

**Language Academy Library
Collection Development Report
Spring 2023**

As of February 2023 we have 11,332 items cataloged in our collection.

- Of those 11,332 items 1,972 are marked LOST and unlikely to be recovered.
- Over 1,000 of the lost items are from the timespan during the school closures. Effort has been made to bring them back with little success.
- With lost titles removed we are left with 9,360 in the collection.

Survey of the collection shows that 60% of items are damaged, out of date, or undesirable titles.

- This is a huge number of books that under other circumstances would result in immediate removal and discard.
- Because of the large number the current plan is to weed (discard) closer to 30% of the collection or about 3,000 books.

If new items are not acquired our collection will be down to around 6,000 books. The School Library Association of California sets the standard at 15 titles per student in a school. We are grossly under this number and it will take time to get close to meeting that metric. Instead, the goal is to rebuild our collection up to 10,000 titles. Even at that low number the rebuild will take years and a variety of funding sources.

- **PTSA:** I have secured \$5,000 in funding to spend this year
- **Book Fair:** I hope to raise \$2k-\$3k in Scholastic Dollars during the Spring Fair
- **FOLA:** No proposal made yet but I hope to present them with this information soon
- **Grants:** I will apply for a FACE grant to spend on our French collection. I will pursue future grants in the fall when most applications open
- **Amazon Wish List:** I've created a wish list of books parents can purchase if they wish to donate to the library
- **School Budget:** The library has just under \$700 in the school budget that is from previous payments for lost or damaged items. I would like to formally request an additional \$3,000 in purchasing money for this year.

It is going to take a lot of resources to rebuild our collection and make it something truly amazing for our students. We will not be able to replace all items this year, it will take years of attention to bring our numbers back up. That being said, removing the damaged books will improve the browsability of the books we do have and provide a better experience for our students. An experience they seem very happy to have available to them again after years of limited access to the library.

Thank you,

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