

Account	Budgeted	August	YTD		Remaining	
Revenue						
5000100 LIBRARY COPY FEES	12,000	1,339	8,350	70%	3,650	30%
5000177 RENTALS & FEES	8,500	-	3,600	42%	4,900	58%
5000189 OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	846,573	-	211,643	25%	634,930	75%
5000312 RENTAL CHARGEBACKS	49,000	49,000	49,000	100%	0	0%
5000426 MISCELLANEOUS	10,000	690	3,872	39%	6,128	61%
5000431 MISCELLANEOUS	15,000	-	-	0%	15,000	100%
5000451 INTEREST AND EARNINGS	17,500	8,312	44,752	256%	-27,252	-156%
5000470 VENDING MACHINE	0	-	50		-50	
5000530 REFUNDS OF PRIOR YEARS EXPENDIT	-	625	1,711		-1,711	
5000531 GIFTS AND DONATIONS	500	-	-	0%	500	100%
5000545 CREDIT CARD REBATES	100	-	-	0%	100	100%
5000546 Trust Account Inflows	500	-	-	0%	500	
5000562 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	1,500,059	-	1,500,059	100%	-	0%
5000569 TRANSFER - DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,770	-	1,791	101%	-21	
5000808 OTHER STATE AID	98,690	58,924	67,225	68%	31,465	32%
5000952 ARRA DEBT REIMBURSEMENT	237	-	154	65%	83	35%
Total Revenue (operating):	2,560,429	118,891	1,892,207	74%	668,222	26%

Account	Budget	Encumbered	August	YTD	Remaining			
Salary and Benefits								
6001000 SALARIES FULL-TIME	920,950		61,299	560,791	61%	360,159	39%	
6001001 SALARIES PART-TIME	149,560		10,600	68,461	46%	81,099	54%	
6001002 SALARIES TEMPORARY	20,070		6,538	33,588	167%	(13,518)	-67%	
6001003 SALARIES OVERTIME	-		538	3,075		(3,075)		
Total Salary	1,090,580		78,975	665,915	61%	424,665	39%	
6008001 STATE RETIREMENT	136,887		10,243	78,302	57%	58,585	43%	
6008002 SOCIAL SECURITY	82,514		5,781	48,858	59%	33,656	41%	
6008004 WORKERS COMPENSATION	6,304		0	3,152	50%	3,152	50%	
6008006 LIFE INSURANCE	285		7	62	22%	223	78%	
6008007 HEALTH INSURANCE	143,359		10,575	84,309	59%	59,050	41%	
6008009 RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE	351,529		52,090	219,282	62%	132,247	38%	
6008012 EMPLOYEE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	3,500		-	-	0%	3,500	100%	
6008014 NYS Voluntary Defined Contribution	6,967		532	4,388	63%	2,579	37%	
Total Benefits	731,345		79,228	438,352	60%	292,993	40%	
Salary and Benefits	1,821,925		158,203	1,104,267	61%	717,658	39%	
Contractual Expenditures								
6004012 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000	562	28%	612	2,984	149%	(1,546)	-77%
6004021 BLDG MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	1,000	1,293	129%	-	1,009	101%	(1,302)	-130%
6004022 FUEL AND HEATING SUPPLIES	26,000	-	0%	148	9,554	37%	16,446	63%
6004023 BLDG AND GROUNDS SUPPLIES	4,300	5,382	125%	805	3,811	89%	(4,893)	-114%
6004030 FOOD AND BEVERAGES	100	-	0%	-	-	0%	100	100%
6004048 MISC OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES	5,785	-	0%	-	41	1%	5,744	99%
6004055 COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES	70,684	-	0%	-	69,619	98%	1,065	2%
6004056 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT(NON CAPITAL)	5,000	-	0%	-	311	6%	4,689	94%
6004070 BOOKS ADULT SERVICES	67,550	18,486	27%	2,744	41,466	61%	7,598	11%
6004071 JUVENILE BOOKS	54,000	13,576	25%	4,259	33,503	62%	6,921	13%
6004073 SUBSCRIPTIONS	7,563	-	0%	-	1,401	19%	6,162	81%
6004074 AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	33,000	23,273	71%	1,416	14,727	45%	(5,000)	-15%
6004075 ELECTRONIC ACCESS MATERIALS	33,650	3,001	9%	4,595	36,804	109%	(6,154)	-18%
6004100 POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	700	439	63%	476	1,231	176%	(970)	-139%
6004105 DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	1,500	-	0%	-	1,288	86%	212	14%

