



## **The Human Heart: Fact and Fiction**

This year's LCC Reads author Claire Holden Rothman (*The Heart Specialist*) and Dr. Ariane Marelli (Director of the MAUDE Cardiology Unit at the Montreal General Hospital and LCC parent) spoke at the Middle and Senior School assembly on Tuesday, November 29. This event was the culmination of a year's planning by the LCC Reads Committee: thirty-five Middle and Senior School students, Miss Varvarikos, Ms. Borod, Ms. Mazzella and Mr. Moore. Ms. Rothman presented the inspirations for her novel, as well as for writing in general, and a brief history of Canadian and Quebec women pioneers in the field of medicine. The author also mentioned that she and Dr. Marelli had a shared interest: the human heart. Dr. Marelli celebrated the achievements and legacy of Maude Abbott and spoke about the important work of the MAUDE Cardiology Unit. She also kindly donated to the LCC Library Maude Abbott's groundbreaking *Atlas of Congenital Cardiac Disease*. After the guest speakers' presentations, the question and answer session provided a forum for students and teachers to pose some effective questions. Following the assembly, the library staff sponsored a reception and book signing for the invited guests and the LCC Reads Committee.