

La Center School District Library Annual Report 2023-2024

Elementary Library:

The total number of classes using the library was 38 classes in grades TK-5. Each grade receives a 40-45 minutes of library instruction and checkout. During the 2023-2024 school year, the total circulation was 26,105 for 800+ patrons. That's a circulation change of -3,524 from the prior year.

Aug. 28 Elementary Library Meet and Greet. Library tours to families 1-3 p.m.

Aug. 30 Angela Oeltjen joined our library team as a part time elementary library technician.

Aug. The elementary library joined the art, music and P.E. classes in the specialist rotation. The library became the 6th specialist in an A-F rotation. Library time increased for each class. Kindergarten and first grade went from 30 minutes to 40 minutes each visit. Grades 2-5 went from 30 minutes to 45 minutes each visit. As a result, students gained more time in library, but each class lost 9-10 library visits when compared to our previous weekly library schedule. Students who wish to check out more books were encouraged to come to the library before school each morning.

In May, Grades K-3 participated in the Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award by casting a final vote. 116,953 students in the state of Washington voted.

May 31- June 7 the library collaborated with the FVRL (Fort Vancouver Regional Library) to promote their summer reading program.

June 18 Susan Cushwa retired as full time elementary library technician.

Current Staff: Lynnette (Lynn) Cooke, K-12 Certified Library Media Specialist, Kathy Griffith, Certified Elementary Library Teacher, Susan Cushwa, K-5 Library Technician, Angela Oeltjen, K-5 Library Technician, Maria Rolph 6-8 Library Technician and Daryl Moore 9-12 Library Technician.

Report completed by Lynnette Cooke 9/30/2024

Middle School Library:

Middle School students received individualized instruction based on needs. During the 2023-2024 school year, total circulation was 9,310 for 380+ patrons. That's a circulation change of +1250 from the prior year.

Aug. Middle School Open House. Library tours to families 1-3 p.m.

Aug. 30 Middle School Chromebooks distributed to students during 6th period.

Oct. 1-7 The Middle School Library participated in the ALA (American Library Association) banned book week with presentations to 8th grade Language Arts classes about banned/challenged books.

June 14 All Middle School Chromebooks were collected from students to inventory, repair, barcode and store for checkout the next school year.

High School Library:

High School students received individualized instruction based on needs. During the 2023-2024 school year, total circulation was 5,810 for 525+ patrons. That's a circulation change of +435 from the prior year.

Chromebooks were distributed during Wildcat Kickoff and at the beginning of the school year. The library checks out Chromebooks to students, sends Chromebooks to the Technology Department for repairs, and assists students and staff with Chromebook concerns.

Oct. 1-7 The High School Library participated in the ALA (American Library Association) banned book week by displaying books and providing relevant information about the history of "Challenged Books" across the United States.

June 14 collected Chromebooks from all students to inventory, repair, barcode and store for checkout the next school year.

