

To whom it may concern,

Attached please find the Orchard Park Central School District Library 2022-2023 Annual Reports.

Together, as a district, our libraries have over **101,000** books and materials in the collection and circulated **148,334** print resources and other materials to our students and faculty. We also have electronic resources available **24 hours a day 12 months a year** to our students and staff. Our eBook and Audiobook collection has grown this year to over **13,000** electronic books. These materials have been checked out over **4,000** times.

Throughout the year, our libraries collaborated and provided print and electronic resources on a variety of projects from **pre-K to 12th grade**, and every grade in between. We integrate into all curricula and provide technology expertise, use and evaluation of resources, and project based learning opportunities.

In addition to our library spaces being the hub and heart of each building our librarians are leaders: sitting on committees at both building and district level. We run extracurricular groups, facilitate author visits, and contribute valuable expertise to the Orchard Park community as a whole.

All of our district libraries share the same mission statement, “Our libraries teach students and staff to be effective users of information, flourish in a culturally diverse environment, and to cultivate a passion for learning.” We hope that the attached statistics reflect this statement and the Orchard Park Central School District’s tradition of excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

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School: **Eggert Elementary**

Principal: **Missy Szczesniak**

Library Media Specialist: **Kerra Mazzariello**

Items in the collection - **22,001**

of new books added this year: **340**

of materials circulated as of 6/16/23: **22,400**

of computers available for student use: **30**

Chromebooks & 4 Desktops



Classes served:

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade (once per six-day rotation)

3rd Grade, 4th, and 5th grade (bi-weekly book exchanges, and various research projects)

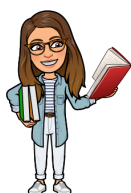
Curriculum Covered:

- ★ Author and Genre Studies
- ★ Award-Winning Literature
- ★ Biography Research
- ★ Book Care/Parts of a Book
- ★ Book Creator Projects
- ★ Branches of U.S. Government
- ★ Colonial Trades
- ★ Cultures Around the World
- ★ Community Helpers/Citizenship
- ★ Finding Books Using the Library Online Catalog
- ★ Native American History
- ★ Paraphrasing/Basic Citation Practice
- ★ Poetry
- ★ Research Topic of Choice
- ★ Tall, Fairy, and Folk Tales
- ★ United States Research



Other Daily Librarian Duties Include:

- ★ Interlibrary Loan between buildings - heavy circulation/borrowing for intermediate book clubs
- ★ Cataloging *All* Books - including donations from scratch
- ★ Collection Development - based on student interests/needs/diversity of building/requests made by staff
- ★ Book Repairs & Shelving of Materials
- ★ Posting program updates to Library Twitter page
- ★ Committee Member: Co-Chair of Author's Day, Building Technology, Sunshine Committee



School: **Ellicott Road Elementary**

Principal: **Diana Nigro**

Librarian: **Brendan Fallon**. Aide: **Terry Haun**

Enrollment: **704**

Books in the collection: **22,381**

Books per pupil: **32**

Number of books circulated this year: **45,148**

(last year: 43,938)

of books weeded: **278** (last year: 970)

of holds placed: **1194** (last year: 696)

of books added: **810** (last year 634)

of computers available: **26** chromebooks, **2** desktops

Ellicott Elementary Highlights:

Classes served:

UPK, Kindergarten , 1st, and 2nd grade - once per 6-day cycle

3rd, 4th, and 5th: weekly book exchange, assorted research projects & book talks.



Intermediate Collaborative Project Highlights:

- 3rd Grade: Animals, Biography, Countries
- 4th grade: Animals
- 3-5: Genre studies

Other Highlights:

- Author Visits with Jeffery Brown and Ryan Maloney
- Student author book collection in library
- Posting program updates to Library Tumblr page:

<https://ellicottlibrary.tumblr.com/>



Professional:

- Reading Committee
- Building Tech Committee
- Author Visit Committee

School: South Davis

Principal: Jeff Dolce

Library Media Specialist: Christina Carter

Library Media Aide: Michelle Giblin

Enrollment: 395

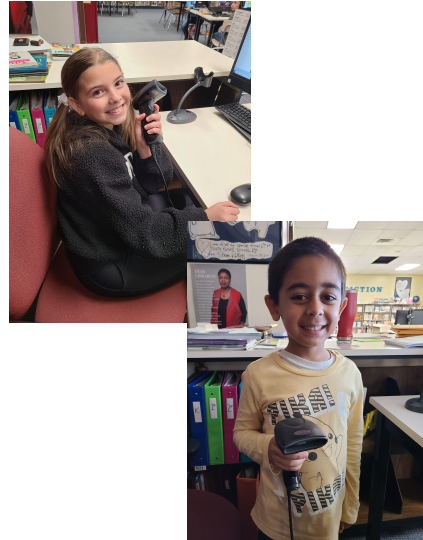
Books in the collection - Print: 17,350 Electronic: 89

Books per pupil: 40

Number of materials circulated this year: 15,891

Number of books added: 484

Number of computers available for student use: 4



2022-2023 Highlights

All of pre-k through 5th grade had seated library instruction and book exchange every cycle.

Year Two of BPCC Kids at South Davis

Partnered with our Social Worker to work with our student group to address the issues on the bus. Students came up with solutions with the goal being to create a peaceful school bus experience for students and drivers. They presented their ideas to the transportation department in June.

SD Book Swap

Brought the Book Swap back to South Davis for the first time since the pandemic. Every student was able to take home “new to them” books during our End of the Year Celebration.

Year Two of Library-Music Kennedy Center Experience

Collaborated with our Music teacher to read the book *Because by Mo Willems* and watched the Kennedy Center performance through the Kennedy Center Education’s virtual performance.

