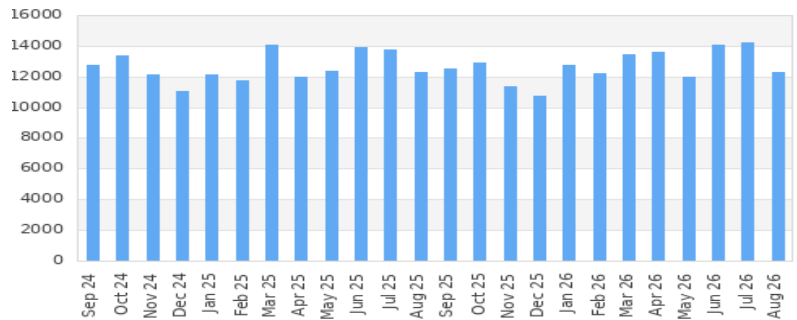


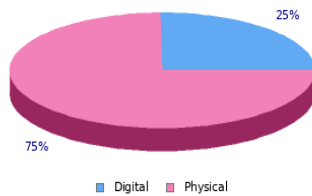
Monthly Stats Brief Narrative

Through August 2026, the number of patrons entering our buildings stayed about the same system-wide compared to this same time year-to-date the previous year. Combined physical and digital use of library materials slightly increased year-to-date compared to 2025. About 8% of our registered cardholders checked out a physical item this past month, while about 6% of registered cardholders checked out a digital item.

District Total Checkouts Over 24 Months



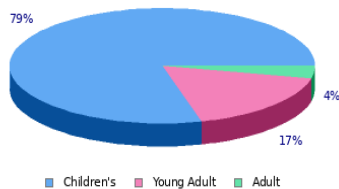
Digital vs. Physical Circulation YTD



Digital usage has comprised about 25% of total materials use year-to-date through August 2026, and digital usage slightly increased from this time in 2025.

In August 2026, BDL patrons saved \$109,607.60 by checking out 8,817 physical items from the library. Our programming for all ages and our digital services further increase the library's value to the community, bringing the total estimated value to \$169,075.85.

Programs Offered in 2026 YTD



Compared to this time year-to-date 2025, the number of programs BDL offered has increased. Attendance at programs increased over this same period.

See the full statistical report, starting on the next page, for details and more graphs. The most up-to-date stats are always available online and interactive at <https://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/stats>.

Attendance
August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Attendance	12,943	103,771 (-1%)	167,137 (-7%)	178,844 (+26%)	141,973 (+25%)	113,927 (+49%)	76,553 (+21%)
Curbside Service Uses (Tracking since 2020)	0	8 (+100%)	7 (-77%)	30 (-35%)	46 (-65%)	130 (+829%)	14
Hours Open	518.00	6,286.00 (-10%)	10,355.25 (-13%)	11,844.20 (+8%)	11,015.50 (-7%)	11,807.50 (+11%)	10,655.00 (+49%)
Number of Hours Scheduled Open Each Week (Tracking Since 1/2018)	246.00		247.00	247.00	247.00 (+2%)	241.00 (+1%)	239.00 (+1%)

Patrons
August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Population in our Service Area (Tracking Since 2018)	46,464	46,464 (avg)	46,464 (avg)	46,464 (avg)	46,464 (avg) (+0%)	46,339 (avg) (+3%)	44,996 (avg) (+0%)
Library Card Holders	15,603	15,285 (avg) (+4%)	15,013 (avg) (-7%)	16,149 (avg) (+8%)	15,014 (avg) (-5%)	15,758 (avg) (-29%)	22,337 (avg) (+5%)
Patrons Who Checked Out a Physical Item	1,186	1,189 (avg) (+1%)	1,151 (avg) (-7%)	1,240 (avg) (-36%)	1,923 (avg) (+12%)	1,722 (avg) (+27%)	1,359 (avg) (+23%)
New Library Card Holders Added	106	971 (-18%)	1,577 (+6%)	1,483 (-4%)	1,546 (+33%)	1,159 (+58%)	732 (-44%)
In-House Holds Filled for Our Library Card Holders	960	7,705 (+1%)	11,393 (-10%)	12,702 (+5%)	12,080 (+16%)	10,395 (-3%)	10,696 (+13%)
Active Hoopla Users	554	509 (avg) (+14%)	443 (avg) (+1%)	439 (avg) (+19%)	369 (avg) (+18%)	313 (avg) (+8%)	291 (avg) (-10%)
Active OverDrive Users	338	321 (avg) (-2%)	328 (avg) (+14%)	288 (avg) (+7%)	270 (avg) (+9%)	247 (avg) (+11%)	223 (avg) (-5%)

Physical Collection
Tracking Item-Type Breakdown Since 8/2017
August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Physical Books and All Other Print Materials in the Catalog	96,935		95,444 (+0%)	95,054 (+3%)	92,692 (-1%)	93,637 (+2%)	91,417 (+0%)
Physical Audiobooks in the Catalog	2,423		2,595 (-3%)	2,674 (+28%)	2,084 (+5%)	1,983 (+6%)	1,875 (-4%)
Physical Video Materials in the Catalog	11,777		11,547 (-3%)	11,877 (-3%)	12,246 (+1%)	12,136 (+4%)	11,646 (+3%)
Physical Music Recordings in the Catalog	15		44	44 (+2%)	43 (+2%)	42	42 (-76%)
Physical Videogames in the Catalog	241		177 (+97%)	90	0	0	0
Physical Library of Things Items in the Catalog	580		542 (+117%)	250	0	0	0
TOTAL Physical Items in the Catalog	111,957		110,319 (+0%)	109,959 (+2%)	107,340 (-1%)	108,050 (+3%)	104,980 (0%)

