



In the past two years, the Barrett School Library has worked to reach and inspire all students. By increasing a larger range of cultural and learning diversity in the collection, and through new programming directed to students with neurodiversity, the library is creating new and inspiring points of connection for our students and staff. All program and collections management is conducted in fulfillment of the Arlington Public School library services mission statement, and the Barrett school library vision statement.

### **Library Services Mission Statement**

School libraries are an essential piece of the school learning community. School librarians and library staff help all learners achieve educational and personal success. School librarians curate high-quality, diverse information resources and literature in a variety of formats and provide inquiry-rich learning experiences in all content areas, all while fostering critical thinking skills, innovation, and creativity in our students.

### **Barrett School Library Vision Statement**

The mission of the Barrett School Library is to foster a love of reading, develop information literacy skills, cultivate collaboration and discussion, and promote lifelong learning.

In an effort to successfully reach all students, we worked to improve the collections and programming at the Barrett School Library.

### **Collection Diversification Project**

Weeding and reorganization of the collection  
Collection analysis  
Identified and ordered new library materials  
Four author visits representing new collection items

### ***Budget***

**Total: \$5000**

Fiction: \$2000

Non-fiction: \$2000

Multi-media (DVDs, books on tape): \$500

E-books: \$500

### **Neurodiversity Programming**

Identified and purchased new items to purchase for MakerSpace/Meditation space

Prototyped programming with small groups

Reviewed feedback from prototyping

Collaborated with teachers to create schedule for the new space

4-6 classes use the space each week as well as Maker and yoga clubs

### ***Budget***

**\$5920** in total funds allocated

\$3000 MakerSpace cart with workspace and storage

\$740 materials

\$600 Storage unit

\$650 Acoustic panels

(repurposed as Target and Home Depot gift cards for future MakerSpace materials)

\$420 Flexible seating

\$240 Weighted lap pads

\$150 Headphones

\$120 Yoga mats

### **Next Steps**

- Evaluate best ways to continue to add items reflecting diversity to the museum collection
- Identify authors and community partners for future author visits to share cost
- Assess best schedule of the new program space in collaboration with teachers
- Train and communicate with staff on policies and management of program materials
- Communicate with other maker spaces such as Arlington Public Library for sharing tools, project ideas and best practices
- Explore yoga teacher visits for student and staff classes
- Train parent volunteers for MakerSpace in use of materials and student coaching