

Community Unit School District No 196 Library Mission:

- The program focuses on enlarging and enriching the ongoing classroom instructional program.
- Materials are selected on the basis of encouraging the acquisition of knowledge and developing literary, cultural, and aesthetic appreciation and ethical standards.
- Staff members are invited to recommend additions to the collection.
- Each school maintains a collection of materials that supports the curriculum and provides for individual needs, interests, abilities, and maturity levels.
- Students may freely select resource center materials as well as receive guided selection of materials appropriate to specific, planned learning experiences.

Expenditures from the FY25 Grant Award:

The full \$850 grant was strategically allocated to purchasing physical books for the Jr-Sr High Library through the Scholastic Book Fair. This approach leverages the unique benefits of the book fair, where we earn Scholastic Dollars on every purchase, effectively increasing our buying power by 40%. By maximizing the grant's impact in this way, we are able to acquire a significantly larger collection of books for our students to enjoy and learn from.

Snapshot of SY 2025-26 Statistics:

	Bluffview Elem School:	Jr/Sr High School:
Annual Circulations:	16,573	3,675
Digital Checkouts (eBooks):	(tracked by teacher)	82
Collection Value:	\$373,527	\$223,760
Collection Items:	14,001	10,244
ILL Items Borrowed:	0	667
ILL Items Loaned:	0	188

Library Data Analysis: Key Findings and Future Initiatives

Bluffview Elementary Library:

- **Collection Optimization:** Proactive weeding projects continue to reduce the overall size and value of the collection, but this paves the way for newer, more relevant materials. We successfully lowered the average age of collection items to less than 20 years, ensuring current and engaging resources for students.
- **Circulation Decline:** Our circulation has declined proportionately to the decline in our student population. However, our per-student circulation remains high, averaging over 30 items per student each year despite our lack of a school-wide reading program.

Dupo High School Library:

- **Dynamic Student Hub:** The high school library continues to evolve as a vibrant center for both academic work and co-curricular engagement. Resource utilization by both faculty and students shows consistent growth.
- **Community & Culture:** Targeted extra-curricular programming—including eSports and the after-school Game Day club—has significantly boosted student footprint and fostered a welcoming, positive library environment.
- **Public Library Collaboration:** Expanding our partnership with the Daugherty Library means that 505 students are receiving public library cards during SY 2026-27, extending reading access well beyond campus boundaries.
- **Space Renovation:** The Bluffview PTO has slated funding for a "Library Makeover," incorporating updated aesthetic touches to create an inviting, modern learning environment. Plans are underway.

These multi-faceted initiatives demonstrate our ongoing commitment to cultivating a technologically adaptive, resource-rich library environment that fuels academic achievement and inspires lifelong reading habits.