Digital Collection

Tracking Since 8/2017

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Ebooks in All Digital Collections	1,234,214		1,197,516 (-2%)	1,216,297 (+36%)	894,933 (+14%)	781,802 (+21%)	648,146 (+35%)
Audiobooks in All Digital Collections	427,675		392,118 (+34%)	292,800 (+29%)	227,161 (+23%)	184,410 (+13%)	162,946 (+26%)
Video Materials in All Digital Collections	39,429		36,141 (+13%)	31,990 (+10%)	28,972 (+14%)	25,502 (+13%)	22,520 (+27%)
Music Recordings in All Digital Collections	596,185		545,867 (+15%)	473,598 (+18%)	401,029 (+14%)	352,092 (+1,549%)	21,347 (-92%)
Periodicals in All Digital Collections	6,901		6,560 (+12%)	5,833 (+22%)	4,776 (+4%)	4,602 (+19%)	3,881 (+6%)
TOTAL of All Digital Collections	2,304,404		2,178,202 (+8%)	2,020,518 (+30%)	1,556,871 (+15%)	1,348,408 (+57%)	858,840 (-5%)

Total Collection

Tracking Since 8/2017

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Combined Physical Items	111,957		110,319 (+0%)	109,959 (+2%)	107,340 (-1%)	108,050 (+3%)	104,980 (0%)
Combined Digital Collections	2,304,404		2,178,202 (+8%)	2,020,518 (+30%)	1,556,871 (+15%)	1,348,408 (+57%)	858,840 (-5%)
TOTAL of all Collections	2,416,361		2,288,521 (+7%)	2,130,477 (+28%)	1,664,211 (+14%)	1,456,458 (+51%)	963,820 (-5%)

Use of Physical Items

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Checkouts of Cataloged Items	6,735	58,773 (+2%)	84,134 (-9%)	92,387 (+7%)	86,356 (+5%)	81,966 (+20%)	68,460 (+31%)
Renewals of Cataloged Items	847	7,388 (+4%)	10,839 (-4%)	11,239 (+11%)	10,081 (-4%)	10,471 (+21%)	8,639 (+20%)
Items Used in the Library But Not Checked Out	75	2,241 (-18%)	3,355 (+6%)	3,165 (-34%)	4,811 (+8%)	4,468 (+90%)	2,350 (+28%)
Checkouts of Uncataloged Items	80	1,133 (+15%)	1,480 (-29%)	2,099 (+5%)	2,007 (+64%)	1,224 (-19%)	1,505 (+50%)
Requests from BDL Patrons for Items at Other MeLCat Libraries, Actually Fulfilled	631	4,405 (-9%)	6,977 (-14%)	8,120 (-3%)	8,333 (+23%)	6,802 (-3%)	6,981 (+52%)
Requests from Other MeLCat Libraries for Items at BDL, Actually Fulfilled	449	4,122 (+1%)	5,886 (-5%)	6,212 (+10%)	5,638 (-8%)	6,136 (+7%)	5,712 (+80%)
TOTAL Use of Physical Items	8,817	78,062 (+1%)	112,671 (-9%)	123,222 (+5%)	117,226 (+6%)	111,067 (+19%)	93,647 (+34%)

Library of Things

Tracking since 2024. Stats here part of totals in other tables. Presented here for convenience.

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Number of Items in the Library of Things Collection	580		542 (+117%)	250	0	0	0
Checkouts of Library of Things Items	182	1,601 (+64%)	1,796 (+64%)	1,094 (+58%)	691	0	0
Amount spent on Library of Things Materials	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,319.56 (+60%)	\$ 2,524.84 (-52%)	\$ 5,234.00 (+191%)	\$ 1,798.61	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Use of Digital Resources

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
OverDrive Checkouts	1,132	9,403 (-9%)	15,295 (+8%)	14,184 (-4%)	14,754 (+11%)	13,338 (+0%)	13,294 (+2%)
Hoopla Checkouts	2,030	15,124 (+30%)	18,053 (+3%)	17,572 (+15%)	15,270 (+16%)	13,139 (+5%)	12,507 (-8%)
ComicsPlus Checkouts (Tracking Since 2024)	0	0	152 (-55%)	340	0	0	0
All Other Digital Services	299	1,821 (-36%)	3,513 (-24%)	4,606 (-15%)	5,392 (+6%)	5,077 (-50%)	10,131 (+42%)
TOTAL Use of Digital Resources	3,461	26,348 (+6%)	37,013 (+1%)	36,702 (+4%)	35,416 (+12%)	31,554 (-13%)	36,284 (+4%)

Total Item Usage

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Combined Checkouts of Physical Items	8,817	78,062 (+1%)	112,671 (-9%)	123,222 (+5%)	117,226 (+6%)	111,067 (+19%)	93,647 (+34%)
Combined Use of Digital Resources	3,461	26,348 (+6%)	37,013 (+1%)	36,702 (+4%)	35,416 (+12%)	31,554 (-13%)	36,284 (+4%)
TOTAL Uses of All BDL Items	12,278	104,410 (+2%)	149,684 (-6%)	159,924 (+5%)	152,642 (+7%)	142,621 (+10%)	129,931 (+24%)

Cataloging

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Physical Items Added to the Catalog	1,157	7,423 (+4%)	9,581 (+4%)	9,202 (-4%)	9,575 (-3%)	9,822 (-16%)	11,665 (+17%)
Physical Items Deleted from the Catalog	849	6,142 (+29%)	9,204 (+32%)	6,999 (-32%)	10,259 (+50%)	6,860 (-58%)	16,482 (-3%)

