



GOOD NEWS

from the

AAPS

Library Services

Department

Jennifer Colby - Secondary Chair
Rachel Goldberg - Elementary Chair



About the department...



Students

We support
ALL
of our
diverse learners
grades Y5-12

Librarians

In all 31 K-12
Buildings
Masters in Library
Science/
Information
ND Certified
(Media Specialist)

Programs

Instruction
Digital Citizenship
Special
Events/Activities
Book Fairs
Funding
Friends Group

Resources

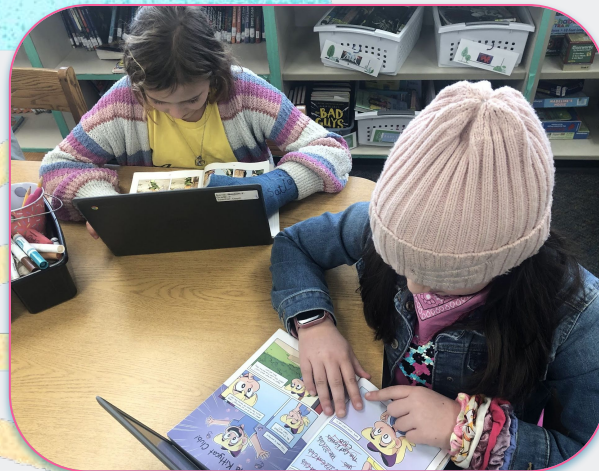
Print books
Digital books
Research
databases
Streaming
videos

Students

- Instruction
- Book checkout
- Tech support
- Test prep
- Safe spaces
- A2V space
- Club advisory
- Homework help

We directly
support
≈6,000
students
per day

500 average per HS (comp)
50 average per HS (alt)
200 average per MS
125 average per ES



Tech You Need to Know
for School



Jeri Schneider, librarian
Laurel Peterson, CHS senior
AAPS Library Services Department



Librarians

- Diversity Audits
- Collection Development
- Cataloging
- Shelf-Service
- Purchasing
- Teacher support/
co-teaching
- Common Sense Educators
- Conference presenters
- SL21 Certification



2025 SL 21 Certification



28 AAPS libraries are certified

***School Libraries of
the 21st Century***



LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

February 27, 2025

Ann Arbor Public Schools Libraries Gain SL 21 Status!



Karren Reish

The Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) school libraries have been certified in the 21st Century School Libraries program. We are pleased to welcome 28 new libraries from AAPS! 25 have Exemplary status and 3 have Qualified status. The applications the school librarians and staff at the Ann Arbor Public Schools submitted testify to the important role the school library program has for their students.

Congratulations to the AAPS librarians and staff!

For more information on the SL 21 program and to see which schools are certified, please go to www.michigan.gov/sl21.

***Our librarians have shown a
strong commitment to
information literacy and
student achievement by
focusing on these key areas:***

- Teaching for 21st Century Learning
- Building the 21st Century Learning Environment
- Leading the Way to 21st Century Learning

Programs: Instruction

- Literacy
- Research
- Digital skills
- Digital Citizenship
- Information Literacy
- Keyboarding

Elementary Resource Portal
ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS Library Services Department

Access these apps through Clever:


    



   


Other Reading Sites:


  

Middle School Resource Portal
ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS Library Services Department

Huron HS Library

Online Resources

Library Calendar

Request Library Instruction/Space (for teachers)

Request a Meeting with a Librarian (for Students)

About the Library

Class Resources

ELL Student Supports

IB Student Resources

Huron High School

A welcoming and productive space for studying, learning, and collaborating.

GALE DATABASES

PRINT BOOKS, EBOOKS, AND AUDIOBOOKS

Huron HS Collection

Check your eligibility

You will need an Ann Arbor District Library card to check out materials.

