

The HHS Library



What's new...

- Seating area to keep students safely distanced/easy to clean
- Outdoor Classroom used often, weather permitting
- Movie vs. Book theme this year
- Added shelving to highlight graphic novels and award winners



Circulation and more...

The library is the heart of the middle school. This learning space not only serves as a library, but students use it for collaboration, projects, and for studying.

- 11,468 transactions since beginning of school year
- Joined the consortium with SORA to add 70,000 eBooks and audio books
- Help students with items in the Studio and STEAM lab
- Collaborate with students and staff
- Laminate, do binding and make copies if needed
- Students use library for quiet place to work on projects and collaborate
- Help with staff and student projects



The Collection

The fiction section is much newer than the nonfiction. With the move to 1:1, our print nonfiction is not a main focus as the information becomes outdated quickly and the digital resources are much more current. We use SORA to host our online books. This year we joined the SORA consortium which added close to **70,000 books and magazines** to our online selection. These charts do not reflect the impact of the consortium on my collection. The HMS collection includes current books and a large selection of classics.



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Distribution of Resources

Here's just a glimpse of how our library stacks up.

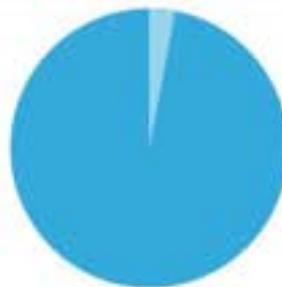
Print, Audiovisual & Digital

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Physical vs. digital resources

98%
Print

AVG. AGE: 2007



2%
Digital

AVG. AGE: 2012

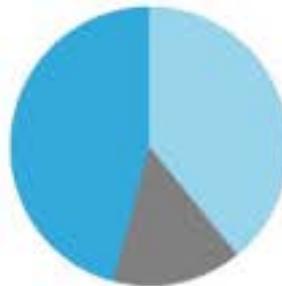
Fiction & Nonfiction

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Literary vs. informational texts

46%
Fiction

AVG. AGE: 2010



39%
Nonfiction

AVG. AGE: 2005

The Breakdown

The fiction section requires constant monitoring so that series are kept up to date and popular authors' new releases are readily available. The students are valuable assets in helping with this. Having a varied selection enables the students to become lifelong readers. We have reading levels as low as 1.5 so that even our struggling readers have choices in the library. Having selections at that low of number will skew our average reading level.

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Reading Levels

The HMS library strives to provide books at everyone's level. As you can see the majority fall between the 4th grade level and 8th grade level, but we do have books so that everyone can find their "just right book".

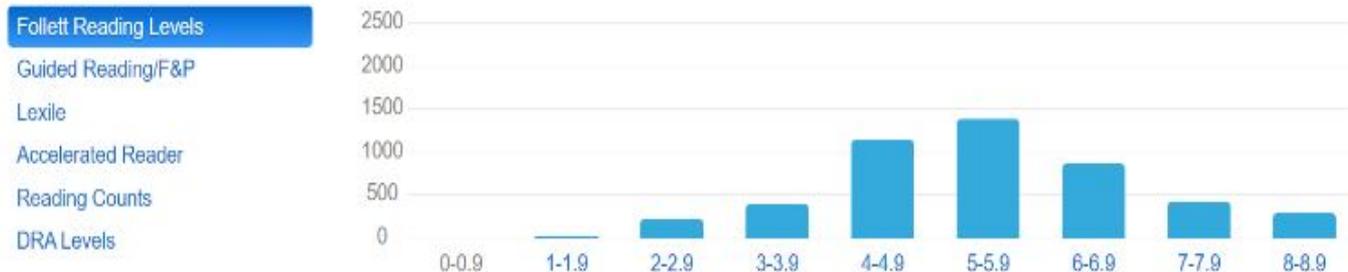
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GUIDED READING/F&P

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LEXILE

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ACCELERATED READER

Collection by reading level



Average reading level

5th grade

By the Numbers

Chromebooks offer access to our reliable databases.