Reference Questions

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
General Reference Questions in Person	2,523	15,601 (+27%)	18,239 (-4%)	19,063 (+10%)	17,388 (+63%)	10,696 (+27%)	8,431 (+94%)
Questions via Telephone Calls	585	4,617 (+2%)	6,710 (-7%)	7,177 (+8%)	6,624 (+6%)	6,233 (+8%)	5,765 (+26%)
Reference Questions Delivered Online	47	243 (+23%)	268 (-6%)	286 (+55%)	185 (-14%)	215 (-22%)	275 (+13%)
In-Person Questions on Computer or Internet Use	787	5,257 (-2%)	7,461 (+3%)	7,261 (+34%)	5,437 (+35%)	4,028 (+10%)	3,675 (+33%)
In-Person Questions about Our Online Databases	15	83 (-51%)	207 (-30%)	295 (-31%)	428 (+182%)	152 (+7%)	142 (+33%)
In-Person Tax Form Questions	1	211 (+8%)	205 (-16%)	243 (+20%)	203 (-5%)	213 (-9%)	233 (-19%)
TOTAL of All Reference Questions	3,958	26,012 (+14%)	33,090 (-4%)	34,325 (+13%)	30,265 (+41%)	21,537 (+16%)	18,521 (+50%)

Notary Services

Began 9/2017

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Patrons Who Used our Free Notary Services	53	312 (+48%)	359 (+20%)	300 (+62%)	185 (+48%)	125 (+81%)	69 (+50%)
Documents Notarized	94	578 (+55%)	601 (+29%)	467 (+96%)	238 (-7%)	257 (+129%)	112 (+107%)

MeLCat

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Requests from BDL Patrons for Items at Other MeLCat Libraries	666	4,638 (-9%)	7,322 (-14%)	8,561 (-4%)	8,898 (+24%)	7,156 (-3%)	7,375 (+47%)
Requests from BDL Patrons for Items at Other MeLCat Libraries, Actually Fulfilled	631	4,405 (-9%)	6,977 (-14%)	8,120 (-3%)	8,333 (+23%)	6,802 (-3%)	6,981 (+52%)
Requests from Other MeLCat Libraries for Items at BDL	504	4,225 (+2%)	5,957 (-5%)	6,281 (+7%)	5,874 (-4%)	6,113 (+1%)	6,067 (+49%)
Requests from Other MeLCat Libraries for Items at BDL, Actually Fulfilled	449	4,122 (+1%)	5,886 (-5%)	6,212 (+10%)	5,638 (-8%)	6,136 (+7%)	5,712 (+80%)

Programs Held
August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Early Childhood Literacy Programs Held (Tracking since 2021)	2	183 (+4%)	308 (-10%)	344 (+0%)	343 (+47%)	234 (+102%)	116
Juvenile Programs Held	196	1,536 (+31%)	2,090 (+47%)	1,425 (+103%)	701 (+32%)	532 (+83%)	290 (-47%)
Young Adult Programs Held	30	336 (+20%)	483 (+50%)	322 (+91%)	169 (-29%)	237 (+81%)	131 (-5%)
Adult Programs Held	1	68 (-16%)	133 (-31%)	193 (-35%)	295 (+90%)	155 (+36%)	114 (-56%)
All-Ages Programs Held (Tracking since 2021)	154	826 (+61%)	902 (-5%)	945 (+32%)	714 (+771%)	82 (+2%)	80
Early Childhood Literacy Summer Reading Programs Held (Tracking since 2021)	0	55 (+31%)	42 (-22%)	54 (-4%)	56 (+37%)	41 (+356%)	9
Juvenile Summer Reading Events Held	0	403 (-7%)	433 (+150%)	173 (+49%)	116 (-18%)	141 (+47%)	96
Young Adult Summer Reading Events Held	0	88 (-7%)	95 (+30%)	73 (+62%)	45 (+67%)	27 (+8%)	25
Adult Summer Reading Events Held	0	19 (-27%)	26 (-33%)	39 (-34%)	59 (+111%)	28 (+4%)	27
All-Ages Summer Reading Programs Held (Tracking since 2021)	0	251 (+12%)	225 (-13%)	258 (+111%)	122 (+542%)	19 (-27%)	26
Computer Classes Held	0	0	1 (-50%)	2 (+100%)	1 (-91%)	11 (+1,000%)	1
TOTAL of All Programs	383	3,765 (+24%)	4,738 (+24%)	3,828 (+46%)	2,621 (+74%)	1,507 (+65%)	915 (-3%)

Program Attendance
August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Attendees at Early Childhood Literacy Programs (Tracking since 2021)	74	1,754 (-8%)	3,237 (-10%)	3,614 (-8%)	3,924 (+66%)	2,362 (+70%)	1,389
Attendees at Juvenile Programs	1,086	7,254 (+9%)	11,002 (+11%)	9,925 (+73%)	5,753 (+7%)	5,393 (+26%)	4,270 (-83%)
Attendees at Young Adult Programs	375	2,184 (+13%)	2,832 (+33%)	2,125 (+123%)	955 (-37%)	1,515 (+85%)	817 (-75%)
Attendees at Adult Programs	1	425 (-30%)	936 (-9%)	1,028 (+19%)	863 (-19%)	1,069 (-46%)	1,971 (-88%)
Attendees at All-Ages Programs (Tracking since 2021)	745	3,863 (+7%)	5,678 (-15%)	6,656 (-25%)	8,858 (+150%)	3,542 (-22%)	4,547
Attendees at Early Childhood Literacy Summer Reading Programs (Tracking since 2021)	0	571 (+7%)	535 (+8%)	497 (-7%)	532 (+25%)	424 (+190%)	146
Attendees at Juvenile Summer Reading Events	0	2,539 (+10%)	2,309 (+8%)	2,134 (+49%)	1,430 (-58%)	3,415 (+90%)	1,798
Attendees at Young Adult Summer Reading Events	0	731 (+94%)	376 (+11%)	338 (+78%)	190 (-47%)	361 (+99%)	181
Attendees at Adult Summer Reading Events	0	175 (+20%)	146 (+1%)	144 (-42%)	248 (+7%)	231 (+29%)	179
Attendees at All-Ages Summer Programs (Tracking since 2021)	0	2,238 (+40%)	1,596 (-49%)	3,117 (+70%)	1,829 (+49%)	1,226 (+68%)	730
Attendees at Computer Classes	0	0	1 (-96%)	24 (+2,300%)	1 (-92%)	12 (+1,100%)	1
TOTAL of All Program Attendance	2,281	21,734 (+11%)	28,648 (-3%)	29,602 (+20%)	24,583 (+26%)	19,550 (+22%)	16,029 (-64%)

