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# ESVM LIBRARY

## NEWS



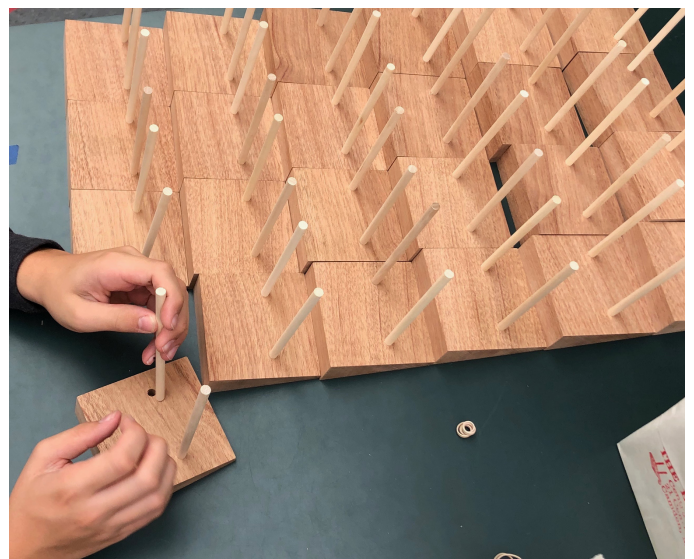
The ESVM Library serves many purposes for our learning community. We have recently had classes visit in small groups to select books - sometimes it's a free choice read, or a choice on a particular theme or specific topic. Students come from their study halls to read, get some work done, or take a break and relax. Sometimes folks need a mask break on the patio, or choose to sit outside and take in the gorgeous autumn sunshine and leaves! We also help students with technology questions or with printing.

This summer, Mrs. Eichenlaub built a Tech Orientation module in Schoology, required for all new students, and with a refresher version geared towards returning students. The videos and screencasts can be found in this [Youtube Playlist](#). There is also a "[Yikes! I Need Help Now!](#)" document linked on our website, if your student has a tech problem at home!

### New Bookstands!

We love our wooden book stands in the library! We enjoy displaying and marketing our physical book collection, but noticed that we were often running short of stands to display them on. We were excited to learn that they come from a local source in Camden: [The Bookstand](#).

Thanks to one of our students (who wishes to remain anonymous) from the Student Library Advisory Committee for assembling these for us!



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# MANGA COLLECTION

Current CHRHS student Atlas Vallee ('21) has been pursuing an independent study with us in the ESVM Library. Atlas noticed our aging collection of manga last fall. As a manga enthusiast (not just a reader but a creator of manga art and original stories), Atlas was eager to help us assess and upgrade our collection. They researched titles that we then purchased, while also weeding duplicates and copies in poor condition in our existing collection. Atlas helped to catalog and process the new books, and then re-cataloged and stickered the whole collection! This fall, Atlas suggested that we reorganize the graphic novel collection, so that the manga was its own distinct section. Atlas took this project on and our manga collection is now more visible and accessible to readers. Atlas has made our library a better place by sharing their passion with us!



**WHAT IS  
MANGA?**



Atlas says:

*"Manga is the term for Japanese comic books. Manga can be adapted into anime (the Japanese word for animation) which is popular all over the world. There are commonalities among genres and time periods of manga, in terms of artistic style. So for example, romantic manga from the 90s would have a softer look, not as contrasty, and the eyes of the characters would be really big and kind of soft."*



# BOOK GROUP KICKS OFF THIRD YEAR

The Diverse Perspectives Book Group is starting its third year! This is a staff/student book group with participant choice at the center. When Mrs. Eichenlaub was considering a book club for CHRHS, she reached out to CHRHS student Robyn Walker-Spencer ('20) and public librarian colleague, Loraine Murray, to brainstorm with them. That collaboration has helped make this group a success!

Some of our ways of working are different than a traditional book club.

- Each month, the group selects a topic.
- The group also collectively selects 1-3 titles that relate to that topic.
- You can choose to read one or all of the titles.
- If you don't read any, or only read a part of a book, you can still come to book group!

## NOVEMBER: MASS INCARCERATION



## DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES BOOK GROUP

### CENTERING THE VOICES AND EXPERIENCES OF THE FOLX OF THE GLOBAL MAJORITY

Over the summer, Mrs. Eichenlaub and Mrs. Chamberlin met by Zoom with current CHRHS student Anya Babb-Brott ('21), Robyn Walker-Spencer ('20 - now attending Bowdoin College), and Loraine Murray to discuss some changes to the book group's overall focus for the year. Given recent global events, as well as the district's focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, we made the decision to center the voices and experiences of the folx of the global majority, in a variety of genres.

Back in 2018, we started Diverse Perspectives with the theme of police violence against black teens with *The Hate U Give* (Angie Thomas) and *All American Boys* (Brendan Kiely and Jason Reynolds). At our first meeting of the 2020 school year, the group selected mass incarceration as its theme for November. Our fiction title is *This is My America* (Kim Johnson), with nonfiction selections from *The New Jim Crow* (Michelle Alexander) and *Anatomy of Innocence: Testimonies of the Wrongfully Convicted* (edited by Caldwell and Klinger). Here's a short article Mrs. Eichenlaub wrote for the *KQ Blog* about this book group:

<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/diverse-perspectives-book-club/>