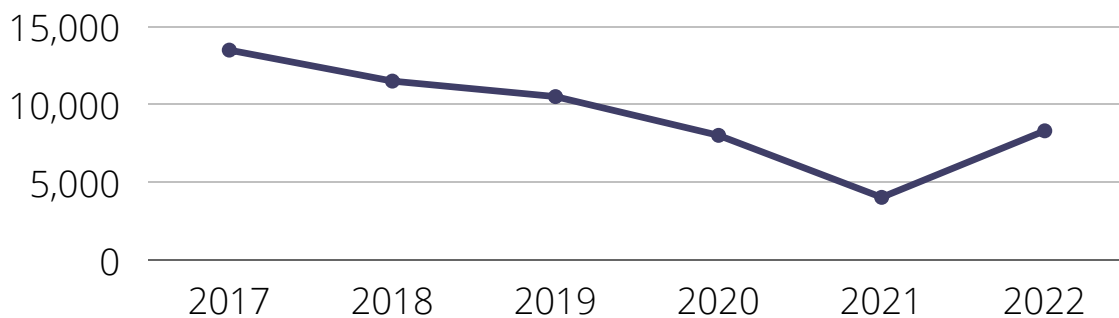


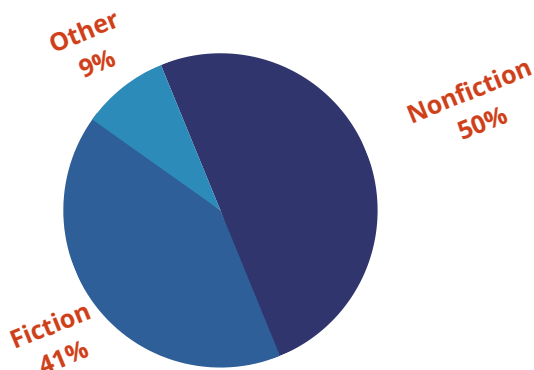
# COHEN ELEMENTARY LIBRARY 2021-2022

## CIRCULATION & USAGE



## INVENTORY

Total Items: 6,629  
Average Age: 2007  
Items per Student: 14.3



<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>AVG. AGE</u>	<u># ITEMS</u>
General fiction	2006	1,468
Graphic novels	2014	398
Picture books	2005	1,270
Nonfiction	2007	2,651
Reference	2011	151
Biography	2010	411
Professional	2002	72
Audio	2007	81
Video	2004	76
Kit	2011	8
Other	2006	43

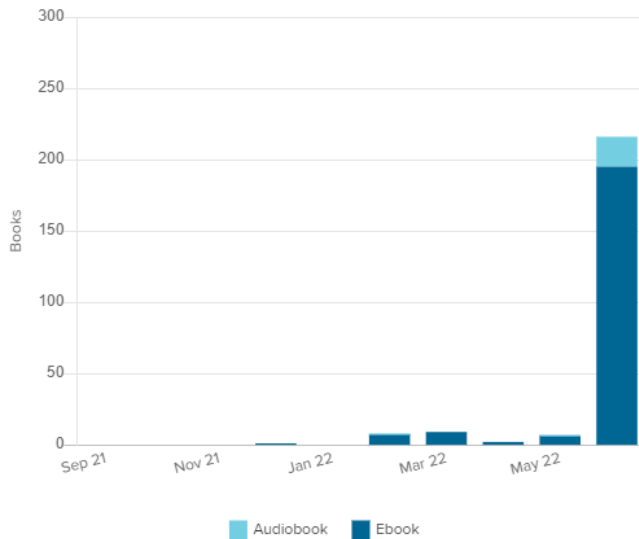


# SORA ACTIVITY

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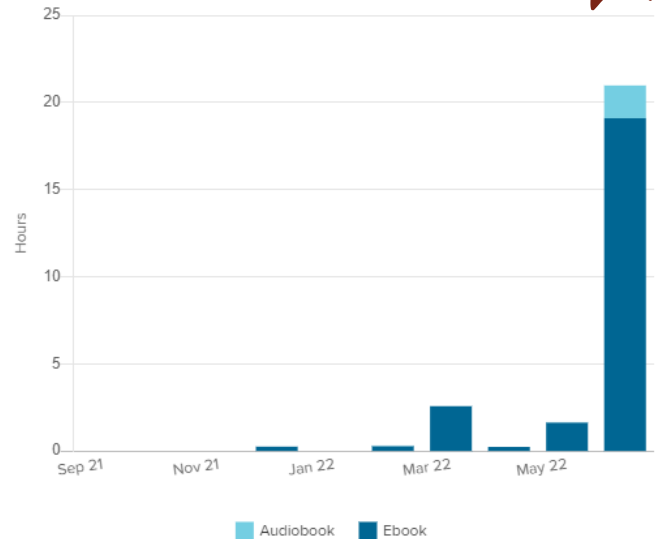
Total books opened

Total number of books 243



Total time read

Total number of hours 25.98



## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- **Birthday Books**- PK - 8th grade students receive a free book on their birthday
- **OPALS**-Students became familiar with OPALS, our new library automation software. They learned how to look up topics of interest and then locate them in the library
- **Scholastic Book Fair**- huge success this year! Earned \$4,824.96 in Scholastic credit. We use this credit to purchase books for the library and to fund the birthday book program
- **Digital Citizenship** units for 4th & 5th grades- We utilize the curriculum developed by Common Sense Media.  
<https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship>
- **SORA**- we promoted Sora (eBook & audiobook platform) to all grades throughout the year, but it wasn't until June that we coached them through the SORA logon process, using school computers, that they really started using it. They LOVE it!
- **Summer reading BINGO**- Students were given a BINGO card and promised a prize if they return it in the fall.

## IMPROVEMENTS



- Installed OPALS- our new library automation software
- Weeded 639 books that were old, outdated, or damaged
- Conducted inventory of the entire library collection
- SWANK- movie streaming
- New Library webpage- Developed a new webpage that students use to access the catalog, our Google Classroom, databases, and links to fun activities:

<https://ehco.gst.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- GST BOCES School Library System Council Vice President
- School Library System - Communication Coordinator for the district
- Technology Committee
- Book Study on Master the Media by Julie Smith
- NYS Library Collection Policy
- Connecting SEL to Text with K. Ginney
- Jennifer LaGarde- Developing Digital Detectives

## FUTURE PLANS



- Add Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship lessons in all grades
- Move Book Fair to March
- Thoroughly weed entire collection
- Promote SORA more heavily in the beginning of the year and have older students log on while in library
- Communicate better with families about the library programs using tools like Google Classroom, Facebook, and Dojo