

CHOICE AND VOICE: CREATING A STUDENT-CENTERED LITERARY ENVIRONMENT

Notre Dame High School - Fairfield

2023-2024
PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount: \$3,000
Project Cost: \$3,000



200 Students Impacted
Grades 9-12

PURPOSE: To change students' general view of reading from negative to positive and to change their view of themselves from non-readers to readers by creating a student-centered reading program that offers a wide variety of choices and a comfortable environment in which to read.

IMPACT: Student surveys resulted in 80% of students noting an increase in their enjoyment of reading. Since students were able to make specific book requests to the library across a variety of genres, there was a book for everyone. Reading enjoyment increased, confidence increased, and the number of pages read exponentially increased. Students took this enthusiasm out of the classroom and to the Discovery Magnet School for a service project of Buddy Reading with PreK3-2nd grade students.

FUTURE PLANS: The classroom library will definitely continue. The hope is that with this new infusion of books will encourage more use and hopefully more donations as well from within the school community.