Account	Budgeted	September	YTD		Remaining	
Revenue						
5000100 LIBRARY COPY FEES	12,000	1,142	9,492	79%	2,508	21%
5000177 RENTALS & FEES	8,500	-	3,600	42%	4,900	58%
5000189 OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	846,573	-	211,643	25%	634,930	75%
5000312 RENTAL CHARGEBACKS	49,000	-	49,000	100%	0	0%
5000426 MISCELLANEOUS	10,000	275	4,147	41%	5,853	59%
5000431 MISCELLANEOUS	15,000	-	-	0%	15,000	100%
5000451 INTEREST AND EARNINGS	17,500	6,214	50,966	291%	-33,466	-191%
5000470 VENDING MACHINE	0	-	50		-50	
5000530 REFUNDS OF PRIOR YEARS EXPENDIT	-	-	1,711		-1,711	
5000531 GIFTS AND DONATIONS	500	-	-	0%	500	100%
5000545 CREDIT CARD REBATES	100	-	-	0%	100	100%
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5000562 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	1,500,059	-	1,500,059	100%	-	0%
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5000808 OTHER STATE AID	98,690	-	67,225	68%	31,465	32%
5000952 ARRA DEBT REIMBURSEMENT	237	-	154	65%	83	35%
Total Revenue (operating):	2,560,429	7,631	1,899,838	74%	660,591	26%

Projects & Grants						
6004117 STATE CONSTRUCTION AID - 2022	378,023	-	340,221	90%	37,802	10%
6004117 STATE CONSTRUCTION AID - 2023	157,447	-	141,702	90%	15,075	10%
6004117 BROOME COUNTY CIP - 2023	100,000	-	100,000	100%	-	0%
6004138 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - Period Pant	1,280	-	1,280	100%	-	0%
Friends HOYT GRANT - Reading Garden	50,000	-	0	0%	50,000	100%
Friends KRESGE GRANT	31,700	-	31,700	100%	-	0%
Friends COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - bilungual	5,000	2,500	5,000	100%	-	0%
Friends COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - Narcan	2,000	-	2,000	100%	-	0%
Friends COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - Farm2Lib	9,125	-	9,125	100%	-	0%
Friends KLEE GRANT	75,000	-	75,000	100%	-	0%
Friends KLEE SUPPLEMENTAL	30,350	-	30,350	100%	-	0%
Friends Period Pantry	6,703	-	6,703	100%	-	0%

Friends	2024 Library Support	34,400	2,217	15,654	46%	18,746	54%
Friends	Friends - Farm to Library	6,000	-	6,000	100%	-	0%
	Projects & Grants Revenue	887,028		764,735	86%	121,623	14%

Account	Budget	Encumbered	September	YTD	Remaining			
Salary and Benefits								
6001000 SALARIES FULL-TIME	920,950		62,014	622,805	68%	298,145	32%	
6001001 SALARIES PART-TIME	149,560		10,103	78,564	53%	70,996	47%	
6001002 SALARIES TEMPORARY	20,070		5,108	38,696	193%	(18,626)	-93%	
6001003 SALARIES OVERTIME	-		241	3,316		(3,316)		
Total Salary	1,090,580		77,466	743,381	68%	347,199	32%	
6008001 STATE RETIREMENT	136,887		1,097	79,400	58%	57,487	42%	
6008002 SOCIAL SECURITY	82,514		5,665	54,523	66%	27,991	34%	
6008004 WORKERS COMPENSATION	6,304		1,576	4,728	75%	1,576	25%	
6008006 LIFE INSURANCE	285		8	70	24%	215	76%	
6008007 HEALTH INSURANCE	143,359		10,575	94,884	66%	48,475	34%	
6008009 RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE	351,529		52,835	272,116	77%	79,413	23%	
6008012 EMPLOYEE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	3,500		-	-	0%	3,500	100%	
6008014 NYS Voluntary Defined Contribution	6,967		532	4,920	71%	2,047	29%	
Total Benefits	731,345		72,288	510,640	70%	220,705	30%	
Salary and Benefits	1,821,925		149,754	1,254,021	69%	567,904	31%	
Contractual Expenditures								
6004012 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000	407	20%	3,216	6,200	310%	(4,607)	-230%
6004021 BLDG MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	1,000	3,506	351%	287	1,296	130%	(3,802)	-380%
6004022 FUEL AND HEATING SUPPLIES	26,000	-	0%	422	9,976	38%	16,024	62%
6004023 BLDG AND GROUNDS SUPPLIES	4,300	5,246	122%	(98)	3,714	86%	(4,660)	-108%
6004030 FOOD AND BEVERAGES	100	-	0%	-	-	0%	100	100%
6004048 MISC OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES	5,785	-	0%	-	41	1%	5,744	99%
6004055 COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES	70,684	-	0%	-	69,619	98%	1,065	2%
6004056 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT(NON CAPITAL)	5,000	-	0%	-	311	6%	4,689	94%
6004070 BOOKS ADULT SERVICES	67,550	15,371	23%	3,477	44,943	67%	7,236	11%
6004071 JUVENILE BOOKS	54,000	8,299	15%	5,277	38,780	72%	6,921	13%
6004073 SUBSCRIPTIONS	7,563	-	0%	3,650	5,052	67%	2,511	33%
6004074 AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	33,000	3,480	11%	1,646	16,373	50%	13,147	40%
6004075 ELECTRONIC ACCESS MATERIALS	33,650	-	0%	344	37,148	110%	(3,498)	-10%
6004100 POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	700	0	0%	29	1,260	180%	(560)	-80%
6004105 DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	1,500	-	0%	-	1,288	86%	212	14%

