

THE DESERTED CHECKOUT

The ghost town of the library and the whereabouts of Hoover students is a mystery.

The library is silent, yet so loud and empty yet so full and busy yet so free.

The librarians are checking out books but Hoover students are nowhere to be found and nowhere near the checkout.

Are the students missing?

What's HAPPENING!?

Currently, only a few Hoover students come to the library to check out books.

"As a daily occurrence, it is mostly the middle school students who visit the library. Days at a time will pass before a high school student checks out a book," Building Technology Specialist (BTS) Orlando Winters said.

Students can come check out books for fun without the books having to be for educational purpose and the students reading just for fun.

"In my opinion most, students are unaware of the variety of books we have available. Checking out a book has to be a personal choice," Winters said.

Technology also has its fair shares of withholding students from checking out books at the library.

"There's online books plus you could do something more fun like video games or something else," eighth grader Joseph Lai said.

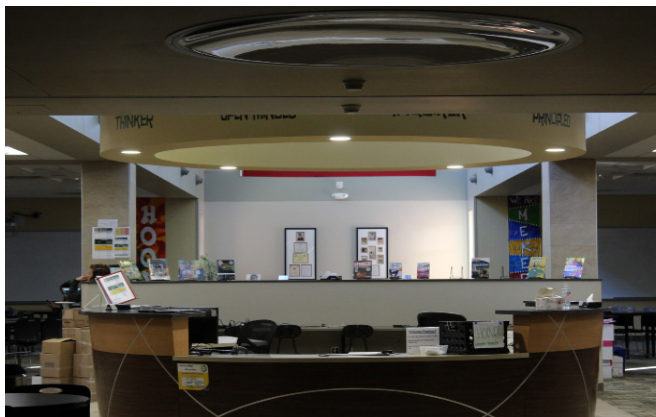
Students sometimes don't have a direction in what they like to read and don't know how to pick a book.

"I don't have any idea on what to pick as an interesting book to read," sophomore Andrew Gerdes said.

Books have so much potential for students to help motivate and improve your grades.

"There is a correlation between free reading and better grades, so I would hope that students would see improved motivation and grades. I hope that people would see students reading and help us buy more books," Teacher Librarian and Building Technology Specialist Sarah Wittkop said.

Other books have materials you can enjoy if you're feeling bored.



"The decision to read is a personal one. My reading started with comic books and Dungeons and Dragons modules. All I can suggest is read material based on your interests. We have the histories of sports teams and books on musical arrangement and how to get started in the entertainment industry," Winters said.

Entertainment can also be found inside of books.

"They should check out books because it's a good way to read and it can be interesting and fun," junior Hunter Horn said.

If you ever need help finding a book you're interested in or just need help with finding a book in general, our librarians can help you out.

"What librarians can do is help you find a book on the subject you are interested in," Winters said.

There is a wide selection but there are other places with a broader selection of items that interest them in going to the library.

“I started going to the Franklin Library because it had more manga and movies” freshman Milo Spath-Bradley said.

There are other barriers like not having enough time for checking out books alone or with your class.

“Some students are checking out books, but Hoover teachers have stopped bringing their classes down

to check out books. Curriculum has changed and become more specific so there is less time for teachers to have students check out and read a book of their choice. Meredith students are coming in regularly with their classes and advisory, so they are reading a lot more than Hoover,” Wittkop said.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

COMICS AND MANGAS
YOU CAN FLIP INTO.

ROMANCE AND COM-
EDY BOOKS YOU MAY
DIG.

MYSTERY AND HORROR
THAT MAY SPOOK YOUR
INTEREST.

