

# EMS LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

## 2015-2016

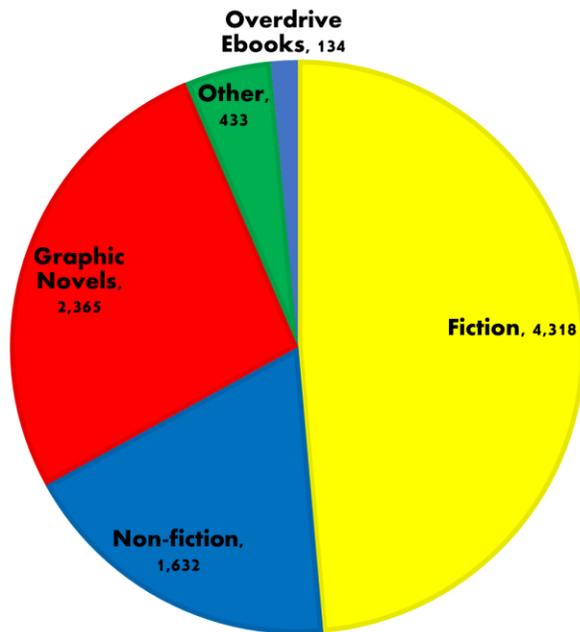
### NEW THIS YEAR

- ✓ Computer coding (test run in 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ✓ Merged the Southview Middle School Library with EMS
- ✓ Expanded the Fiction area, moved Spanish, Audiobooks, and Graphic Novel sections
- ✓ Created an Instagram account for the library (stampedelibrary)



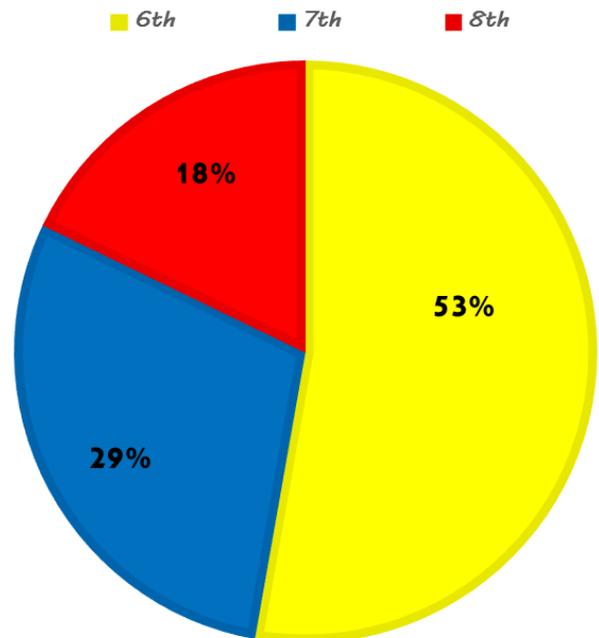
### LIBRARY COLLECTION

*Total Library Circulations by Material Type*



*Fiction materials make up nearly half of all library circulations, which shows the need to keep up with new releases.*

*Library Circulation by Grade Level*



*Sixth grade students borrowed more library books than 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined, and our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class was the smallest one at EMS this school year.*

As Graphic Novels are also highly circulated, an expansion of this section is needed to keep up with demand. Additional funding is needed to expand all sections.

### *Most popular titles:*

Fiction - Diary of a wimpy kid : the long haul by Jeff Kinney (2<sup>nd</sup> year running #1!)

Non-fiction - I am Malala : how one girl stood up for education and changed the world by Malala Yousafzai

Graphic Novel - Dragon Ball Z. Vol. 6 by Akira Toriyama

Library programming needs to target 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades to discourage the slide in reading that typically occurs after the 6<sup>th</sup> grade school year.

## Teaching and Instructional Support

9,745 students in the library with classes

950 students visiting on their own for checkout, research, , tutoring, club, mentors, and other special events

### *Lessons taught*

- Digital citizenship
- Library skills review
- Book talks
- Destiny library system
- Overdrive ebook and audiobook digital library
- Computer coding

### *Activities*

- Book club (two 6<sup>th</sup> grade clubs, one 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade club)
- Battle of the Books
- Spelling Bee
- Book Fair (fall and spring)

### *Looking ahead to 2016-2017*

- welcome the former Southview Middle School faculty, staff, and students to Eastwood Middle School
- increase library circulation among 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- expand information skills lessons
- increased teacher collaboration
- implement magazine borrowing program
- schedule author virtual visits

## Fundraising

Fundraising has been very important over the last several years. Our annual fundraising efforts include our two book fairs and the school store. Through these fundraisers, we were able to add 376 new books to the library this school year. While the fundraising does not fully meet our materials needs, we are grateful for those new books we were able to place in student hands. We also receive a small amount of library enhancement funds from the state this year, for the first time since 2008! We were very excited to finally have that funding reinstated.

Additionally, the EMS PTA has been very generous to the library program this year, funding the Spelling Bee and the Battle of the Books.