

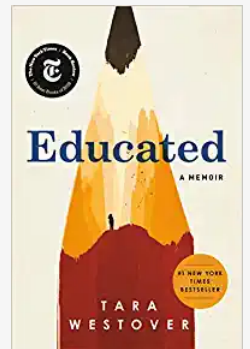
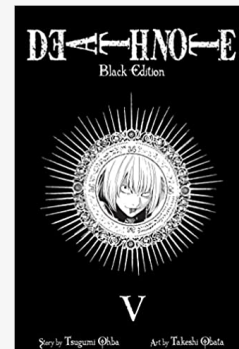
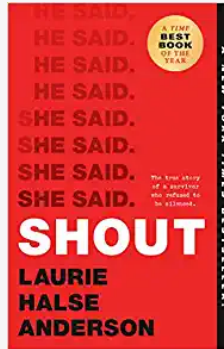
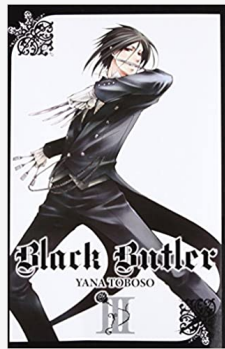
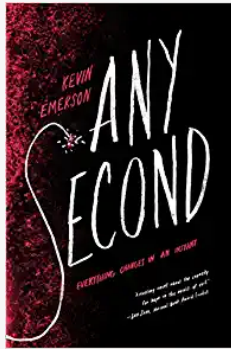
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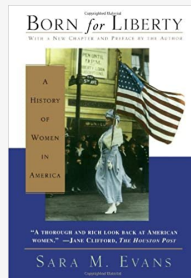
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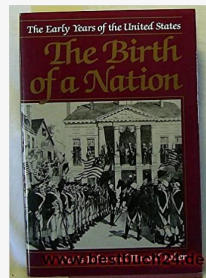


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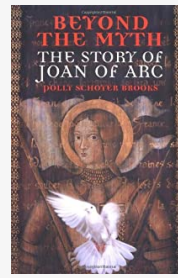
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out was 2007



Last check out
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1991



Last check out
2006

CAN WE KEEP ALL THE BOOKS, FOREVER?

Nope, not in the ESVM Library! In our library, shelf space in our physical collection is finite and, in a typical year, we order approximately 500-600 new books. We follow district policy for removing and disposing any books from our shelves, and are also guided by the principles of the American Library Association for curating a fair and balanced collection. This is an art more than a science, and there are many acronyms that librarians use when we consider removing a book, such as FRESH from the New York City Public School Library System.

Though the numbers of circulation are listed above, this is not the only metric that's useful for weeding decisions. Physical appearance is an important criteria for a high school collection (but be assured, *everyone* judges books by their covers). Does it look old or cheesy? Is it obviously graphic design straight out of the 1990s? Is it falling apart or damaged? We also consider information accuracy and relevance to our community, such as genres, formats, and interest areas, as well as curricular ties to classes

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and units of instruction. Context of the collection is also important. How many books do we have in a particular section of nonfiction, for example? If it's a book that represents a certain viewpoint, do we have other books that present an opposing view? Do we have fiction books that include a diverse representation of authors, protagonists, and experiences?

A good library collection is dynamic, adapting over time to best serve our community. This means continuous weeding - just like in any garden - to create space for the gems of our collection to shine.

Belated Happy Birthday

To Edna St. Vincent Millay, the namesake of our library, who would have been 129 years old on February 22nd! Millay, an award-winning poet, is our most famous graduate!

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