Summer Reading Overview

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Juveniles Signed Up for Summer Reading Program	0	443 (+2%)	436 (-35%)	668 (+16%)	578 (+10%)	527 (+29%)	407 (+347%)
Young Adults Signed up for Summer Reading Program	0	64 (-38%)	104 (-43%)	183 (+74%)	105 (-69%)	336 (+336%)	77 (+166%)
Adults Signed Up for Summer Reading Program	0	164 (+10%)	149 (-38%)	240 (+30%)	184 (+27%)	145 (+19%)	122 (+270%)
Juveniles who Completed Summer Reading Program	0	287 (-13%)	328 (-5%)	347 (+6%)	326 (-8%)	355 (+61%)	220 (+142%)
Young Adults who Completed Summer Reading Program	0	57 (+14%)	50 (-11%)	56 (+70%)	33 (-34%)	50 (+32%)	38 (+31%)
Adults who Completed Summer Reading Program	0	61 (-27%)	83 (-11%)	93 (+3%)	90 (+190%)	31 (+3%)	30 (-9%)
Juvenile Summer Reading Events Held	0	403 (-7%)	433 (+150%)	173 (+49%)	116 (-18%)	141 (+47%)	96
Young Adult Summer Reading Events Held	0	88 (-7%)	95 (+30%)	73 (+62%)	45 (+67%)	27 (+8%)	25
Adult Summer Reading Events Held	0	19 (-27%)	26 (-33%)	39 (-34%)	59 (+111%)	28 (+4%)	27
Attendees at Juvenile Summer Reading Events	0	2,539 (+10%)	2,309 (+8%)	2,134 (+49%)	1,430 (-58%)	3,415 (+90%)	1,798
Attendees at Young Adult Summer Reading Events	0	731 (+94%)	376 (+11%)	338 (+78%)	190 (-47%)	361 (+99%)	181
Attendees at Adult Summer Reading Events	0	175 (+20%)	146 (+1%)	144 (-42%)	248 (+7%)	231 (+29%)	179

Summer Reading Program Signups

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Juveniles Signed Up for Summer Reading Program	0	443 (+2%)	436 (-35%)	668 (+16%)	578 (+10%)	527 (+29%)	407 (+347%)
Young Adults Signed up for Summer Reading Program	0	64 (-38%)	104 (-43%)	183 (+74%)	105 (-69%)	336 (+336%)	77 (+166%)
Adults Signed Up for Summer Reading Program	0	164 (+10%)	149 (-38%)	240 (+30%)	184 (+27%)	145 (+19%)	122 (+270%)
TOTAL Summer Reading Program Signups	0	671 (-3%)	689 (-37%)	1,091 (+26%)	867 (-14%)	1,008 (+66%)	606 (+296%)

Summer Reading Program Completions

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Juveniles who Completed Summer Reading Program	0	287 (-13%)	328 (-5%)	347 (+6%)	326 (-8%)	355 (+61%)	220 (+142%)
Young Adults who Completed Summer Reading Program	0	57 (+14%)	50 (-11%)	56 (+70%)	33 (-34%)	50 (+32%)	38 (+31%)
Adults who Completed Summer Reading Program	0	61 (-27%)	83 (-11%)	93 (+3%)	90 (+190%)	31 (+3%)	30 (-9%)
TOTAL Summer Reading Program Completions	0	405 (-12%)	461 (-7%)	496 (+10%)	449 (+3%)	436 (+51%)	288 (+88%)

Library-Provided Computer Services
August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
One-hour sessions on Library Wifi	36,750	286,203 (+3%)	446,271 (+8%)	411,317 (-10%)	458,794 (+26%)	364,501 (+25%)	290,877 (+2%)
Desktop, Laptop, and Tablet Computers Available for Public Use	92		92	92	0	92	92 (+5%)
Sessions on Library-Provided Computers	1,864	13,234 (-12%)	22,409 (-7%)	24,151 (-2%)	24,588 (+31%)	18,724 (+57%)	11,926 (+24%)
Hours Library-Provided Computers Used (Tracking Since 2018)	988.13	47,232.13 (+450%)	12,062.98 (+1%)	11,998.26 (+9%)	10,995.67 (+2%)	10,802.44 (+60%)	6,735.18 (+12%)
Desktop, Laptop, and Tablet Computers Available for Staff Use	58		58 (+5%)	55	0	53 (-4%)	55 (+6%)

Notes

1. An update to the Algansee Server prevented data from being recorded for several days.

Website Stats
August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Monthly Website Sessions	4,718	37,655 (+53%)	41,662 (+20%)	34,678 (-24%)	45,504 (+4%)	43,787 (-6%)	46,481 (+12%)
Monthly Website Page Views	9,097	65,552 (+33%)	77,928 (-15%)	91,928 (+17%)	78,611 (-3%)	80,654 (-31%)	116,164 (+26%)

