

*Other ways you can help  
the Madison Library*

- ✓ Recycle your used printer cartridges at the library \*
- ✓ Recycle dead cell phones at the library \*
- ✓ Volunteer at the library
- ✓ Help with fundraising events
- ✓ Be an advocate for school libraries

*Every student deserves an equal education including equally funded libraries.*

- \* The library receives a small refund for each item returned

We are truly grateful for any and all you give us. We are working hard to support Madison's students to be life-long learners.

A strong school library program empowers students to be:

- enthusiastic readers
- critical thinkers
- skillful researchers
- ethical users of information



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## YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



The Oregon Department  
of Education recommends:

\$27 per student

X 850 students =

\$22,950.00

The Madison  
school library budget  
for 2009 - 2010 =

\$0.00

## Why does the library need money for books?

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Books experience wear and tear over time

Books get lost every day

Students are constantly changing interests

Authors keep writing fabulous new books

Books with outdated information need to be replaced by volumes with the most up-to-date contents

Teachers need support for ever-evolving curricula

↩ Investing in school libraries is a proven and efficient way to increase student achievement and improve education for all students.

## Why is the library asking for money for books?

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We currently have \$3,000 worth of book requests from students and teachers.

We raised \$500 for the Library at the Fall Art Show & Sale and will continue to fundraise, but our time is better spent teaching students important Information Literacy skills.

We write multiple grants each year to fund the library program, but these funds do not target our needs the way monetary donations can.



## “Can I buy books from a bookstore to donate to the library?”

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*We appreciate the thought.*

*However, you can make a **monetary donation** (of any amount) instead...*

We can direct the funds to books that fill our highest priority needs.

We can purchase books at a discount through our supplier.

Books come with a better, longer-lasting binding

Books come pre-processed, saving us precious time

Books come with library records we can download instead of creating manually

↩ When you make a monetary donation a bookplate is placed in the books you helped purchase for the school.  
Your donation is tax-deductible.