## eStride Program

Kane District is part of a consortium with Southwest Education Development Center (SEDC), which provides services such as technology assistance, teacher trainings, autism resources and eSTRIDE (digital library check out system for students). Five other school districts are part of the SEDC consortium, which include Washington, Iron, Beaver, Millard and Garfield. Each district combines resources and student numbers to leverage lower costs for technology and student resources. With the funding from an LSTA Grant in 2013, SEDC was able to secure \$25,000 to begin the eSTRIDE project, which allows students to check out fiction and non-fiction books anytime and take them anywhere on their Chromebook or tablet. In 2013 the students accessed 423 books. In 2016 the students in the SEDC region have checked out 24,043 books. Approximately 13,608 students in the SEDC region have access to the eSTRIDE program, which encompasses nearly 50 schools (including charters). Of all the schools in the SEDC region, Kanab Middle School has the highest number of books checked out to students, which is 3,026, followed by Canyon View High School at 2,296. Overall, the students in Kane School District have accessed over 6,000 books during 2016, which includes Big Water with 996, Kanab High School with 817, Kanab Elementary with 694, Valley High 425, and Valley Elementary 55. We would like to thank the students in our district for utilizing the eSTRIDE library, and most importantly reading the digital library books. Congratulations to Kanab Middle School for leading the SEDC region in ebook circulation. If you would like more information about eSTRIDE please visit with your school librarian or access the following link: https://www.sedck12.org/grants/estride or perhaps you can ask a student at Kanab Middle School.

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