Faxes, Prints, and Sales
August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fax Pages Received	7	138 (+33%)	121 (-47%)	230 (+77%)	130 (-35%)	200 (+42%)	141 (-5%)
Fax Pages Sent	1,019	5,483 (+15%)	7,391 (-12%)	8,358 (+55%)	5,405 (-22%)	6,897 (+6%)	6,515 (+66%)
Free Prints for Job Seekers, Students, etc.	870	4,947 (-5%)	7,900 (-43%)	13,971 (+17%)	11,907 (-8%)	12,908 (+301%)	3,222 (+195%)
Black and White Patron Prints (Tracking Since 6/2016)	7,717	58,219 (-7%)	88,116 (+2%)	86,327 (+38%)	62,367 (+3%)	60,827 (+10%)	55,206 (+66%)
Color Patron Prints (Tracking Since 6/2016)	2,073	16,566 (+24%)	19,975 (-8%)	21,648 (+67%)	12,979 (+30%)	9,994 (+3%)	9,731 (+107%)
Flash Drives Sold (Tracking Since 6/2016)	3	13 (-13%)	18 (-38%)	29 (-3%)	30 (+7%)	28 (+75%)	16 (-11%)
Earbuds Sold (Tracking Since 6/2016)	17	101 (-26%)	169 (-27%)	231 (+5%)	220 (+63%)	135 (+11%)	122 (-7%)

Value to Our Service Area

Visit <https://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/value>
to learn how we determine these numbers.

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Value from Physical Item Checkouts	\$ 109,607.60	\$ 839,975.71 (-10%)	\$ 1,364,462.05 (-8%)	\$ 1,483,716.46 (+12%)	\$ 1,321,051.90 (+5%)	\$ 1,258,278.86 (+20%)	\$ 1,048,840.66 (+27%)
Value from Attending Programs (Tracking Since 1/2018)	\$ 22,810.00	\$ 217,930.00 (+11%)	\$ 286,840.00 (-3%)	\$ 295,520.00 (+72%)	\$ 172,032.00 (+38%)	\$ 124,880.00 (+59%)	\$ 78,390.00 (-38%)
Value from Fax Service (Tracking Since 1/2018)	\$ 2,052.00	\$ 11,242.00 (+15%)	\$ 15,024.00 (-13%)	\$ 17,176.00 (+211%)	\$ 5,529.00 (-19%)	\$ 6,798.00 (+4%)	\$ 6,534.00 (+61%)
Value from Free Prints (Tracking Since 1/2018)	\$ 131	\$ 743 (-5%)	\$ 1,185 (-43%)	\$ 2,096 (+18%)	\$ 1,780 (+1%)	\$ 1,765 (+298%)	\$ 443 (+173%)
Value from Notary Services (Tracking Since 1/2018)	\$ 530.00	\$ 3,120.00 (+48%)	\$ 3,590.00 (+20%)	\$ 3,000.00 (+224%)	\$ 925.00 (+52%)	\$ 610.00 (+91%)	\$ 320.00 (+42%)
Value from Digital Services (Tracking Since 1/2018)	\$ 24,227.00	\$ 184,436.00 (+23%)	\$ 235,081.00 (-8%)	\$ 256,914.00 (+45%)	\$ 177,080.00 (+12%)	\$ 157,770.00 (+9%)	\$ 145,136.00 (+5%)
Value from Using Library Computers (Tracking Since 1/2018)	\$ 4,940.65	\$ 236,160.65 (+450%)	\$ 60,314.90 (+1%)	\$ 59,991.30 (+82%)	\$ 32,987.01 (+2%)	\$ 32,407.32 (+60%)	\$ 20,205.54 (+12%)
Value from Using Library Wifi (Tracking Since 1/2018)	\$ 4,777.50	\$ 37,206.39 (+3%)	\$ 58,015.23 (+8%)	\$ 53,471.21 (+17%)	\$ 45,879.40 (+26%)	\$ 36,450.10 (+86%)	\$ 19,602.10 (-2%)
TOTAL Value of Free Library Services	\$ 169,075.85	\$ 1,530,813.40 (+12%)	\$ 2,024,512.18 (-7%)	\$ 2,171,884.62 (+24%)	\$ 1,757,264.36 (+9%)	\$ 1,618,958.88 (+23%)	\$ 1,319,471.70 (+17%)

Materials Expenditures

Tracking since 2018

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Amount Spent on Books	\$ 11,340.73	\$ 85,622.77 (+7%)	\$ 102,668.81 (+8%)	\$ 94,920.33 (-3%)	\$ 98,065.50 (-11%)	\$ 110,432.25 (+1%)	\$ 108,851.89 (+27%)
Amount Spent on Periodicals	\$ 0.00	\$ 714.31 (-26%)	\$ 3,308.12 (+5%)	\$ 3,161.24 (-17%)	\$ 3,822.83 (-25%)	\$ 5,102.22 (+1%)	\$ 5,051.01 (-6%)
Amount Spent on Audiovisual Materials	\$ 354.21	\$ 6,514.20 (-39%)	\$ 14,586.69 (+13%)	\$ 12,859.85 (-24%)	\$ 16,890.19 (+25%)	\$ 13,500.24 (-43%)	\$ 23,646.40 (+39%)
Amount spent on Library of Things Materials	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,319.56 (+60%)	\$ 2,524.84 (-52%)	\$ 5,234.00 (+191%)	\$ 1,798.61	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Amount spent on processing and preparing materials for circulation	\$ 1,093.71	\$ 18,178.90 (+58%)	\$ 16,245.59 (+10%)	\$ 14,816.03 (+10%)	\$ 13,420.37	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Amount Spent on Digital Resources	\$ 4,035.70	\$ 23,680.86 (-7%)	\$ 40,885.82 (-1%)	\$ 41,164.76 (+29%)	\$ 31,937.90 (-46%)	\$ 58,842.13 (+39%)	\$ 42,439.73 (+34%)
Amount spent on professional publications and interlibrary loan fees	\$ 25.00	\$ 231.52 (+5%)	\$ 335.82 (-60%)	\$ 846.92 (+172%)	\$ 311.33	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL Spent on All Library Materials	\$ 16,849.35	\$ 136,262.12 (+5%)	\$ 180,555.69 (+4%)	\$ 173,003.13 (+4%)	\$ 166,246.73 (-12%)	\$ 187,876.84 (+4%)	\$ 179,989.03 (+29%)