How to login/use Sora

Request a book for purchase in print or in Sora

RESEARCH DATABASES

Standards:



Programs: Special Events/Activities

AADL Library Card Drives and Spring AADL visits
Cultural Heritage Month Activities/Displays
Book Bowl/March Madness Competitions
Great Lakes Great Books Competition
Vegetable Growing Towers
Community Partnerships
Book Drives/Giveaways
March is Reading Month
LWV Voter Registration
Family Reading Nights
Seed Libraries
Author Visits
Book Clubs
Storywalks
Project Lit

[Read our
department
newsletter](#)

AAPS Library
Services Department

March/April 2024 Vol. 20



Programs: Fundraising and Advocacy

During the 23-24 school year,
Librarians raised over

\$25,000

to supplement our budgets

- Book Fairs
- Grants
- In the news
- MASL/ALA members
- FAAPSL

*Ann Arbor***FAMILY**
Press™

Laurel Maguire- Slauson

Booklist
Leading book discovery

Carolyn Hill- Skyline

The Michigan Daily

Jennifer Colby- Huron



Friends of the
Ann Arbor Public
Schools Libraries

The mission of the FAAPSL includes:

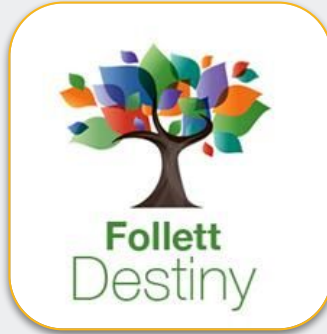
- Providing volunteer services for the libraries
- Raising money for needs not normally covered in the library department's operating budget
- Advocating for the Library at the local and state levels

FAAPSL received a ***\$15,000***

Knight Foundation Grant to purchase audiobooks in Sora

Resources: Print + digital = EQUITY

- Follett Destiny
- Sora
- Gale Databases
- PebbleGo/Next
- MyVideoSpot



Follett Destiny: Print Books



256,671

Checkouts district-wide
(August 2024 through April 23, 2025)



Why Sora?

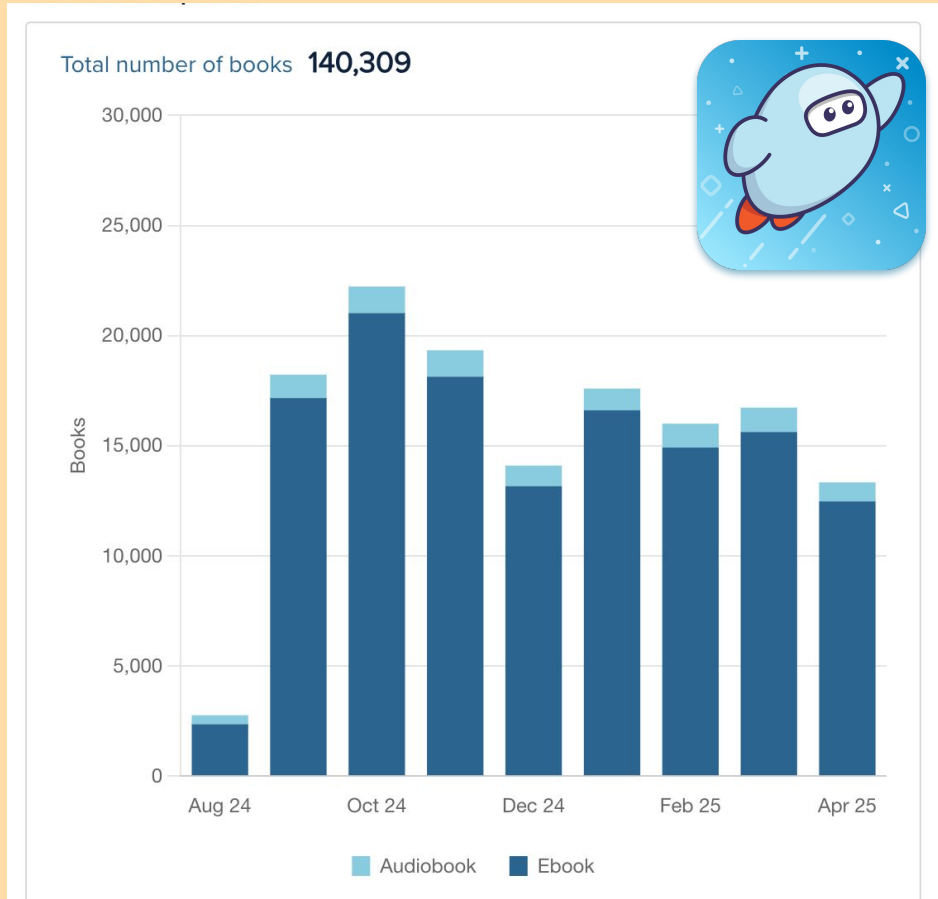
It's our district-wide digital library



[Usage Dashboard](#)

