The Hyde Library and the Hull Lower School were dedicated in May of 1971. The library has undergone updates from time to time, but this is the first major renovation for the main area of the building, and it will continue for two more summers. During Teen Read Week we put up a display called "Not Your Dad’s Library" to show how much libraries have changed in the past 40 years, while this building has endured and adapted. The cupcakes and cookies we served were in honor of this anniversary, so we hope you enjoyed them!

The 2011 celebration of Teen Read Week included prizes for signing up for the Reading Contest, homemade cookies on Tuesday and Thursday, cupcakes on Friday, a Guess Who? Trivia Contest, and new this year, a Battle of the Books competition for Upper and Lower School.

The Battle of the Books pitted individual students against each other to see whether they remembered anything from their summer reading assignments, and whether they had read more than the minimum required. Here are the winners: Upper School - Nicholas Manley; 8th grade - Andrew Green, Kevin Tu, and Bilal Siddiq; 7th grade - Charlie Wiener. Next year we’ll have some experience under our belts, and you’ll know ahead of time, so be sure to read well over the summer. Maybe even read all the books on your list of choices - you might win an iTunes gift card!

The Guess Who? Trivia Contest featured photographs culled from the 1971 and 1974 yearbook and required students to name the teacher or staff member currently still at MUS. Winners for that prize were Shaan Jiles, Seamus Fitzhenry, and Drew Evans who each received single-use cameras.

Each day that a student checked out a book, he was entered into a drawing for an iTunes gift card. In the Lower School, the winner of the drawing was Grayson Lee, and in Upper School, the winner was Myatt McClure.

Also new this year was our Pages Contest. Each student who entered could submit the pages they’d read in a three-week period, beginning October 1. The pages were totalled and winners in the Upper School were Zack Whicker with 4,216 pages, Ashish Nathani with 4,007 pages, and Samuel Hecht with 2,556 pages. In the Lower School, first place went to Bilal Siddiq with 1,460 pages, second place to Mackey Alexander with 1,244 pages, and third place to Andrew Green with 947 pages. First place received an iTunes gift card, while 2nd and 3rd were given single-use cameras.
The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth
by Alexandra Robbins
Robbins explores the ways group identity theories play out among cliques - and the students they exclude. She reveals the new labels students stick onto each other today, the long-term effects of this marginalization, and the reasons students falling under these categories are often shunned.

Silk Parachute
by John McPhee
The essay "Silk Parachute," which first appeared in The New Yorker a decade ago, has become John McPhee's most anthologized piece of writing. This work also contains nine other essays ranging from travel to lacrosse to food.

Pavement Chalk Artist: the 3D Drawings of Julian Beever
More than just traditional flat drawings, the works of Beever are uniquely three-dimensional. For those who are standing in the right place, Beever's chalk drawings invites them to step right into the scene.

The Beat of Urban Art: the Art of Justin Bua
With a biographical narrative accompanied by sketches, studies, and explanations of how Bua's best known pieces were created, this work takes readers into the head and heart of an artist who paints the world he sees with brilliant color and electric emotion.

Those Guys Have All the Fun: Inside the World of ESPN
by James Andrew Miller and Tom Shales
A history of cable sports channel ESPN, based on interviews with nearly five hundred current and former employees, announcers and analysts, as well as sports stars including LeBron James, Peyton Manning, and Jeff Gordon.

Through My Eyes
by Tim Tebow
One of the best quarterbacks in the history of college football traces his path to success, discussing his childhood as the son of Christian missionaries, and how his faith and his drive to succeed have made him the person he is today.

Michael Vey: the Prisoner of Cell 25
by Richard Paul Evans
Michael is extremely special--he has Tourette's Syndrome and electric powers. Michael thinks he's unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers. With the help of Michael's friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up with their abilities, and their investigation soon brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric teens--and through them, the world.

Exam Week Refuel

It’s nearly time for the library’s annual Exam Week Refuel! Grab hot chocolate or coffee and a pastry in the library foyer in the morning before your big test.