

Library Statistics Sept 2011 – June 2012

Individual Sign-Ins:	2011-2012	2010-2011
From Classes/lunch	6336	5175
From Activity	9356	8107
From Physical Education Class	1053	1399
Total student sign-ins	16,745	14590
Classes	1052/807 (137%)	1091/825 (132%)
Other statistics		
Book Circulation	4,002	4,741
eBooks and eJournals	25,832	n/a
Video/DVD Circulation	1,362	1,681
Audiobooks	64	n/a
Photocopies	39,886	51,930

High points and concerns:

At the beginning of the year we were asked to provide a short library intro to each of 3 groups of incoming ninth graders on Freshman First Day. A little hectic, but all in all quite successful, as it gave us a chance to welcome the new ninth graders and give them some useful information about the library.



Cancelling this year's English 9 orientations allowed us time to work on our new three person library configuration. We set up the circulation computer so that it would work for self-checkouts and created instructional visuals for inexperienced users. Eventually we purchased a date due receipt printer, further simplifying the job. Students caught on pretty quickly (actually they seemed to enjoy 'doing it themselves'), and it was a great timesaver for us.

We also had some volunteer help in the library. Students from Morgan Mahwir's 12:1:1 class came in 10th period (2 or 3 each day) to scan the day's book returns, as well as help with other library tasks such as stamping new books and swapping batteries in the laptops and netbooks. Overall this was a successful, enjoyable program.

However, we do have some concerns. Due to the loss of the clerk this year, some tasks were not able to be done as often. Overdue notices, traditionally printed every week to be distributed during homeroom, were only done every 2-3 weeks. On the plus side, toward the end of the year Sue Tanner helped Maureen to set up a new auto dialer report using the district's telephone auto dialer system. It was used several times to communicate overdue book status to students and their families at home, and it definitely improved our return rate.

Another thing we struggled with was routine cleaning and maintenance of our 86 computers. In the past we have been able to regularly clean screens and keyboards, but that is no longer possible. And with custodial cutbacks our tables rarely get cleaned and dusting never gets done. Our library is looking a bit bedraggled ☹.



Staff and students continue to make good use of our databases. We expect this to increase as the Common Core literacy across the curriculum initiatives role out. Several teachers have already approached us to explore options for having their students access articles and books in their subject area (many ideas were sparked by the English Dept.'s conference day presentation in which library resources were prominently featured!)



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The number of student papers submitted to Turnitin has increased to 1381 (from 821 last year), and several teachers have been using the Grademark component that we added this year. They are very happy with it, and are promoting it to their peers.

The year has flown by. We are looking forward to some rest, relaxation, and reading and plan to return refreshed in the fall. Hope you all have a good summer!

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