- Patrons can find books at their reading level
- Availability of high-quality ebook, audiobook, and read-along formats
- 24/7 access all year long
- Connects to public library's digital collection
- Promotes reading via achievement badges
- Develops digital reading skills to prepare for online testing
 - Onscreen reading
 - Notes and highlights
 - Define words

2024-25 Statistics



140,309

**Ebooks and
audiobooks checked
out district-wide**

(August 2024 through April 23, 2025)

Collection breakdown:

Ebooks

6,381 titles

15,362 copies

Audiobooks

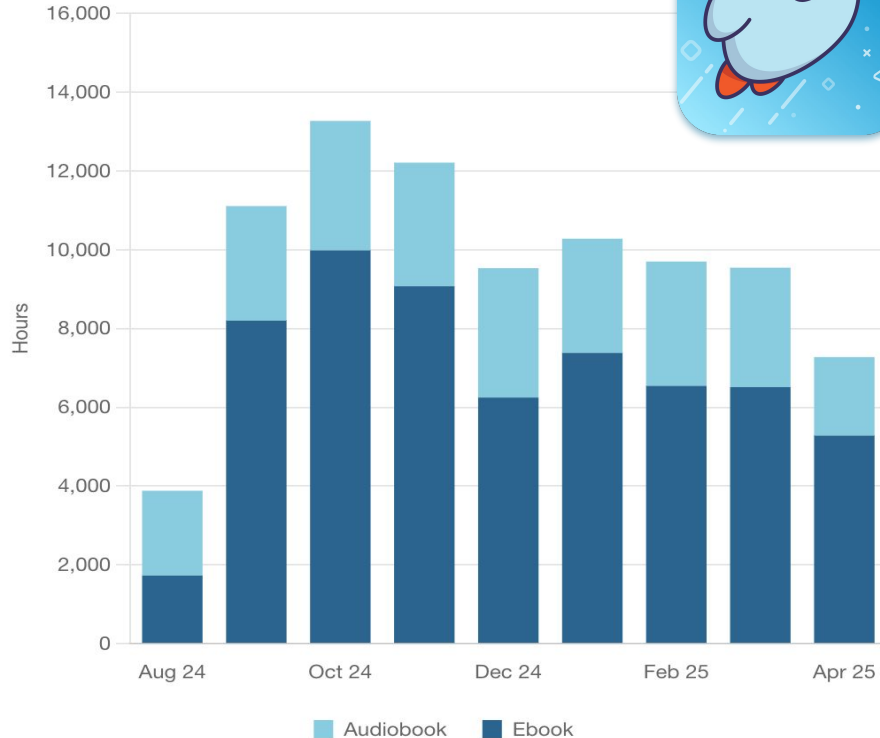
742 titles

2,137 copies

2024-25 Statistics

Total time read

Total number of hours **86,827.23**



86,827

Total hours read district-wide

(August 2024 through April 23, 2025)

Sora TOP USER

22-23



[AAPS is nearing 500,000
check-outs using the Sora
reading app](#)

783,074
ALL-TIME
Checkouts!

(As of 9:20 am April 23, 2025)

Gale TOP USER



22-23

3,455 hrs researching!



CONGRATULATIONS

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO
ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

For having outstanding Gale in Context
usage for the 2022-23 School Year
207,209 minutes

Lori Gayler
Senior Educational Consultant



From our Gale rep:
When looking at overall usage of Gale resources, AAPS was a top user across all of Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. That is quite an accomplishment!

Happy

AASL

**SCHOOL
LIBRARY
MONTH**

CELEBRATING **40** YEARS



***from our district
Librarians!***