This summer the library put the finishing touches on the Welcome Desk. Between the two support columns, we’ve added a large workstation with bookshelves and 4 rolling book carts. Their design matches the wood and lines of our desk, and the shelf space is a welcome addition. The contractors also wrapped the columns with wood paneling and hung display shelves. Finally, pull-out drawers were added to two areas of the desk finished last year.

The library has also set up a Video Editing room upstairs in Dr. Winfrey’s old office. Housing two new iMacs, the lab is open to any student who needs video editing software. You must sign in at the front desk and have one of the staff unlock the room and get you started. In addition, the library has acquired two new Flip video cameras. The students who are taking Ms. Newburger’s class may fill out a release form and check out one of these cameras overnight. Cameras may be used on campus by any student or faculty member.

As you enter the library, look up! You’ll see the Memphis Legends Portrait Series, created by MUS students through our Fine Arts program. Now on display in the foyer of the Hyde Library are Jerry “the King” Lawler, Isaac Hayes, Penny Hardaway, Zach Randolph of the Memphis Grizzlies, Al Green, Morgan Freeman, Mr. Barry Ray, and Mr. Grant Burke.
This year the Library Book Clubs are back better than ever. Mrs. Crosby’s group has selected *The Lies of Locke Lamora* by Scott Lynch. Mr. Reese’s Harry Potter Book Club is starting with the first book *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*. The Lower School’s Guys Read group is reading D.J. MacHale’s first book in the Pendragon series, *The Merchant of Death*. The Upper School’s Read for Fun group chose *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner, which is also the first book in a series.

**The Lies of Locke Lamora** by Scott Lynch. Abandoned as an infant, the boy known as Locke Lamora grows up to become one of his city’s most famous (or infamous) con artists, yet his good nature has made him a folk hero. Leading his own band of men, Locke falls into the center of a conspiracy that threatens those he holds dear. --Library Journal Review

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone** by J.K. Rowling. Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

**The Merchant of Death** by D.J. MacHale. Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. But Bobby is swept off to an alternate dimension known as Denduron, a territory inhabited by strange beings, ruled by a magical tyrant, and plagued by dangerous revolution.

The Maze Runner by James Dashner. Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up in an elevator with no memory. When the doors open, he finds himself in the Glade—the center of an ever-moving, deadly maze. The boys in the Glade don’t know how they’ve arrived, but they know they must solve the maze to escape.

**Banned Books Week**

Don’t be a Decepticon--Think for Yourself! Banned Books Week begins September 27 and runs through October 1. Check out the library’s display at the front of the Welcome Desk for books on creativity, activism, inventions, and inspiration. Let a book transform your life.

**Author Visits**

Heather Brewer, the author of the Vladimir Tod series, is signing books at Davis-Kidd on September 25. Tony Campolo will speak to the MUS students during chapel on October 1 and have a book signing afterwards courtesy of the Rogers Leadership Forum. On October 15, the History Department is bringing author Kenneth Jackson to the MUS campus. In January, Frank Beddor will arrive on campus to speak to students and sign copies of his books. Beddor is the author of the series *The Looking Glass Wars*, which was a book club selection last year.