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## LIBRARY BULLETIN November/December 2007

### **ROBERT N. SHAPIRO '68 SEMINAR ROOM NAMED**

The seminar room in the Library has been named the Robert N. Shapiro '68 room in honor of Rob's many contributions to the Library. Shapiro served as secretary of the Friends of the Academy Library from 1980 to 1984. Since 1985 he has served as chair of the Friends group.

### **BIBLION UPGRADE**

You may have noticed that the Library recently upgraded the look of search results within BIBLION.

- The number of results in a search has changed from 12 per page to 50 per page.
- Keyword search results are now organized by relevance.
- Many searches now go directly to an "extended display," showing not only the title and author for each item, but also the location, call number and its circulation status.

### **CALCULATORS, DIGITAL CAMERAS, AND A VIDEO CAMERA**

The library recently purchased ten TI-89 calculators, six Sony Powershot 570 digital cameras, and a Flip video camera that are available for circulation. The calculators are equipped with USB cables for connecting to PCs for upgrades and download. Calculators are available for 2-hour loan from the circulation desk. The six digital cameras are easy to use and are capable of holding hundreds of pictures on the included memory card. The cameras circulate for three days at a time. The Flip video camera is a small, lightweight camera that can capture up to an hour of video and audio, which can then be transferred to a personal computer. The Flip video camera checks out for three days at a time.

### **JUNIOR STUDIES TIME CAPSULE EVENT**

This year's Junior Studies course will finish with the traditional grand event in the library's Rockefeller Hall from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11. The current members of the Class of 2011 will present boxes of materials to be stored as a time capsule in the Academy Archives, to be returned to them in another ceremony during the week of their graduation in 2011. The event, which is open to the Academy Community, will also feature music, as well as remarks by representatives from the junior and Senior Classes and the principal.

### **A VERY BUSY PLACE**

From the beginning of this term through mid-November, our statistics show that at least 152 classes were held in the library to complete library assignments. Between mid-September and November 16, 15 sections of Junior Studies had four classes each taught by a librarian. Librarians teach the students how to use the Reference section, BIBLION, the online databases, and the internet. These classes also included discussions about academic honesty.

Students in 21 sections of HIS331 worked on essays involving 19th century figures, making significant use of our online history databases and lots of books from our regular collection. In addition, students in HIS109, HIS 209, HIS213, HIS440, HIS425 and REL240 worked on library projects. Students in HIS109 learned about Ancient Greece. In HIS213 the students worked on essays on topics of the students' choice such as the Reformation, the age of discovery and the Renaissance. In HIS440 and in REL240 students sought information on current events. On average, classes usually spend three to five days in the Library.