Other Expenditures

Tracking since 2018

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Materials Expenditures	\$ 16,849.35	\$ 136,262.12 (+5%)	\$ 180,555.69 (+4%)	\$ 173,003.13 (+4%)	\$ 166,246.73 (-12%)	\$ 187,876.84 (+4%)	\$ 179,989.03 (+29%)
Total Staff Expenditures	\$ 107,095.08	\$ 959,061.28 (+6%)	\$ 1,320,141.89 (-1%)	\$ 1,332,977.87 (+21%)	\$ 1,100,311.37 (+1%)	\$ 1,084,866.30 (+13%)	\$ 963,961.23 (+1%)
Expenditures in other categories	\$ 25,379.09	\$ 423,354.10 (-21%)	\$ 728,032.49 (-7%)	\$ 781,764.87 (+16%)	\$ 671,304.75 (-41%)	\$ 1,144,224.84 (+33%)	\$ 860,839.79 (+78%)
TOTAL Expenditures in all Categories	\$ 181,373.93	\$ 1,788,215.48 (-49%)	\$ 4,327,202.59 (+67%)	\$ 2,584,444.07 (+22%)	\$ 2,111,812.47 (-5%)	\$ 2,217,109.47 (+19%)	\$ 1,865,487.82 (+3%)

Staffing

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total BDL Staff	40	42 (avg) (+5%)	39 (avg) (+5%)	37 (avg)	37 (avg) (+9%)	34 (avg)	35 (avg) (-3%)
BDL Staff with MLS Degree	5	5 (avg) (-20%)	5 (avg) (-20%)	5 (avg)	5 (avg) (-29%)	8 (avg) (+40%)	5 (avg)
Worked Full-Time Equivalents	23.41	24.33 (avg) (-4%)	24.40 (avg)	24.18 (avg)	24.59 (avg) (+9%)	22.91 (avg) (+5%)	21.71 (avg) (-13%)
Hours of Specialized Training for Staff (Tracking Since 1/2019)	41	310 (+19%)	636 (+6%)	602 (-9%)	660 (-12%)	751 (-2%)	763 (-35%)
Hours Volunteers Worked at the Library (Tracking Since 1/2019)	0	93 (+24%)	79 (-62%)	206 (-13%)	238 (+44%)	166 (+29%)	128 (+228%)

Outreach Services

Began 2018

August 2026

	BDL Monthly Total	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Number of Patrons Served by Outreach Services	0	0	148 (-47%)	279 (+25%)	224 (+62%)	138 (+15%)	120 (+186%)
Number of Items Delivered to Outreach Patrons	0	0	711 (-57%)	1,658 (+44%)	1,150 (+110%)	548	548 (+126%)

Coldwater Branch Heritage Room

Stats part of Coldwater Branch totals above; shown here for convenience.

August 2026

	Heritage Room	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Heritage Room Attendance	41	511 (-5%)	699 (-23%)	910 (+107%)	440 (+10%)	401 (+99%)	202 (+92%)
In-Person Reference Questions	64	431 (+7%)	531 (-17%)	643 (+235%)	192 (+32%)	146 (+97%)	74 (-7%)
Reference Telephone Calls	12	95 (+20%)	116 (-33%)	173 (+41%)	123 (-17%)	149 (+30%)	115 (+92%)
Online Reference Questions	20	138 (+130%)	81 (+29%)	63 (+110%)	30 (-6%)	32 (-24%)	42 (+24%)

Coldwater Branch Kids' Place

Stats part of Coldwater Branch totals above; shown here for convenience.

Tracking separately since April 2019.

August 2026

	Kids' Place	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Kids' Place Attendance	926	8,704 (+9%)	11,569 (+0%)	11,519 (+20%)	9,630 (+43%)	6,721 (+51%)	4,445 (+86%)
In-Person Reference Questions	145	1,414 (+10%)	1,787 (-7%)	1,923 (+8%)	1,788 (+16%)	1,548 (+109%)	740 (+227%)
Reference Telephone Calls	7	131 (+44%)	133 (+6%)	126 (-35%)	194 (+15%)	169 (-21%)	214 (+37%)
Online Reference Questions	0	0	0	10	0	0	2

Coldwater Branch Teen Space

Stats part of Coldwater Branch totals above; shown here for convenience.

Tracking separately since April 2019.

