

## The Katz Library

The Katz Library for the Upper Division is a central hub of student activity at Horace Mann School. Between making reading recommendations for pleasure reading, helping with databases, or assisting in finding books for specific projects, the librarians and staff are always available to students and faculty.

Because we believe that research skills should not be learned in a vacuum, but rather should be tied to curricula, librarians work closely with faculty and students to provide detailed instruction around specific assignments. To this end, the library collects heavily in the areas that will support the curriculum and we consistently order books upon request.

The Library's collection houses nearly 54,000 books, videos, DVDs, and audio books, as well as many magazines. In addition, the Katz Library subscribes to roughly fifty research databases that are available 24/7 through remote access with a student or faculty ID. The library provides seating for 180 students, with soft-seating areas for comfortable leisure reading and studying. Over forty laptops are available for student use in the library, as well as twenty desktops. Seven group study rooms, located on both floors of the library, allow students to work collaboratively. One of these rooms also serves as an electronic classroom where research classes meet to work with librarians and their teacher. Students may eat lunch and drink throughout the library, but they are expected to keep the library clean.

Throughout the school year, the Katz Library hosts a variety of special events, such as club-sponsored break festivities, holiday movie celebrations, and Library Spirit Day. Some of our most popular programs are the weekly book group meetings. Upper Division students take part in twice-weekly Literary Lunch Chat meetings where students discuss books they are currently reading for pleasure and for school. The group discussions frequently focus on beloved books that are being made into movies or television series. The Mock Printz Committee, which meets weekly, chooses the best young adult book published during the year.

Katz Library Hours  
**Monday-Friday: 8:15-5:50**