



Heritage Library Report

October 2021



Usage Stats

Books Checked Out

550

eBook Checkouts

211

Database Usage

83,669

Queries

Other Activities

Library Visitors

2,299

Including TASSEL, clubs, & standard library visitors. This is an estimate; the real number is likely higher!

Yearly Circulation

2,307

General Updates

We continue to see record circulation statistics for the campus. This was the highest circulation count ever for October, and our eBook checkouts continue to be consistently high. I'm grateful to our campus teachers and admin for helping support our development of a reading culture on campus!

The 3D printer has a renewed life for our students! Their interest and excitement to see what they can create is infectious, and we continue to learn more about how this kind of software works.

The library has started an AP Book Club to help expand our AP students' knowledge of literature and give them a greater chance of success on their tests. While academic in nature, the students' passion for reading became apparent as we navigated *Frankenstein* together.

Our research showed an early surge, as we had hoped to see! Importantly, I did not have to re-instruct students or teachers on the use of research materials - this suggests that research is becoming a more self-sufficient, integrated process on campus!

Library Management

In preparation for the expansion projects around campus, the library has been collaborating with our administrators to plan furnishings and book orders to ensure that the library continues to be a modern, viable space that supports our students' hobbies and academic success.

Coming up

For November, we are continuing to explore how the library will adapt to meet the changes coming to campus with the expansion project.

Additionally, November is Native American Heritage Month. We will have our own resources and displays up to promote a deeper awareness and understanding of the experiences of our Indigenous populations. To that end, we will also provide materials and resources to teachers to equip them to better instruct our students in the amazing, intricate history and culture of Native Americans.

I've been talking with teachers from different subjects who would benefit from an expanded nonfiction section with books in their field to get suggestions; hopefully, we can use this to make that part of our collection more viable and accessible!

October Highlights

We have recently seen an uptick in new readers - students who haven't read a book before coming in and asking for help in finding something. It's probably my favorite thing to do, and some of them really commit to finding a book to be exciting about!

Here is an excerpt from an email I received from an English teacher: "...several have FINISHED multiple books this year. Even some have said they've never read a full book in their life.

Anyway, I just wanted you to know how the culture of reading is changing in my classroom. It's really cool to watch, so thanks for encouraging us to take the plunge with SSR."

A reading culture is starting to take shape here at Heritage, and I can't wait to see where it goes!