Collection by nonfiction classification

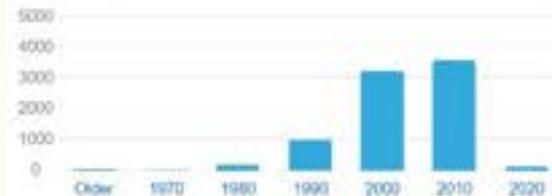
All Dewey Classes

Age-Sensitive Areas

| Classification | Avg. Age | Items |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Computer Science, Information & General Works | 2009 | 82 |
| Philosophy & Psychology | 2007 | 49 |
| Religion | 2002 | 52 |
| Social Sciences | 2005 | 589 |
| Language | 2002 | 11 |
| Science | 2005 | 249 |
| Technology | 2005 | 319 |
| Arts & Recreation | 2010 | 923 |
| Literature | 1999 | 299 |
| History & Geography | 2002 | 673 |
| | 2005 | 3,246 |

| Classification | Avg. Age | Items |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Audio | 2002 | 67 |
| ATV | — | — |
| Biography | 1999 | 365 |
| Easy | 2000 | 2 |
| Non Fiction | — | — |
| Professional | 2004 | 372 |
| Reference | 2005 | 123 |
| Video | 2005 | 209 |
| Unrecognized | 2011 | 102 |
| | 2003 | 1,240 |

Collection by year



Aged titles

40%

3,384 ITEMS

2017 and newer

10%

806 ITEMS

Genres

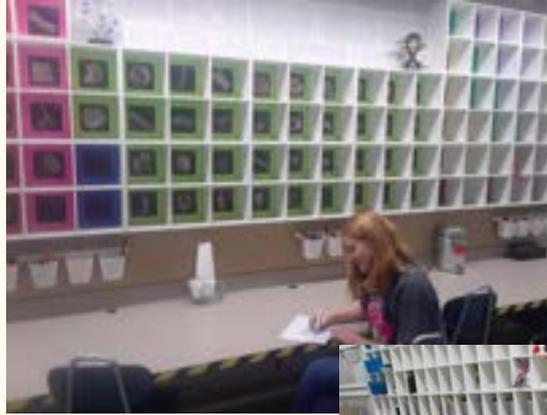
We have continued to hear from our students that they love the way the books are now classified by genre. They can always find the type of book they are searching for, but when they want to be adventuresome, can easily locate something new.



- Students enjoy the ease of having their books organized by genre
- Genres are color coded
- Although it takes a little more time to get shelf ready, saves time searching for the perfect book
- Added sections for Hi/Low and Book in Verse

STEAM Lab

- 3D printer
- Workbench
- Printing area
- Art area
- Electronic lab items
- CSI lab items
- Robotics
- Periodic table shelf



The Studio

The studio is used daily. The students make infomercials, book trailers, choir and play practice and more.

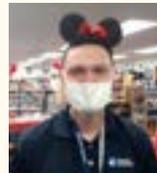


- **Video recording studio with green screen**
- **Audio studio with mixer, microphones, guitar and keyboard**
- **Used by Soar, core classes, T.A.R.G.E.T., choir and more**

1:1 Chromebooks

Technology is a large part of the librarian's day.. Each morning, we checkout student devices to those students whose Chromebook are in for repair or to those students who may have left their device at home. This is done on a first come, first serve basis with broken computers having priority. Typically, the first part of each day includes helping several students who need assistance with their Chromebook. We try to troubleshoot and fix as many issues as I can before I send them to be serviced by the tech department. The first half of this school year, I have sent in 137 trouble tech requests, in addition to placing numerous calls and emails for tech support.

- Fifteen extra checkout computers housed in library
- Troubleshoot as many as possible before tech involvement
- Middle school students have a high percentage of breakage
- Not all students can take home so most teachers do not assign homework
- 137 Tech tickets sent in this school year on behalf of the teachers and students
- Many more emails and calls during the day to the tech department
- Less problems with Lenovo out of the rotation
- Holden R-3 has amazing tech support

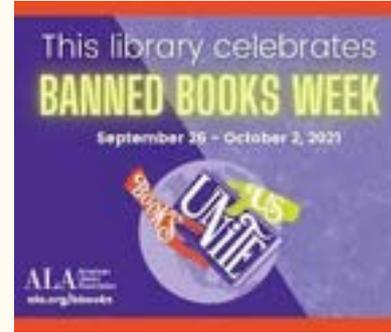


Banned Books Week

During banned book week this year, we had a display with a fire burning banned books and movies. The list of books that have once been banned was placed on each side of the door. I also wrapped those “banned” and students were allowed to check and unwrap one to read.

