

Collection Development Action Plan

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Introduction

The Grove Park Elementary School Media center serves a population of 537 students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade. Grove Park was built in 1966 and is slated for modernization in Fiscal Year 2023. The modernization of the school and media center will mean that the students will be in an alternate location with no access to their media center. These issues are highlighted in the collection development policy for the Fiscal Year 2023. In preparation for the modernization project, Grove Park Elementary School needs to heavily weed the collection to make way for new materials upon the reopening of the school in Fiscal Year 2024.

The recent analysis of our needs assessment showed that Grove Park Elementary School is concerned with providing students with adequate library media center materials during the modernization project. In addition, the needs assessment showed that students and faculty place a high level of importance on adding materials that are culturally diverse and represent the diversity within the student body at Grove Park. Grove Park already has a MackinVia eBook; however, the materials within the collection are not adequate while the media center is closed during the modernization of the school and media center. Lastly, students and teachers will need non-fiction that is highly interesting and useful to Grove Park academics. In the interview with the School Advisory Council chair, the needs analysis noted that the school advisory council would prefer the non-fiction eBooks to be GALE non-fiction. Adding GALE non-fiction eBooks means all materials in that collection will be simultaneous multi-user and allow teachers to share them in Google Classroom classes.

When further analyzing the data in the needs analysis, students expressed a desire for the media center to have a graphic novel collection. At present, the media center does not have any graphic novels within its collection. As the students at Grove Park are the predominant patrons of the media center, we must add graphic novels to both the eBook collection and the traditional collection upon the media center's reopening.

Goals and Objectives

- **Goal 1:** Increase the overall average publication date of the Grove Park Elementary Library Media Collection.
 - **Objective 1:** Weed and replace outdated materials, focusing on the science, history, and technology collection.
 - **Objective 2:** Weed materials based upon the significance to the reader, focusing on items that have never circulated or have not circulated for long periods
- **Goal 2:** Grow the eBook collection.
 - **Objective 1:** Use data from the needs assessment to inform MackinVia eBook selections.
 - **Objective 2:** Purchase up-to-date eBooks that relate to the needs and interests of the student population.
 - **Objective 3:** Purchase high-quality non-fiction from GALE to enhance the non-fiction eBook selections available to students and teachers.
- **Goal 3:** Add Graphic Novels to the collection.
 - **Objective 1:** Add high-quality, diverse eBooks to the MackinVia eBook collection
 - **Objective 2:** Add high-quality, diverse ebooks to the traditional collection upon completing the modernization project.

Strategy

Librarians and library media specialists will evaluate the current collection of materials at Grove Park Elementary by section and curate the collection to be updated by increasing the average publication date and weeding items that have not circulated for long periods of time. Physical materials will be considered for condition, significance, and circulation records. The digital library of resources will also be evaluated and added to, so it will have ebooks that relate to the needs and interests of the student population. The nonfiction collection will be evaluated by items in specific subject areas as it pertains to elementary school children and their education level. The librarians will use GALE to search and purchase more nonfiction to enhance the section and curate a digital collection that benefits students and staff. The graphic novel

collection will be evaluated by currency, diversity, and by professional ratings. The strategy to improve the quality of the collection is by adding eBooks to the MackinVia eBook collection. Librarians will review only professional reviews in order to make decisions on what items to add, keep, or weed.

Resources

The library staff will work together to meet these three goals and objectives. Through the use of Follet, the staff will determine items that need to be weeded based on their publication dates and circulation records. In order to increase Grove Park Elementary School Media Center's fiction ebook collection, they will use Mackin Via eBook to review and purchase ebooks. All non-fiction books will be reviewed and purchased through GALE. All ebooks purchased will be of interest to their student population. The staff will use the following professional reviewing sources to aid in selecting library media center materials.

- School Library Journal - <https://www.slj.com/section/reviews>
- Booklist - <https://www.booklistonline.com/>
- Horn Book Guide - <https://www.hornbookguide.com/site/>
- Center for the Children's Book - <https://bccb.ischool.illinois.edu/>
- Kirkus Reviews - <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/>
- Publisher's Weekly - <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/reviews/index.html>
- School Library Connection - <https://schoollibraryconnection.com/About>
- ALA Youth Media Awards - <https://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/presskits/youthmediaawards/alayouthmediaawards>
- Mackin: <https://www.mackin.com/>

Evaluation of Success

The library will specifically evaluate each goal and objective through the following means:

Average Publication Date

Circulation reports of individual items will be run quarterly to ensure that the materials the students have access to are being circulated. The circulation data will help the library determine

if any more items will need to be weeded. They will also submit the collection to Title Wave to determine the average age of the collection and determine how much that has improved.

eBook Collection

The success of the new ebook collection will be measured in a number of ways. The library will use circulation stats from Mackin Via Ebook to evaluate if the ebooks are successful. They will also run circulation reports quarterly to determine the success rate of the collection. A short survey will also be sent out to teachers to determine if the new nonfiction ebooks are helpful.

Graphic Novel Collection

Circulation reports will measure the success of the new graphic novel collection. These reports will be run quarterly to ensure that they are being circulated.