

JAMM School Library Collection Refresh Jackson Academy of Math and Music

Report for 2022-23 AAUW Morgan Hill Community Action Grant

Project Overview

In the 2022-23 school year, we sought to revamp the school library collection at Jackson Academy of Math and Music (JAMM), replacing a significant proportion of our aged and worn-out collection with more recently published and thematically relevant books to better serve the needs of our current student community. In addition to procuring more recently-published books (as the average age of books in our collection were 30-40+ years old) we sought to enhance access to books featuring diverse protagonists as well as more diverse topics in multiple genres. Ultimately, we strive to provide a library in which all of our students can see themselves in the pages of a book.

Project Results

With our AAUW Community Grant Award funds, we purchased 61 books from our local independent bookstore, BookSmart, for the JAMM school library for a total of \$999.38. The titles were intentionally selected by JAMM's new Library Technician because the content fulfilled one or more elements of the following criteria:

- Strong female leads, protagonist(s), or subjects
- Stories highlighting diverse cultural experiences
- Themes/topics related to music or STEAM (complimenting JAMM's areas of emphasis)

The majority of the selected titles were fiction including novels for a range of reading levels and multiple graphic novels, which have broad appeal across grade levels. We also selected some non-fiction biographies/memoirs to round out our collection as well as titles in Spanish to ensure the accessibility of our collection to our English language learners.

These new titles were in circulation in our school library by the Spring 2023 trimester and we anticipate that they will continue to be popular with our young readers as our library programs/visitations ramp up this new school year.



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