With a new school improvment goal and Read Across America week right around the corner, we thought this was the perfect opportunity to write an in-depth featuring one of our favorite hobbies: reading. Especially at the high school level, our busy schedules and ever-consuming technologies often cause a decrease in our reading, but it is no less important for teens or adults than it is for children. So hopefully these stories will reinforce existing reading habits and spark some new motivation for those that have strayed away from the written word. Either way, we hope you enjoy READING these stories!

-The journalism staff

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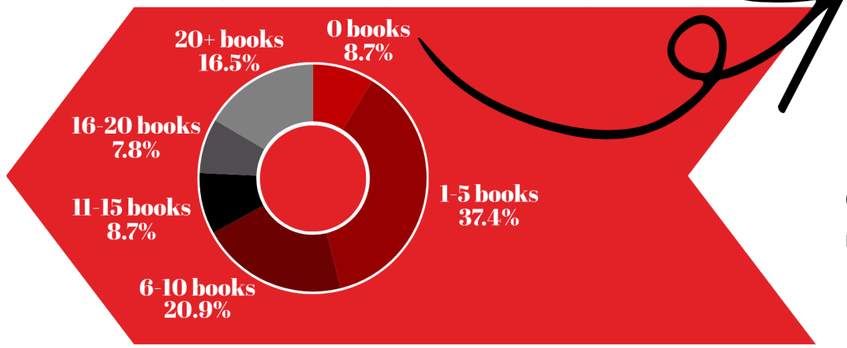
Chieftain reading habits

How many books did you read last year?



Why didn't you read?

10 percent said they DON'T HAVE TIME.

0 percent said they are NOT A STRONG READER.

20 percent said they DON'T ENJOY READING.

70 percent said ALL OF THEABOVE.

Where do you get your books?

52 percent buy them in a BOOKSTORE or IN PERSON.

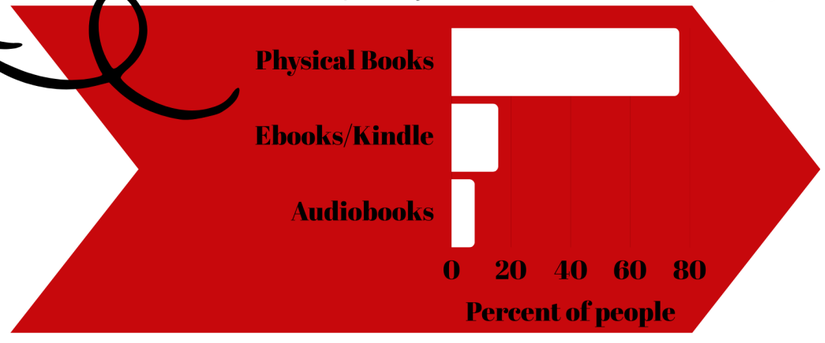
41 percent buy them ONLINE.

48 percent check them out from the YHS LIBRARY.

19 percent check them out from the TOWN LIBRARY.

34 percent borrow them from FRIENDS or OTHER PEOPLE.

What is your preferred form of reading?



Do you prefer the book or the movie?

38.8 percent vs. **41.1** percent

19.8 percent said they could not decide.

Information on both pages was collected by a survey sent to Yutan High School students and staff on Jan. 26, 2026. A total of 116 responses were recorded. Infographics created by Ashtyn Anderson.

Most popular genres

Infographic - Ashtyn Anderson

Artist’s Statement

To start this infographic, I created a 13.063 inch x 11.125 inch blank project on Canva. I started with the title of the infographic, “Cheiftain,” in the Apricots font. For “reading habits”, I used the font Yeseva One. I decided to relate the size of the books on the right to the percentage of people who chose that genre as their favorite. I created each book myself, making them all different colors, sizes and shapes. I then created the different elements on each spine of the books. To help the larger books be easier to read, I increased the font size and changed the genre text color to black and the Gagalin font. To break up the smaller books, I put some in the Chewy font instead of the Abril Fontface font. I then added bookmarks on the left side in different shades of red and the middle one facing a different way. On the bookmarks, I added charts with the information of how many books people have read, what their preferred form of reading is, and if they prefer the book or the movie. For the bookmark asking if people preferred the book or the movie, I imported a book and a clapperboard. Because the questions for the charts didn’t fit on the bookmarks, I moved them above each bookmark and had it hang off the side of the bookmarks in the Apricots font. In the white space, with an arrow pointing to it, I added more information relating to the chart on the bookmark next to it. I made the percentages have a splice effect so it stands out more. In the white space to the right of the bottom bookmark, I put the information for the infographic, in the Abril Fatface font, with a red border around it.