

2014 in the Library

It W.A.S. a very good year!



End-of-year Wider Arts Society gathering

Highlights

The Wider Arts Society (W.A.S.) was inaugurated this year by English teachers Carolyn Rennie and Julian Dalton. We agreed to host their after school gatherings in the library, and the group proved to be a boon for our shy reader types! It was exciting to watch them find their niche and share their literary and musical talents. (see photo on cover)



Another busy year in the library...

Statistics:

Individual Sign-Ins:		2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012
	From Classes/lunch	8134	6583	6336
	From Activity	10,968	7237	9356
	From Physical Education Class	939	813	1053
Total student sign-ins		20,041	14,633	16,745
Classes		849/840 101%	963/810 (119%)	1052/807 (137%)
Other statistics				
	Book Circulation	4128	4272	4,002
	eBooks and eJournals	55,951	25,855	25,832
	Video/DVD Circulation	1197	1508	1,362
	Audiobooks	43	52	64
	Interlibrary Loans	100	135	84

As you can see above, usage of our online books and journals more than doubled this year. Some of this can be attributed to the addition of the popular *ABC Clio* and *CQ Researcher* databases, but the bulk (27,000 hits) comes from home accesses using our new MediaFlex database authentication system.

Students and faculty find it very convenient to use to locate quality resources using the single password required. It definitely leverages the value of the excellent content we have been able to provide thanks to our BOCES co-ser purchases!

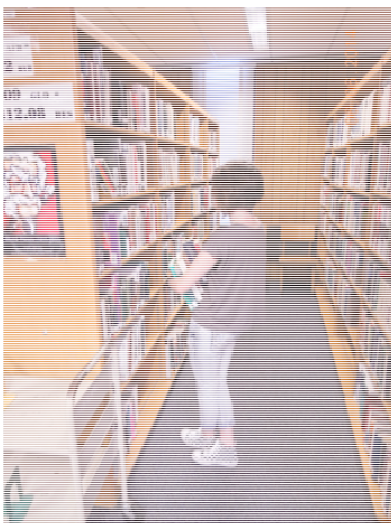


Quiet study in the library

We continue to try to balance student needs for activity locations vs quiet study. As evidenced by more than 20,000 individual sign-ins and 849 classes, this is not a simple matter.

This year Maureen had a brilliant idea; she created an area where she has white noise playing and seating is restricted to those who want out of the hubbub.

It works!

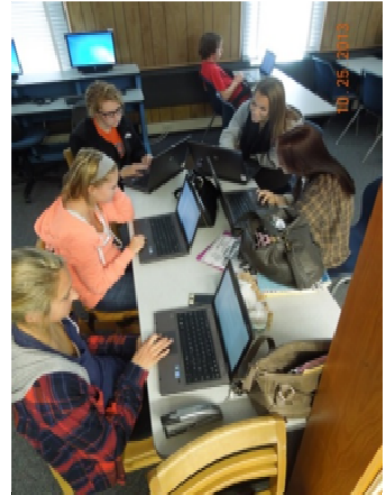


Books still win (sometimes)

Our students still enjoy using books, for everything from pleasure reading to Art projects to making found poetry.

New laptops keep librarians sane

Staff, students and librarians all agreed that the newly refitted laptop carts were a godsend this year!



We agree it's a funny name; but it's a great product for producing beautiful Works Cited!

Students created 2,169 project folders this year (our first), and we hope to expand our use next year.

PS Thanks for all the fun and learning over the years in our wonderful HHS Library Media Center! I will miss working with you all, but I am sure that Maureen, Beth, and Mary Ann will continue to nurture and grow the program into the future.

Peg Weidemann,

To: Karen Donahue
Cc: Ralph Marino; Gregg Moyer; Jay Hillman; Maureen Frei; Gale Gaylord; Daniel Buseck; Mike McCawley; Judy Sell; Elizabeth Heidrich;
Kathy Gorman; Sarah Jones; Beth McKaig; Stephanie Wilson; Susan Tanner

Seen in the library 2013-14

