The library's computer lab has been transformed into an all-new wireless lab with laptops and iPads. Two HDMI flatscreen TVs serve as projection screens, and mobile whiteboards have been purchased. New aqua paint and sandy carpet have given the room a breezy appearance, and the new Chevron-shaped tables can be rearranged as needed.

You may have noticed new splashes of color in the main library’s seating: plum, mango, turquoise, and poppy echo the colors of the books on the shelves. Tablet arms and end tables turn the comfortable chairs into study space. Serpentine sectional units work as places to read or talk quietly. We replaced clunky, mismatched pieces with two large mobile display units, a dictionary stand that matches the carrels and atlas stand, and a custom "U Table" made out of books in the foyer, built by Mr. Grant Burke. Thus ends the five-year metamorphosis of the Hyde Library. Come in, keep calm, and study on!

D.J. MacHale

On September 24, the MUS Library is pleased to host author of the Pendragon series D.J. MacHale, courtesy of Laurelwood Booksellers. He will speak during OP in the Hyde Chapel and be available to sign books and answer questions afterwards. A table will be set up where you can buy his latest book Sylo.

We’re also extremely pleased to host the acclaimed author, T. A. Barron, on November 1, for chapel, a book signing, and a writing workshop during 4th period. Check their websites for more information: djmachalebooks.com and tabarron.com.

The Lower School Guys Read club (led by Mrs Arant and Mrs Barnes) will meet during lunch on Wednesday, while the Upper School Read For Fun group will meet during lunch on Wednesday and Thursday as well. The first book they are both reading is MacHale’s Sylo. An Upper School book club led by Mrs. Crosby will be reading John Steinbeck’s East of Eden and they will meet Tuesday, October 8, during OP in US 104.

The Faculty Book Club is led by Lin Askew. Email Mr. Askew for more information. You can join these groups at any time.
Teen Read Week is coming! From October 15 to 18, we will have contests, prizes, and fun in the Hyde library to celebrate reading for fun. Watch for announcements after fall break. (Hint: you may want to take another look at your summer reading books to prepare for a beastly Battle of the Books.)

Check out the library app on your mobile device. Use the BookMyne app to log in and see your library account, including the books you’ve still got checked out. You can also log in to the library catalog from the website. All you need is your Ucard number and the PIN: changeme.

New Arrivals from publisher's descriptions

The Winter of Our Disconnect by Susan Maushart. The wise and hilarious story of a family who discovered that having fewer tools to communicate with led them to actually communicate more. For six months, Maushart and her family unplugged all their devices in a self-imposed exile from the Information Age.

The Architect by James Williamson. As work on the Center for Southern Culture finally commences, architect Ethan Cottham begins to suspect that his plans are being undermined by the Colonel, an unscrupulous construction manager notorious for cutting corners. Isolated and desperate to save the project and his reputation, Cottham’s only ally is the beautiful and psychic Pallie Pelham. Written by MUS’s own Mrs. Williamson’s husband, this interesting portrait of Memphis embodies a lively treatise on architecture itself.

Darth Vader and Son by Jeffrey Brown. What if Darth Vader took an active role in raising his son? What if “Luke, I am your father” was just a stern admonishment from an annoyed dad? In this hilarious and sweet comic reimagining, Darth Vader is a dad like any other - except with all the baggage of being the Dark Lord of the Sith.

Sylo by D.J. MacHale. They came from the sky, parachuting out of military helicopters to invade Tucker Pierce’s hometown on Pemberwick Island, Maine. They call themselves SYLO and they are a secret branch of the U.S. Navy. SYLO’s commander, Captain Granger, informs Pemberwick residents that the island has been hit by a lethal virus and must be quarantined.

Military Quotation Book by James Charlton. An impressive treasury of bold, satirical, and witty observations about men and war, including more than 1,100 quotations and bringing together the wisdom of fallen heroes, living politicians, honored statesman, and rebellious writers.

The Make Good Art Speech by Neil Gaiman. In May 2012, bestselling author Neil Gaiman delivered the commencement address at Philadelphia’s University of the Arts, in which he shared his thoughts about creativity, bravery, and strength. He encouraged the fledgling painters, musicians, writers, and dreamers to break rules and think outside the box. Most of all, he encouraged them to make good art. This book, designed by renowned graphic artist Chip Kidd, contains the full text of Gaiman’s inspiring speech.

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