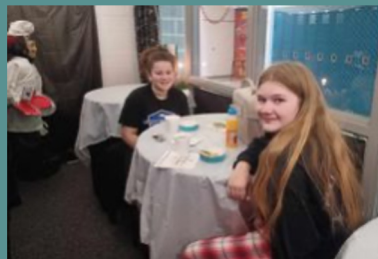
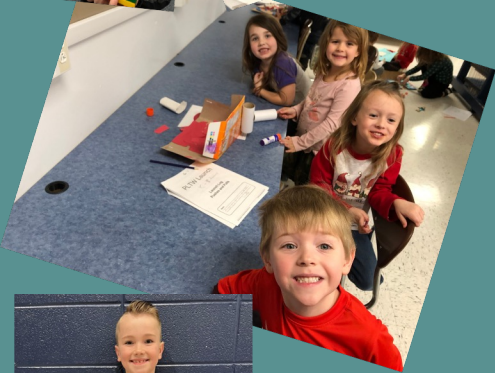


Holden Libraries 2023/24





Providing Services for Students and Staff

Elementary

With a grant from the Holden Foundation, we were able to purchase several types of audio books. The Holden PTO provided a grant for an assembly. Stephen Kozan, founder of ReadyAimWriteKids led interactive presentations for first and second graders. Anderson Ringen's flash fiction was chosen for publication. We provide Library/PLTW lessons, Connie reads to students during SOAR. We provide coding lessons and checkout for all grades. laminator services, tech requests, and requested books for staff.

Middle School The theme for the middle school library this year is The Classics, New and Old. Throughout the library, you will find vignettes that represent classic books. Along with checking out books to classes, shelving books and keeping the library updated and in order, also collaborates with staff and students. Cleans and repairs books as needed. Keeps budgets, orders books, orders supplies and sees that all library needs are met. Fills paper, filament and film and solves problems with copiers, 3D printers and laminator. The library plans school wide events six times a year and supports tech. Lastly, and most importantly, I share my love of literature with the students so they may find the perfect book, which starts them on a path to becoming lifelong readers.

High School has had 712 checkouts so far this year. With a grant from the Holden Foundation, we were able to have Gateway Award winning author Mindy McGinnis visit. The Creative Writing class and other English classes enjoyed listening to the author. Eighth grade came over and listened as well. Leading up to the author visit, we had a short story contest. Malea Brewington won first, Carson Moreno took second and Arjon Sherrod won third place. First place received a free lunch with the author, second place got a free book signed by the author, and third place won a gift card to the Eagles coffee shop. Received a \$5000 grant from West Central Electric for new nonfiction and flexible seating. Clean and repair books as needed, order books and supplies to make sure library needs are met. Services we offer include: collaborate with teachers, provide checkouts to students, laminator services, tech requests, request books for staff, and solves problems with copier.

Collaboration With Other Librarians

Robin Eissler is Abby Weber's mentor and they meet monthly. Carla House joins them for quarterly meetings. Abby has great ideas and works hard to keep up to date on library issues. Carla is a wealth of information for us. Carla and Abby helped Robin with recommendations for audio books. We discuss library policies and share ideas with each other.

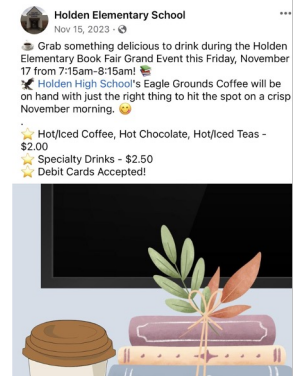
Abby was able to attend the MASL conference last spring and attended workshops. She mostly went to workshops that pertained to the high school. There were a couple that stood out. One of the librarians talked about how she started combining some of the nonfiction books with her fiction and circulation has gone up for those nonfiction books. An example would be to put true crime in with the mysteries. Another workshop that stood out was Epsilon Beta which means Keepers of the Library. It is a club for students in which they will help promote literacy throughout the school. There are leadership opportunities as well as scholarship opportunities.

This spring Abby Weber, Miss Connie and Robin Eissler will all be attending the spring MASL conference to learn new strategies and collaborate with other librarians.



BOOK FAIRS

- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- Total Sales \$13,107.85.
- Profit \$3576.09
- Scholastic Dollars were used to offer teacher discounts, volunteer coupons and provide coupons for children who might not be able to purchase a book.
- Partnered with the HHS Eagle Grounds Coffee to offer hot drinks during our Grand Event.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL** Total sales \$4492.16
- Twenty gift certificates were given to students who would not ordinarily be able to purchase books. Three teachers we also given gift certificates to purchase books for their classrooms.
- For every book purchased, students played a game to win a prize.
- Monies from the book fair will be used for updates to the library and lab.
- Advisory competitions were held during book fair week.





Keeping Up With the Times

Media Library Specialist"Element 2 - Promotes student reading. (AASL Indicator 1.2, MSSL Indicators 2.1 and 2.4)"

Elementary We are continuing our Library refresh by weeding books and purchasing new books. With a grant from the Holden Foundation, we were able to purchase several different forms of audiobooks. We are collaborating with teachers to gather data on the effectiveness of audiobooks.

Middle School What's New Classic Book theme this year. Continue to update books and maintain an inspiring learning environment. Received grant from Holden Foundation for new laminator. Planned and held advisory competitions during the book fair and Read Across America Week. Created a Polar Express in the library in which students were served cocoa and treats if they earned a train ticket for exemplary behavior. Planned a Christmas assembly competition which included all students. **Future Projects** Expand offerings in the STEAM lab and Studio. Updates to non fiction.

High School What's New Color coding book genres to match middle school. Updated the Gateway Award nominees for 2023-2024 and Dogwood nominees for 2023-2024, gigantic coloring pages, short story writing contest and would you rather game. **Future projects** include weed and update nonfiction. Add more STEAM related items to the makerspace. Replace carpet due to water damage. Add a display table for new books.

Thank you

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to meet the needs of our students.

