

## EEF Grant Evaluation

### Helping Us Make our Library a Community Collaboration Space

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Thank you Escondido Education Foundation for fully funding my Grant Request. Due to receiving this grant, our students gained art, literature and cultural experiences, as well as a collaborative space to use in our library.

I received this grant in November of 2021. However, due to supply line and shipping issues, I was unable to receive the materials from my grant until fall of 2022.

With my grant, I purchased 4 series of Manga books, 3 copies of one stand alone manga book, 3 How to draw manga books, and one book of graphic novel pages to copy for the library. I was also able to purchase 8 pieces of movable furniture to add to others in the library to form collaborative spaces. I also purchased the first book from 2 different manga series along with the How to draw manga book for each of the (12) book club participants.



Items purchased for Library



Books purchased for library

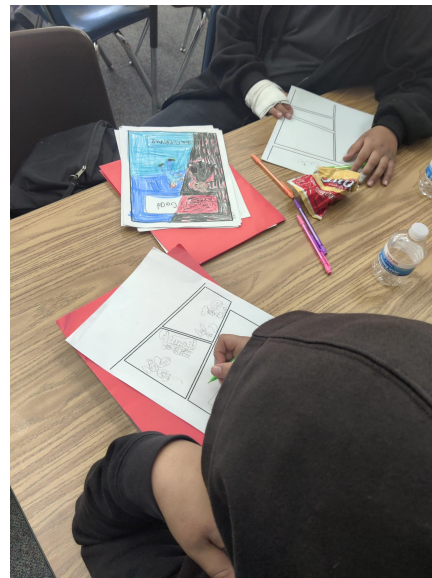
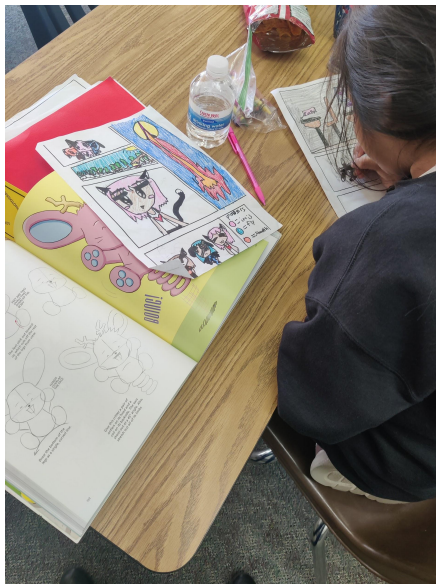


Items each book club participant received

We began the 6 week Manga Book Club on October 13, 2022, and Finished on November 17, 2022. The first 2 weeks we discussed the first book, the second 2 weeks we discussed the second book and compared and contrasted it with the first, as well as learning about Japanese Visual Language and exercising multimodal abilities. The last 2 weeks the participants spent drawing their own manga book.



Students using modular furniture to form a collaborative discussion space



Students using their art skills to draw their own manga stories.

In a survey given to the participants of the book club students were quick to let me know they were more interested in manga than ever. Having learned how to read manga, (right to left) and understand how Japanese Visual Language worked, they were all eager to read the rest of the series we had added to the library. They added book reviews for the volumes of manga they had read to our online library catalog to help encourage other students to check them out.

After completing the book club for older students and doing a library lesson on manga for the younger students, our check out statistics for our Graphic Novel section went up by 44%! We had 536 graphic novel circulations from Aug 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022. However, From November 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023 we had 771 graphic novel circulations!

The added manga books were a huge hit and a wonderful learning experience for our students, and the modular furniture is working well, giving them the ability to find a quiet space for themselves to read, or an area where discussion, planning, and collaboration can take place.

Thank you again EEF for helping our students have access to this wonderful opportunity!