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# HAMILTON

# LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS YEAR-END REPORT JUNE 2023



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## New Side Room Addition

One of the biggest changes that happened for our LLC was the addition to the side room beside the library. What a gift! At barely any cost to the school, many of the shelves from the main library were able to be split apart and built into the walls of the side room. Now, our nonfiction books are housed in this side room and this has helped to create a much more open, warm and welcoming space for the main library. The hope is for the side room to become a 'S.T.E.A.M.' hub of the school (Science / Art / Engineering / Arts / Mathematics). Thank you to our Administration Team who approved the changes, our district's Coordinator of Information Services, Rebeca Rubio, who came up with the idea, the amazing parent volunteers who helped to move books (many times!) and our district's carpentry department for their incredible work.



## BY THE NUMBERS...

OUR HAMILTON LLC CIRCULATED CLOSE TO 22 000 BOOKS OVER THIS PAST YEAR! KEEP UP THE GREAT READING AND LEARNING HAMILTON HAWKS!

29%

The highest percentage of books signed out were from our **graphic novel, Manga and sports collection.**

26%

The second highest percentage of books signed out were from our **'Everybody' or 'E' (picture book) collection.**

23%

The third highest percentage of books signed out were from our **'FIC' or novel collection.** Thank you to those teachers who had their students participate in Literature Circles this past year. The discussions were amazing!

800

Almost **800 new books and resources were added** to our LLC Collection over this past year. Many of these were student and staff requests. Also, many resources were purchased through a Diversity / Equity / Inclusion lens which helped our diverse community members feel seen and heard.

40

More than **40 intermediate students volunteered as library monitors** over this past year. We also had many amazing Parent volunteers and their support was crucial to helping the Library stay as organized as possible through big changes.



# SURVEY SAYS...



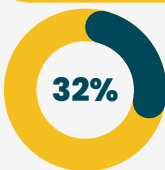
A. Over 110 Intermediate Students were surveyed about the present and future state of their Library Learning Commons...



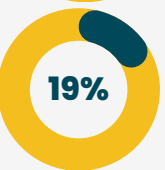
The top 5 choices of what students would like to DO in the LLC in the future...

1. Learn how to use a 3D printer
2. Play board games
3. Make movies using a green screen
4. Record a podcast in a podcasting booth
5. Make stop animation videos / Have time to read books (tied)

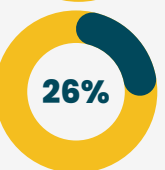
## HOW OFTEN DO STUDENTS READ DURING THE WEEK...



NOT AT ALL REALLY, JUST WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO FOR SCHOOL



10 - 15 MINUTES PER DAY



2-3 TIMES PER WEEK (MANY STUDENTS REPORTED READING MORE THAN AN HOUR A DAY)

## TOP CHOICES OF WHAT GENRE STUDENTS ENJOY READING



1. GRAPHIC NOVELS
2. FANTASY BOOKS
3. MANGA

B. Hamilton Teachers were surveyed as well and some of the results were...



The Top 5 things teachers would like students to learn in the LLC are:

1. Various aspects of Digital Citizenship
2. Learn about various Social Justice issues through stories / activities
3. Have time to read books / make movies with a green screen (tied)
4. Learn how to code or do more coding
5. Writing, creating podcasts, maker space activities, using a 3D printer (all tied)



What are the top 3 things learners should have or know how to do in the future?

1. Think critically and analyze information
2. know how to collaborate with others / develop good communication skills (tied)
3. Build empathy skills



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# COLLABORATES...

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE IN THE RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TEACHER LIBRARIANS ARE GIVEN TIME TO COLLABORATE WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS. I HAVE TO SAY THAT THESE COLLABORATION EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN SOME OF MY PERSONAL FAVOURITES OF THE YEAR. I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH AND I HOPE THE STUDENTS HAVE AS WELL.

## KINDERGARTEN / GR. 1

story workshop, sharing circles and numeracy routines. As an intermediate trained teacher, this was a huge learning experience for me. Primary teachers are superheroes! The relationships they build and learning experiences they create are incredible!

## GRADE 2/3

- working with the Musqueam Kit and exploring artifacts to help learn more about the Musqueam language and culture.

## GRADE 3/4 AND 5/6

- developing inquiry questions and then how to research effectively by using the digital resources offered by our district. I was also able to go on a field trip a.k.a The Div. 4 Transit Extravaganza!



## GRADE 1 / 2

- digital story telling, exploring stop animation, readers' theatre, developing nonfiction reading skills and further practice with phonics reading skills.

## GRADE 4/5

- creating Proficiency Scale Projects using Keynote or Powerpoint slide show apps. It was fascinating learning about students' special skills and passions.

## GRADE 6/7

facilitating and participating in Literature Circles where students develop key communication and comprehension skills. Being able to meet in small groups and have powerful discussions, was a wonderful opportunity for all involved.



Collaboration doesn't just happen in fixed blocks. Thank you to those staff and teachers that helped provide connections and feedback while working with students in the library (or through email or personal conversations, etc.). You helped us expand our learnings as well as create a stronger, more connected community.



1. Great news! **The school has been able to order some new furniture for our Library Learning Commons (including a new carpet!).** We also hope to have the LLC freshly painted over the summer. We can't wait to see you in September and show you some of these exciting changes. Thank you Hamilton Administration team and SD38 for investing in our Library Learning Commons.
2. **Our LLC will be participating in a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion audit next year.** This is in accordance with our district's Equity and Inclusion goal of our district's strategic plan. It is important that our community members see all parts of themselves in our collection (mirrors) and also have a 'window' into how all others live and what they need to thrive in our community.
3. Next year, we hope to put in place some of the amazing suggestions that students and teachers provided, especially for the side room or S.T.E.A.M. room. There will be more signage so things are easier to find. Thank you to everyone who filled out the surveys.
4. Next year, there will hopefully be some more work done our Library website as well as more of a presence on social media. Our LLC wants to extend its reach to our community members who can't always make it into the library.
4. More ideas or suggestions? Your input is very valuable and I appreciate your suggestions. **If you have any other feedback or suggestions, please email me at [emalin@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:emalin@sd38.bc.ca).**



**THANK  
YOU**

HAMILTON HAWK COMMUNITY, IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE FIRST YEAR AS YOUR TEACHER LIBRARIAN. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. I AM ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THE AMAZING PARENT VOLUNTEER SUPPORT AS WELL AS FOR ALL OF THE COUNTLESS HOURS THAT THEY AND OUR LIBRARY MONITORS HAVE PUT IN TO TRY TO HELP MAKE OUR HAMILTON LLC THE BEST IT CAN BE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK. I COULD NOT HAVE MADE IT THROUGH THIS FIRST YEAR WITHOUT ALL OF YOU! I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE OUR LEARNING JOURNEY TOGETHER NEXT YEAR AND THE YEARS TO FOLLOW. HAVE A FANTASTIC AND RELAXING SUMMER HAMILTON HAWKS. KEEP READING AND LEARNING. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER!



**Don't forget to get outside as much as possible and explore our beautiful community!**