 2-8.

During exam week, come in to the library at 7:45 a.m. for chocolate milk, orange juice, and muffins. It’s a great way to fuel up!

Library Events

We now have 37 participants in the Raise a Reader contest, with an average of 14 hours logged per student. After a slow start because of technical difficulties, Mrs. Barnes began to promote the contest in the Lower School assembly and through student and parent emails, which dramatically increased the response. If you didn’t sign up, you still have time to register and log minutes or hours as far back as March 8, and you have until the end of May to do so. If you have read anything at all—a newspaper, a school assignment, an e-book, or a graphic novel—go to the library’s Web site and have a parent register you. You might win a $50 gift card from Barnes and Noble if you log 60 minutes, which is just a drop in the bucket when you think about all the reading you do!
This summer the library-sponsored book clubs are reading a few novels to get a head start on next year. Here are their selections.

**The Diving Bell and the Butterfly** by Jean-Dominique Bauby In December of 1995, Bauby suffered a stroke and emerged from a coma to find his whole body paralyzed with locked-in syndrome. This is the memoir he composed and dictated that summer using just his left eyelid. He died in 1997—just after his book was published. This selection is for Mrs. Crosby’s book club.

**Going Bovine** by Libba Bray Cameron Smith is diagnosed with mad cow disease and sets off on a road trip to find the mysterious physicist Dr. X who may be able to save his life. Cameron’s quest is aided by talking yard gnomes and guardian angels, so it might be just the disease causing his hallucinations. This selection is for Mrs. Crosby’s book club.

**Harry Potter** by J.K. Rowling Mr. Reese is looking to start up a book club exclusively about Harry Potter. It would be a good idea to read the series again this summer so you can be ready to battle it out with Mr. Reese.

**Lord of the Rings** by J.R.R. Tolkien This is the trilogy that acts as a comprehensive sequel to *The Hobbit*. First in the series is *The Fellowship of the Ring*, then *The Two Towers*, and finally *The Return of the King*. The Lower School book club suggests reading at least the first book over the summer.

**The Door Within** by Wayne Thomas Batson Also a trilogy, this one begins with *The Door Within*, then *The Rise of the Wyrm Lord*, and finally *The Final Storm*. Aidan discovers a set of scrolls in his grandfather’s basement that sweep him into the world of the Realm, where he is the 12th Knight of the King’s Elder Guard. Read the first in this series for the Lower School book club.

**Hellhound on His Trail** by Hampton Sides ’80 Sides covers the stalking of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the international manhunt for his killer, James Earl Ray. Hampton Sides has also written *Ghost Soldiers* and *Blood and Thunder*, which are available in the library.

Don’t forget that the library is open this summer on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Check the Web site for recommendations on good books!