

# TCSD LIBRARIES UPDATE

## Reading is a Gift

Following a successful book giveaway during the MMES Family University SEL night on December 16th, we decided to bring the remaining donations back to library classes and have students choose and wrap books to give to friends and family.

The project took on a life of its own, with students enthusiastically choosing between 1 and 9 books each to wrap and give away. We put out a call for more donations, and received an incredible response.

MMES families cleared space in their homes and sent us next-to-new books that students snatched up and took home to give away. From friends to cousins and siblings, parents, grandparents and teachers, this project sent hundreds of books into students' homes for the New Year. Parent volunteers also came to the rescue, helping us wrap the books during classes the week before Winter Break. It was a joyful celebration of reading and literacy, and a new MMES tradition has been born!



The MMES Library provided a donated books giveaway with optional gift wrapping during our Family University SEL Night on December 16th.

### PHYSICAL CIRCULATION

Total number of library items borrowed from our district libraries this school year.

**31,814**

### QUOTES OF THE MONTH

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY?

"The Library is my favorite place to be!"  
- MMES Kindergarten student.

"I am so excited to check out books about Earthquakes...I feel like I am in high school."  
- AES Fourth Grade Student.

### DIGITAL CIRCULATION

Total number of ebooks, audiobooks and digital magazines

**2,053**



A new book return display was created at Wilson Elementary School. It's name has been coined the book drop, "Gobble Guy".

## Other Noteworthy Happenings

5th Graders at CES learned about the importance of locating and verifying reliable sources when working with online information.

Wilson Elementary School implemented a wonderful teaching packet for Dear Librarian online. The kids enjoyed coloring, finding their way through mazes, letter writing and drawing pictures of their library. The materials and activities that can be found online are so helpful when planning a lesson.



Jackson Elementary School students are anxiously viewing the new books displayed in the book vending machine. The book vending machine will begin dispensing books after winter break.

## JHMS Library, Sixth Grade Collaborate on Research Project

Sixth Grade History teachers and students collaborated with the middle school library on a Mesopotamia research project. Students learned about a variety of chosen topics.

Students implemented middle-school level methods to cite their sources.

During this collaboration they were introduced to NoodleTools, an online citation tool they will likely use through their senior year in high school and possibly beyond.

