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# ESVM LIBRARY

## NEWS

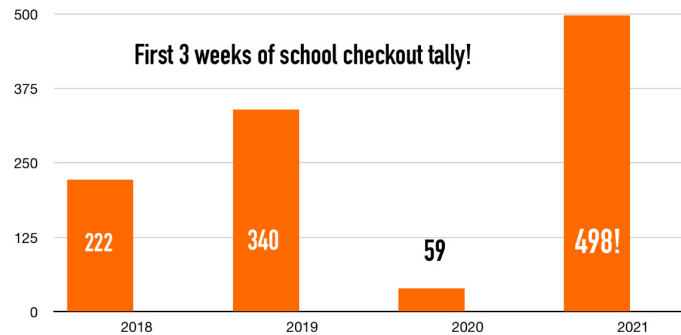
## WE'RE BACK

We're back and better than ever, with record-breaking circulation numbers (books checked out) for the first three weeks of school! Is it just that we have a fabulous collection of books in the ESVM Library? Of course WE definitely think so, but there's more to the story.

While we'd love to take all the credit for these high statistics, we want to acknowledge our partners-in-literacy, the English Department. This year ALL 9th grade English classes came to the library for orientation visits -- and to get books. Every 9th grader had an orientation, time to browse, check out books, and read!

Additionally, over the past few years, more of our English teachers are prioritizing student-chosen texts as a way to build and strengthen literacy skills and to nurture pleasure reading. 9th grade English teacher Ms. Gillette said, "I've heard from a lot of students that they stop reading for enjoyment when they get to high school because of their workload." She was visiting the library with her classes to have them pick out "no strings attached" books that would provoke informal sharing and conversation, as opposed to formal assignments assessing their reading. With more English teachers encouraging students to select a book of their choice, everyone wins -- our readers, most importantly!

But it also makes our circulation numbers look awesome too!



## NEW BANNER

Thank you to the Farnsworth Art Museum for this beautiful new banner of Edna St. Vincent Millay, our library's namesake! Millay was recently honored as one of the Farnsworth's "Women of Vision" in a celebration at the top of Mt. Battie this August. Attendees enjoyed popsicles, a reading of Millay's most famous poem, "Renascence," by three CHILLS seniors (Gail Curtis, Leanna Cotton, and Izzy Kinney), and Ms. Munson shared some context as well as stories from Millay's early life. The banner is displayed in a prominent spot in the library's rotunda. Photo by Berenice Abbott.



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