Author Visit

Brandon Mull, bestselling young adult fiction writer, met with MUS students on Tuesday, April 17. He spoke to Mr. Eikner’s 8th grade English class, addressed the Lower School Assembly, talked with aspiring writers and book club members, and signed copies of his books. He talked about his experiences in becoming a professional writer and reminded students to include reading in their entertainment choices – reading lets you imagine scenes and stories in your own mind instead of seeing them projected on a screen.

To promote his visit, the library offered a Writing Contest. Zohar Rubinstein won first place and received a signed copy of Mr. Mull’s book. The first place winner and runners-up also got to meet with Mr. Mull to get advice about writing.

Choose Privacy

James Madison, former President of the US, said, “A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy... a people who mean to be their own Governors must arm themselves with the power which Knowledge gives.”

Librarians believe that the freedom of speech is useless without the freedom to read. Confidentiality is essential to these freedoms. If library users have to worry about being judged, ostracized, spied on, or punished, then their freedoms are hampered. They may not seek answers to their questions or read the things they want to read – in print or online. To be free and to truly govern ourselves, people must be able to explore ideas without fear. Therefore, libraries across the country are celebrating the right to choose privacy.

Learn how to protect your online searches, your social networking information, and your browsing history by going to the American Library Association website.
This summer we will have ereaders available for students and staff to check out. The ereaders can be checked out for a week. However, students need a parent’s signed permission; these forms are available in the library and online here. The library will be open during the summer on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Googlization of Everything by Siva Vaidhyanathan
Siva Vaidhyanathan examines the ways we have used and embraced Google - and the growing resistance to its expansion across the globe. He exposes the dark side of our Google fantasies, raising red flags about issues of intellectual property and the much-touted Google Book Search. He assesses Google's global impact, particularly in China, and explains the insidious effect of Googlization on the way we think.

Serpent’s Shadow by Rick Riordan
Despite their best efforts, Carter and Sade Kane can't seem to keep Apophis, the chaos snake, down. Now Apophis is threatening to plunge the world into eternal darkness, and the Kanes are faced with the impossible task of having to destroy him once and for all.

Fear by Michael Grant
It’s been one year since all the adults disappeared. Gone. Despite the hunger and the lies, even despite the plague, the kids of Perdido Beach are determined to survive. Creeping into the tenuous new world they’ve built, though, is perhaps the worst incarnation yet of the enemy known as the Darkness: fear.

The Drowned Cities by Paolo Bacigalupi
In a dark future America where violence, terror, and grief touch everyone, young refugees Mahlia and Mouse have managed to leave behind the war-torn lands of the Drowned Cities by escaping into the jungle outskirts. But when they discover a wounded half-man - a bioengineered war beast named Tool - who is being hunted by a vengeful band of soldiers, their fragile existence quickly collapses.

Insurgent by Victoria Roth
One choice can transform you or it can destroy you. But every choice has consequences, and as unrest surges in the factions all around her, Tris Prior must continue trying to save those she loves - and herself - while grappling with haunting questions of grief and forgiveness, identity and loyalty, politics and love.