E-Readers

The Hyde Library has jumped into the world of e-readers! We now have two Nooks and two Sony Readers available for students and staff to check out. The e-readers can be used on campus during the school day or checked out for a week. However, students need a parent's signed permission to check out an e-reader for a week. The form is available in the library and online here.

Why did we get e-readers?
The Hyde Library has provided access to NetLibrary’s 39,000 academic ebooks for our students and staff (available from any computer) for several years. Since we now provide access to popular fiction in ebook format as well, it’s more convenient to read on a portable e-reader than a computer. MUS students are reading more current, popular fiction—either for book clubs or on their own, and we want to meet the demand for those books in both formats.

What books will be loaded on the e-readers? Right now, we are loading book club selections on the e-readers because we need to get multiple copies of those books quickly. Students and staff are welcome to suggest other titles for the e-readers; there is a request form available at the Welcome Desk. Please don’t hesitate to ask.

Will our library get rid of physical books? We don’t anticipate that happening. There are definite advantages to both book formats. Some people love using technology and love the advantages of ebooks and e-readers. Other people love the tactile sensations of holding a physical book and turning real pages. Some people just love books, physical or electronic. At the Hyde Library, we will continue to have both.

Summer Renovations

The last day students will be able to have library materials out this year is Thursday, May 12. You’re welcome to use materials in the building until May 13, and you can use the copy machines (but not computers or materials) on the last three days before exams, May 16-18.

We’ll be closed this summer for construction, and our physical collection will be packed up. We won’t have materials available for checkout over the summer this year, but we hope you’ll like the new look. Of course, our website and databases will be up and running all summer.

We expect to be open for business again the week before school starts in August. When you get back, please come see what we’ve done. We plan to change lighting, ceilings, carpet, and some furniture. We’ll add more furniture the next two summers and would like to get your feedback and ideas, so you’ll be hearing more about this next year!
Senior Sip Day

Seniors! Come to the library for refreshing chocolate milk, coffee, and pastries to celebrate the class of 2011. Free gift for those who show up, and an interesting look at the books seniors have loved.

**Summer Reads**

from publisher’s description

**The Enemy** by Charles Higson

After a disease turns everyone over sixteen into brainless, decomposing, child-eating sub-humans, a group of kids leave their grocery store shelter and fight their way across London with the hope of finding safe haven at Buckingham Palace.

**True Grit** by Charles Portis

Mattie Ross hires the meanest sheriff available in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to hunt down her father’s killer Tom Chaney. With the help of Mattie and a Texas Ranger, Rooster Cogburn goes after Chaney and the Lucky Ned Pepper gang deep in Oklahoma Territory. This book is on the 8th grade Book Report list and was a 2010 movie.

**Asleep: The Forgotten Epidemic** by Molly Caldwell Crosby

This nonfiction work chronicles the bizarre disease encephalitis lethargica, or sleeping sickness, that appeared alongside a flu outbreak during World War I and mysteriously disappeared in 1927. This disease left millions dead or locked in institutions with a range of symptoms, including facial tics, insomnia, unending sleep, catatonia, and violent insanity.

**I Beat the Odds** by Michael Oher

The football star made famous in the hit film “The Blind Side” reflects on how far he has come from the circumstances of his youth. While many people are now familiar with Oher’s amazing journey, this is the first time he shares his story in his own words. For the book on which the movie was based, read Michael Lewis’s *The Blind Side*.

**Handing One Another Along** by Robert Coles

Dr. Coles shows how the work of writers, artists, and thinkers of the past two centuries can inspire examination of our own character and complexity, encouraging us to venture outside ourselves towards a greater understanding of humanity.

**Outcasts United** by Warren St. John

Luma Mufleh, an American-educated Jordanian woman living in Clarkson, Georgia, begins a youth soccer team to unify her town’s sudden influx of refugees from the world’s war zones.