An annual event celebrating the freedom to read. The books featured during Banned Books Week have all been targeted for removal or restrictions in libraries and schools. Banned Books Week highlights the value of free and open access to information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=palugcTnRis>



Fall Book Fair

In the eleven years that I have been at Holden Middle School, we have built our book fair, and as a result have built a library we are very proud of. The funds we earn from the book fair are used to buy the extra items the budget does not allow for. The comfortable seating areas where smaller classes may come and watch CNN 10 or a group can meet and have a book talk have added a sense of community to our media center. My sales netted approximately \$200 in books for the library and over \$800 in cash for the Library Book Fair Account.

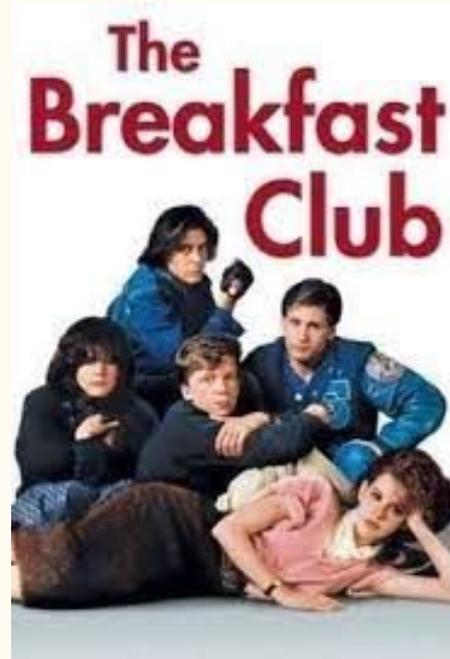
- Promotes literacy
- Funds special projects
- Exposes students to new books
- Creates excitement about reading
- Very successful book fair this year



Breakfast Club

Students are selected and placed in a breakfast club group. Each Monday we meet, talk about books, play a game and get to know each other. I will bring a snack for the group.

- Breakfast is served
- Open to all grades
- Meet every Monday
- Talk about favorite books
- Starts the week on a positive note



What are our students thankful for...



For Thanksgiving I made a tree in the Library Media Center. Students were allowed to write on leaves what they were thankful for and place them on the tree. I was moved by the thought the students put into their leaves. Most were thankful for their families and friends.

Christmas in the LMC

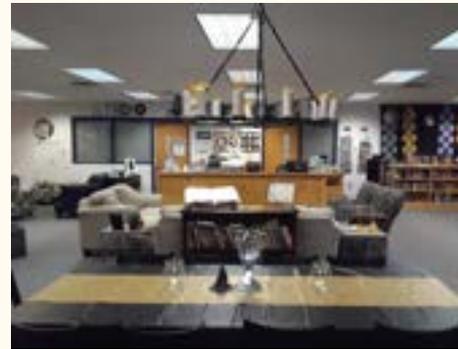
This holiday season we had several fun activities to boost student morale. Finding the Elf on the Shelf earned a prize daily. I also had a santa letter station and let the students make a wish. I fulfilled 128 wishes which consisted of Sonic drinks and treats, candy, stuffed animals, jewelry and more. We also had a tree with presents underneath it. When a student checked out a book tagged with HO, HO, HO, they would pick a present to unwrap and keep. Finally, I created a card making station so students could see a note of cheer to family and friends. I felt the students needed extra support during this time and wanted to make the holiday magical for them. The Polar Express pulled into the library during the hall decorating contest.



Career Day

Career Day is in May at the Holden Middle School.

The HMS library welcomes Career Day presenters to enjoy lunch in the library each year. A different theme is chosen yearly to make their dining experience more fun. Our 2021 Career day did not happen due to Covid. Here a couple pics from previous career days.



Read Across America Week



During the week of Dr. Seuss' birthday, the HMS library promoted reading in a variety of ways.

