

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 FY24 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 2024-25 Statistics:

	Bluffview:	Jr/Sr High:
Annual Circulations:	18,869 (+12.15%)	3108 (-7.45%)
Digital Checkouts (eBooks):	(tracked by teacher)	370 (-38.94%)
Avg Collection Age:	2005 (20 years)	(unavailable)
Collection Value:	\$379,410 (-1.45%)	\$219,705 (+5.76%)
Collection Items:	14,964 (-7.03%)	10,288 (+7.56%)
ILL Items Borrowed:	0	966 (+4.32%)
ILL Items Loaned:	0	250 (-4.94%)

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 20 years, ensuring current and engaging resources for students.
- **Circulation Boost:** As anticipated, our circulation saw a dramatic increase, possibly due to the students engaging with our reading incentive program.

Dupo High School Library:

- **Hub of Activity:** The library plays a central role in student life, evident in the increased use of resources and participation in activities. Staff are also utilizing resources.
- **Engagement Drivers:** Programs like eSports and the afterschool Game Day club significantly contribute to student engagement and create a positive library experience. The library's success in fostering a dynamic and welcoming environment is worth celebrating.

SY 2024-25 Highlights:

- **Public Library Access Expansion:** Our partnership with Daugherty Library continues to exceeded expectations, providing 526 students with public library cards, opening doors to even more learning opportunities.
- **PTO Makeover:** For SY 2025-26, Bluffview PTO is planning to budget for a “Library Makeover” where they intend to update the decor and some furniture to make Bluffview Library an even more beautiful place and conducive to learning.



These initiatives reflect our commitment to providing students with a rich, engaging, and technologically advanced library experience that supports academic success and fosters lifelong learning.