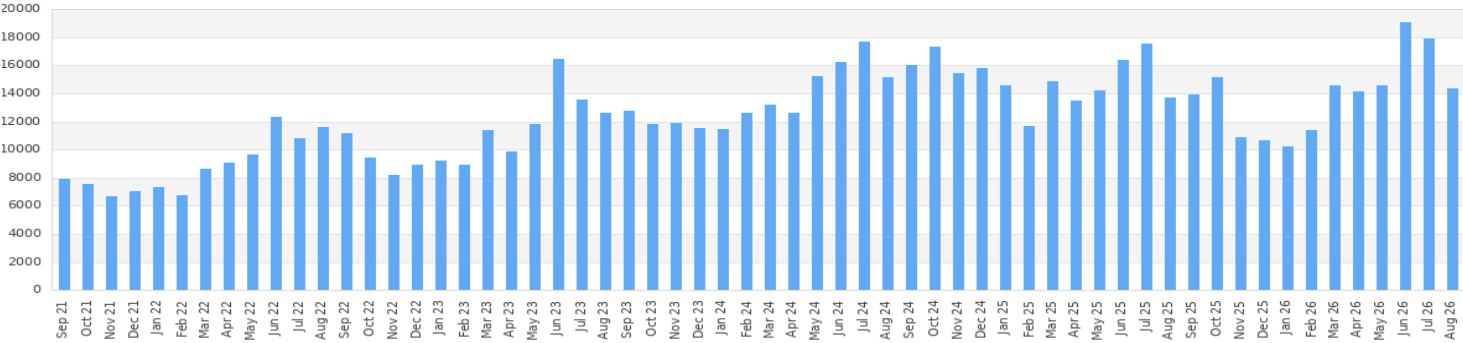
August 2026

	Teen Space	BDL YTD	BDL Year End (Year-over-Year Change)				
			2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Teen Space Attendance	458	3,736 (+1%)	5,257 (+3%)	5,100 (+19%)	4,274 (+254%)	1,207 (+71%)	706 (-16%)
In-Person Reference Questions	67	843 (+111%)	616 (+49%)	413 (+111%)	196 (+193%)	67 (+415%)	13 (+225%)
Reference Telephone Calls	3	34 (+48%)	33 (+38%)	24 (+2,300%)	1	1	0
Online Reference Questions	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

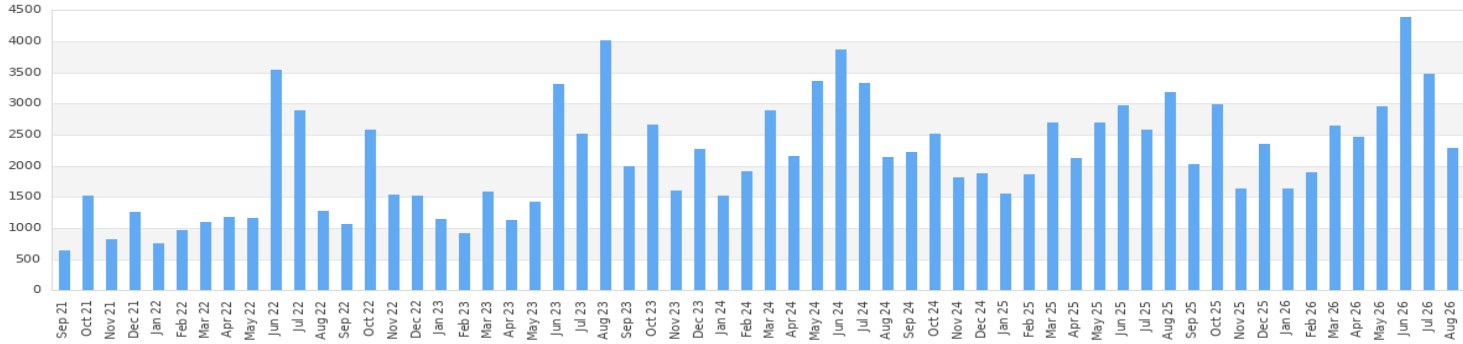
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5-year Monthly Trends