- Book quote bingo
- Advisories competed in Hunger Games themed challenges
- Learned what it takes to survive the Hunger Games week
- Won points for reading selected books
- Which Book? Name the book a given quote is from.



Spirit Days



MAX'S Monday

Funday Trivia Day: Dress in your PJ's so you can relax for this event.



The WHO are you

Tuesday: Dress as your favorite book character to show us you've got what it takes to win today.



CAT IN THE HAT

Wednesday: Wear your wackiest hat to keep your team's head in the game.



THING ONE, THING

TWO Thursday: Dress as twins to win this day. (Must be in same advisory to count as twins.)



FOX IN SOCKS Friday:

Time will tell if you're fast enough on your feet to conquer this game.

Goals

Goals for the HMS Library Media Center include creating a space where everyone feels welcome to learn, use their imagination, and freely collaborate with other students and teachers while keeping COVID safety in mind. We want them to feel that it is their home away from home. A place where they can escape to another world through a fiction book, find out about their world through a nonfiction resource or create a new world using the STEAM Lab or Studio. We want to inspire them to be the best they can be and reach for their goals. Throughout the LMC, we have quotes for students to ponder and make them think out of the box. We want to create a space to evolve to the needs of our students and staff.

- Everyone feels welcome
- Safe place to learn, imagine and create
- Collaboration and networking are the norm
- Grow with ever changing needs of the LMC
- Help every student find a perfect book to read



“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.” — Neil Gaiman

My Amazing High School Helpers



Wyatt Gann (1st Semester)



Garrett Smith (1st Semester)



Chloe Drake (1st and 2nd Semester)

Kaitlyn Guthridge (2nd Semester)

Not Pictured: Rylee Gilio (1st Semester)

Lillian Guinn (2nd Semester)

Collaboration with Teachers and Students

- Order book requests made by students
- Fulfill staff requests as budget allows
- Survey staff and students



Public Libraries

- Work in conjunction with Trails Regional to promote literacy
- Promote upcoming events
- Encourage use of public library
- Promote getting library card



Outdoor Classroom

The Outdoor Classroom continues to be enjoyed and utilized by the students at HMS.

On a sunny day you will find students enjoying the outdoors while reading, sketching, doing experiments and more. Due to Covid, we have expanded the seating so they may social distance.



FUTURE PROJECTS



- Expand offerings in the STEAM lab and Studio
- Updates to non fiction
- Address needs as they arise
- I believe our laminator may be close to the end of its' life expectancy so replacing it may be in our future
- We need two 3D printers in the lab, some classes take up to 4 weeks to print all of their creations
- Main 3D printer has been heavily used and in need of replacement soon, we could use the one we have for overflow and as a backup

Budgets

The HMS Library Media Center budgets have been cut over the last several years. I have always spent our budget fully and thoughtfully to make this library the best resource it can be. Although spending on nonfiction has decreased due to database access and our 1:1 initiative, we feel it is essential to have a wide variety of fiction books in our collection to inspire students to become lifelong readers and learners. The current teacher survey overwhelmingly supports the need for audio books. The Sora app provides this resource. The cost is \$300 dollars a year and is available to the middle school and high school.

- Funding of \$300 of year to continue to be part of SORA consortium
- Fully and thoughtfully spend budget
- Library needs to be adequately funded to provide a wide variety of literature so students become lifelong learners and readers
- Budgets are used to fulfill requests from students and staff
- Keeping up with series and award winners require a large portion of the budget



MASL Spring Conference

I would just like to say how grateful I am that I am allowed to attend these amazing conferences. Although I am not attending this year, I plan to next year. The classes I attend reignite my passion for making the library the best it can be. Once back, I begin to utilize what I have learned. The breakout boxes, Library League, STEAM Lab, Studio, and new trends in literature and libraries would not have happened without these informational and inspiring classes.



“I think kids are incredibly savvy readers. I think we should give them all the credit in the world. They want to know the truth.”

Alan Gratz

Future Training

- iMovie, WeVideo and GarageBand
- Able to attend Staff technology in services and collaborate with certified staff
- More training with green screen software use
- Attend MASL





Thank
you

for your continued support of the HMS Library Media Center.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sqpplDeQPk>

Click above for one final word about school libraries