

(Grade 6): “I think the Ben Carson Reading Room is better than lunch!”

Sandy (Grade 7): “For once in my lifetime I can say, ‘I want to read!’”

When I first started to read the books for older kids from the [Ben Carson Reading Room] Library, I was astonished. Every novel I picked up, I couldn't put down nor away. For once in my lifetime I can say, “I want to read!” I'm eager to go to every library period to wonder and hope that there are new books.

Chelsie (Grade 7): “These books are one thing I'm happy about this year!”

The books from the [Ben Carson Reading Room] Library are an awesome addition to our school library. I have read over six books this year when before it would have been two or three. I have read “Crank” and “Glass” by Ellen Hopkins and “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie. These books I can really relate to because they are for people my age and older and they teach me lessons sometimes. I'm glad we have these books. They allow kids like myself to read at our own level. And these books are one thing I'm happy about this year.

Charley (Grade 8): “This year, library is way more fun!”

This year, library is way more fun. I check out three or four books because I want to read those more mature books. I think the new books are great! The longer they are the better it is because it gives me time to truly understand them. I love the new books and hope we can get more!

Margarita (Grade 7): “I just love to read!”

Since I have been reading the books in the [Ben Carson Reading Room] library, I really love going to the library more and enjoy reading in the chairs. I look forward to going to the library and checking out the new books. I just love to read!

Michael (Grade 8): “If we got more books like these, more kids would probably read.”

I always hated going to the library before because all of the books were lame with a capital “L.” They didn't have any books that were real to me or my friends. Now that we have the [Ben Carson Reading Room] library, things have really changed. Now I have more choice and can get books that are real and about kids like me. I really like books from the publisher Push because these books talk about the same kind of problems I have. The comic books and graphic novels are awesome too. If we got more books like these, more kids would probably read.

Jasmine (Grade 9): “Everyone has a book and is reading it and telling other people about it...”

Thank you for taking your time to send us new and more mature books. Since you have given us these books, me, along with my peers, enjoy going to the library to get new books. Before we got these books, we would go and just play, but now we are serious as well as excited about library. Everyone has a book and is reading it and telling other people about it, or they are checking out a book and are anxious to read it. Me personally, I enjoy reading books that talk about people's lives and hardships. I think that now that we are growing up it's time we start to get new books because we fully appreciate their value unlike before.