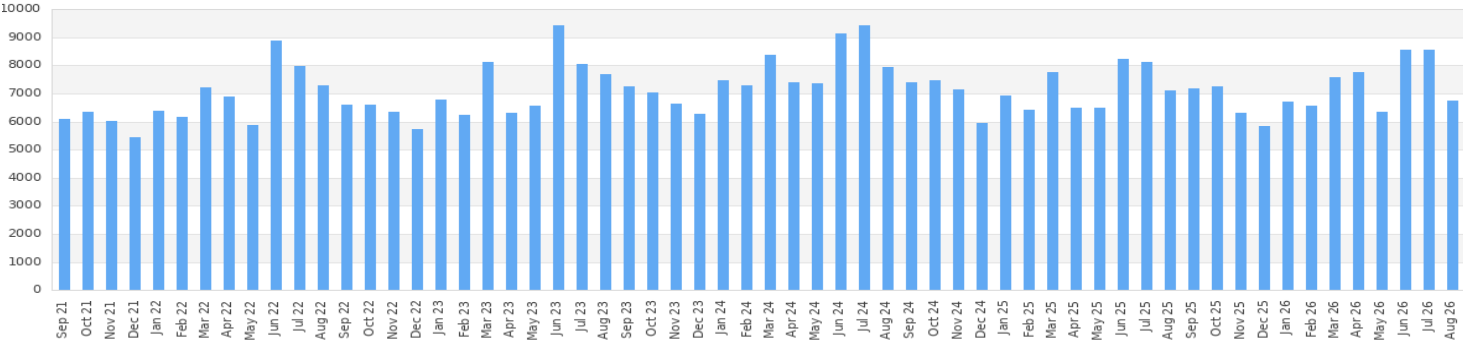
District Attendance



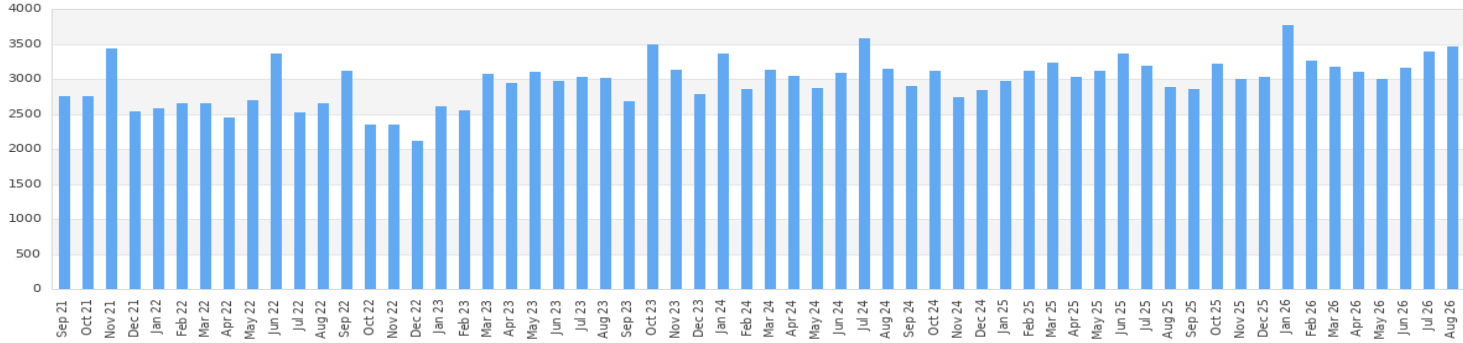
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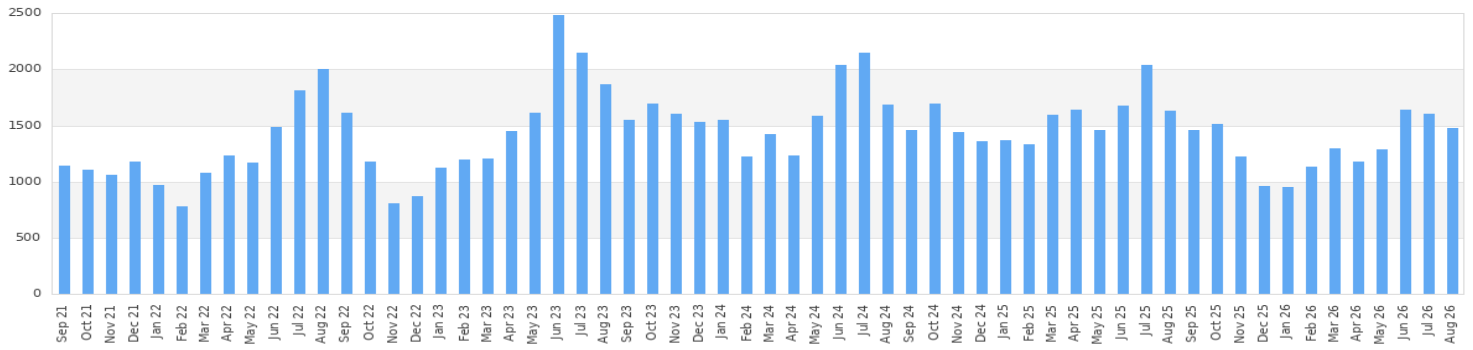
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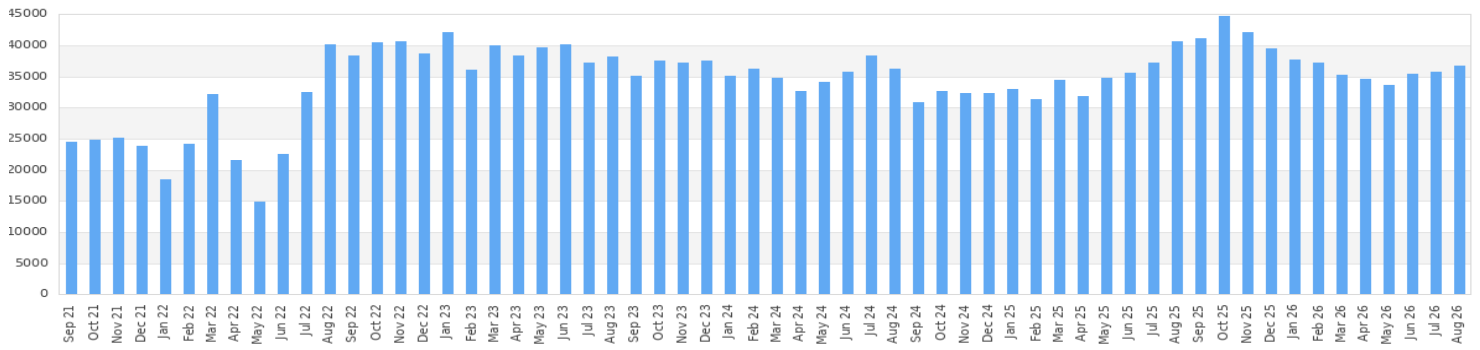
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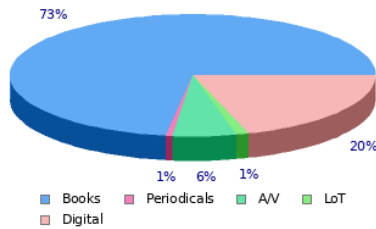
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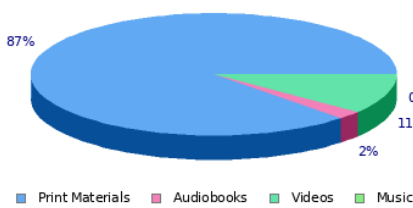
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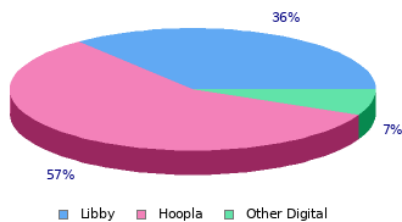
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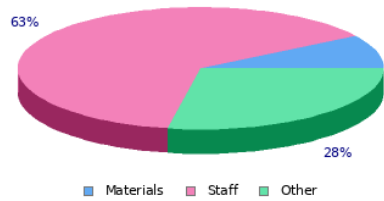
Physical Collection



YTD Usage Breakdown of Digital Services



YTD Expenditures in all Categories



Digital Collection

