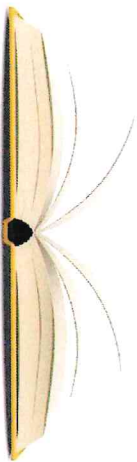


Holden Libraries 2025/26





Providing Services for Students/Staff

Elementary School We were excited to have Stephen Kozan return and present his Ready/Aim Write presentation. Lane Smith was presented his very own published book and Avery Edgar was chosen to write a book for publication.

On March 26th, Taryn Souders will present to fourth and fifth grade students. She is a Mark Twain award nominee.

Teachers are using a self-checkout station for instructional materials.

Chromebooks are brought to the Library for Tech to repair and returned to students after they have been fixed.

We continue to add new books and weed old or damaged books as we work to keep our Library up to date.

Middle School The library has been a hub of learning, creativity, and collaboration. In addition to checking out books to classes, shelving materials, and keeping the library organized and up to date, the library works closely with both staff and students to support instruction and inspire curiosity. Books are repaired as needed to ensure resources remain in excellent condition. Budgets are maintained, books and supplies are ordered, and all library needs are carefully managed.

The library also plays a vital role in supporting school technology. Here, students come to leave computers for repairs. The library troubleshoots to fix what they can before sending to tech. The copier, 3D printers, and the laminator are managed by the library. Several times a year, the library plans and hosts school-wide events that encourage literacy, creativity, and student engagement.

Most importantly, the library is a place where a love of literature is shared daily. By helping students find the perfect book, it sets them on a path toward becoming lifelong readers. In addition, a daily SOAR class is taught as part of an Explorer group. It gives students the opportunity to explore topics beyond their usual curriculum, expand their thinking, and discover new interests.

High School: Collaborates with teachers on research projects; freshmen students learned how to find sources and how to cite in MLA format. Elise Claxton and Wyatt Taylor entered into the American Library of Poetry student contest and won a spot in their book called *Excellence*. They are here tonight to talk a little bit about the experience. We are currently hosting a winter reading challenge called Beat the Teach. The students chose a teacher at the beginning of February to beat the number of pages that the teacher they chose have read. If at the end of the month, the student beats the number of pages, they are entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble. We have more students in book club this year. We had three students in it last year and we have 10 this year. We read local author, Elizabeth Bird's book, *The Azure Crown* and we had her visit our book club twice to talk about it. Book club went on a field trip to Mid Continent Library to the local author book fair. They got a lot of ideas on what to read next year while at the book fair. Our current book is *Nothing More to Tell* by Karen McManus. Offer laminating services, tech requests, book tastings and talks, different contests throughout the year.



BOOKS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2025

- Total Sales \$14,800.84 Profit \$4241.20
- Scholastic Dollars were used to offer teacher discounts, volunteer coupons and provide books for children who might not be able to purchase a book.

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL** Total sales \$4,090.35 Profit: \$1025.18
- Eighteen gift certificates were given to students who would not ordinarily be able to purchase books. All teachers were given gift certificates and many students bought books for their teachers' 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, with prizes awarded to the winning advisories of each grade.





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 For the 25/26 school year, we have Katie Smith in the Library and Robin Eissler part time Librarian. Katie is reading books from Mark Twain award nominees and Show-Me reader nominees. She just completed lessons about the Winter Olympics and Paralympics by reading several books that allowed students to learn about the events and participants. Robin Eissler is teaching PLTW during SOAR time and helping with Librarian duties.

Middle School What's New Continued to update the book collection and maintain an engaging and inspiring learning environment. Planned and hosted advisory competitions during the *Wizard of Oz* Book Fair and will continue this tradition during Read Across America Week. Organized the "Elf in the Library" challenge the week before Christmas, where students searched for the hidden elf for a chance to win a prize. Also planned a reward competition connected to the attendance field trip to encourage student participation and positive behavior. Future projects include expanding offerings in the STEAM Lab and Studio, updating and strengthening the nonfiction collection. I will also continue to eliminate outdated and damaged books from the fiction section to keep the library current.

High School What's New Updated the Gateway Award nominees for 2025-2026 and Dogwood nominees for 2025-2026, games during Flight Time, and Beat the Teach reading program. Putting up displays about for the Winter Olympics. **Future projects** include weed and update fiction and nonfiction. Add more STEAM related items to the makerspace. Replace carpet due to water damage. Add a display table for new books.



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