Library Leader Program

Implemented a Library Leader Program in K-5. Selected students to take on big responsibilities during their library class. Acting as my assistant and checking out library books to their classmates.

March Madness Tournament of Books

We did our annual Tournament of Books for K-5. The *One & Only Ivan* was declared the winner of the intermediate division and *The Notebook of Doom* won the primary division.



School: **Windom Elementary**
Principal: **Philip Johnson**
Library Media Specialist: **Jim R. Clark**
Library Media Aide: **Kim Artmeier**



Stats

Enrollment: 623
Books in the collection: 15,913
Books per pupil: 26
Number of materials circulated this year: 45,937
Number of books weeded: bunches and more bunches



Highlights

Bagels and new Books for Teachers
Author visits with Jerry Pallotta and Greg Tang!
Focused on new Picture and Sports books
Increased number of weekly book exchanges and book talks
Record number of members in Library Club
Participated in WETV frequently
Co-chair of the building Wellness Committee
Student and Librarian friendly new book shelves for the Library
Subscribed to Junior Library Club to receive new books EVERY month!!



School: **Orchard Park Middle School**

Principal: **Aaron Grupka**

Library Media Specialist: **Paul Kloster & Christine Tempestoso**

Library Media Aide: **Lori Werner**

Enrollment: **1,051**

Print books in the Collection: **12,681**

Fiction: **7,357** Nonfiction: **2,910**

Biography: **930** Graphic Novels: **1,079**

E-books in the Collection: **3,505** Audio books: **697**

Number of materials circulated this year: Print: **15,005** Sora: **3,330**



2022-2023 Highlights:

- Facilitated numerous 6th, 7th, and 8th grade book talks focusing on various genres, topics, and reading levels. Book talks also focused on showcasing books with characters from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences.
- Created and organized a variety of physical Breakout puzzles for different grade levels and departments. Interesting topics included; Ancient Egypt, Ancient Rome, Ancient Greece, and a 6th grade math review.
- Decorated and hosted spooky story readings to celebrate Halloween for all 6th grade classes.
- Discussed “fake news” in the media and the benefits of using reliable sources with all 7th grade Social Studies
- Facilitated building-wide Battle of the Books tournaments. Winning team took 4th place at the regional competition at Hamburg Middle School against 11 other schools.
- Co-Facilitated building-wide Book Madness bracket tournament.
- Coordinated 5th grade visit with all buildings to learn about the library, 6th grade summer reading list, tour of the building and digital safety in the summer.

Notable collaborative projects:

- Current events debate project (8th grade Social Studies)
- Mammals research (8th grade Science)
- Ancient Egypt artifact expo (6th grade Social Studies)
- WeVideo Autobiographical Sketch (7th grade ELA)
- WeVideo Visual Storytelling (7th grade ELA)
- Revolutionary War (7th grade Social Studies)
- Civil War (7th grade Social Studies)

Other 2022-2023 Initiatives:

- Librarians sit on the following committees: building technology, building professional development, district technology, district professional learning council, building safety, IL and attend various department meetings.
- Numerous conversations with district administrators about book challenges. Developed a system for parents to utilize regarding books with sensitive topics.
- Published an article informing community members about book selection in the school library.
- District Librarians toured the rare book collection and exhibits at the B&ECPL.
- Librarians attended a virtual conference with Donalyn Miller on “Diverse Books”.
- Kloster attended a conference on “Explore Comics, Manga and Graphic Novels”.
- Welcomed a LIS student teacher from St. John Fisher University.

School: **Orchard Park High School**

Principal: **Jon Wolf**

Library Media Specialist: **Beth DiLucente and Jessica Godios**

Library Media Aide: **Stacy Dickey and Eileen Clinton**

Books in the collection - Print: **10,885** Electronic: **8,950**

Number of materials circulated this year - **3953** Sora: **820**



17,325 students visited the library from study halls and open campus



Teachers signed out **1152** labs this year



Librarians developed and taught **547** collaborative lessons this year

Notable New Collaborative Projects:

- *To Kill A Mockingbird* Zine (English)
- Inca Breakout (World Language)
- Big 6 Research Process (English 9 and 10)
- Reproduction Breakout (Biology)
- Diwali Activity (Global)
- Speak Breakout (English 9)
- Paraphrasing lesson (Global)
- Bar Graph Research and Kami lesson (Math)
- Mental Health/NYC Travel Research and Canva (English 11)



Other Curricular Highlights:

- Booktalks for English Classes, with themes of: Non-Fiction, Authors of Color, Summer Reading
- Book Selection and Reader's advisory
- Database instruction, choosing topics, and MLA lessons for all grades of English thesis papers
- Breakouts for nearly every subject area
- Integrating technology into several lessons using: Canva, Kami, Adobe Spark and more
- Multiple research mini projects with Health department

Highlights from Library Program:

- Book Boxes - 50 subscribers this year received bespoke books and seasonal items monthly
- Numerous conversations with district administrators about book challenges. Developed a system for parents to utilize regarding books with sensitive topics.
- Weeded, shifted and beautified the book collection for ease of access for students.
- Life Skills added mid-November, necessitating several meetings with admin, planning and teaching the class twice per cycle.
- Loss of an aide and training/transitioning to a new aide, including managing lack of coverage
- Printing, Cricuting, and laminating for teachers/clubs/student projects.
- Created several dynamic displays and maker space activities including contests.
- Managed Chromebooks Loaner policies and circulation.

Professional Development and Leadership

- Godios runs NHS Tutoring and AP/ACT exams, runs Book Club, and sits on E2 BOCES SLS Acquisitions Committee
- DiLucente sits on IL for the HS as well as Tech IL for the HS. Sits on BET. Runs Book Club and GSA