Fund Balance **912,271**
Trust Account Balance **16,209**

Projects & Grants									
6004117	STATE CONSTRUCTION AID - 2022	378,023		0%	-	-	0%	378,023	100%
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6004117	BROOME COUNTY CIP - 2023	100,000	34,247	34%	27,596	29,270	29%	36,483	36%
6004138	CF - Period Pantry	1,280	-	0%	898	1,280	100%	-	0%
Friends	HOYT GRANT - Reading Garden	50,000	-	0%	-	-	0%	50,000	100%
Friends	KRESGE GRANT	31,700	-	0%	2,634	28,584	90%	3,116	10%
Friends	COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - bilingual	5,000	-	0%	950	3,739	75%	1,261	25%
Friends	COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - Narcan	2,000	-	0%	-	1,509	75%	491	25%
Friends	COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - Farm2Lib	10,275			-	5,529	54%	4,746	46%
Friends	KLEE GRANT	75,000	-	0%	-	75,000	100%	0	0%
Friends	KLEE SUPPLEMENTAL	30,350			9,490	26,173	86%	4,177	14%
Friends	Period Pantry	6,703			194	3,245	48%	3,458	52%
Friends	2024 Library Support	34,400			2,217	15,654	46%	18,746	54%
Friends	Friends - Farm to Library	6,000			-	6,000	100%	0	0%
Total Projects & Grants		888,178	34,247	4%	45,229	199,514	22%	654,417	74%

Assistant Director's Report

Sherry Kowalski

October 8, 2024

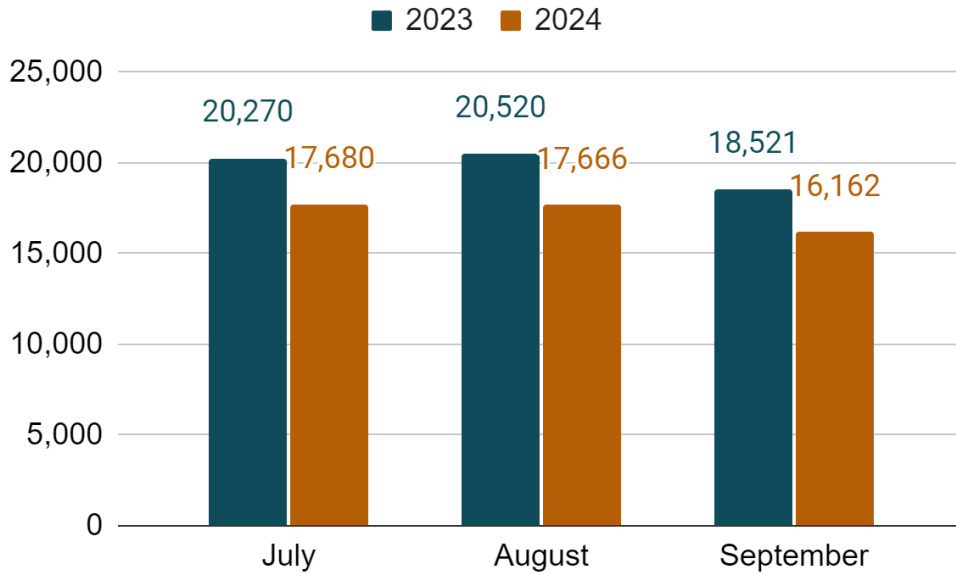
- The Farm to Library program is winding down. We had a great season! CCE Cutler Garden master gardeners provide over 1000 pounds of produce. We also had more donations from community members this year.
- We are getting close to getting our Newspapers.com subscription available for our patrons. Keep an eye out for posts on Facebook and our webpage in the next few weeks. This service will be available remotely with a BCPL library card and at all the computers in the Library.
- It is great to be back to our normal hours and be able to start our adult programs again. Attendance is low for coloring club but our other programs are going well.
- I am assisting Josias with preparation for the closure and the staff development days.
- I am starting to work on the 2025 contracts, as the process is a little slower with the staff shortages in the Broome County Legal Department.
- Michaela is going to work with me to keep the welcome center stocked. It has been difficult to keep that stocked with all the other tasks I am juggling.
- I scheduled the Guthrie Lourdes Mobile Mammography van for December 11th. I will start promotion in a few weeks.

Data Analytics Monthly Report (August and September 2024)

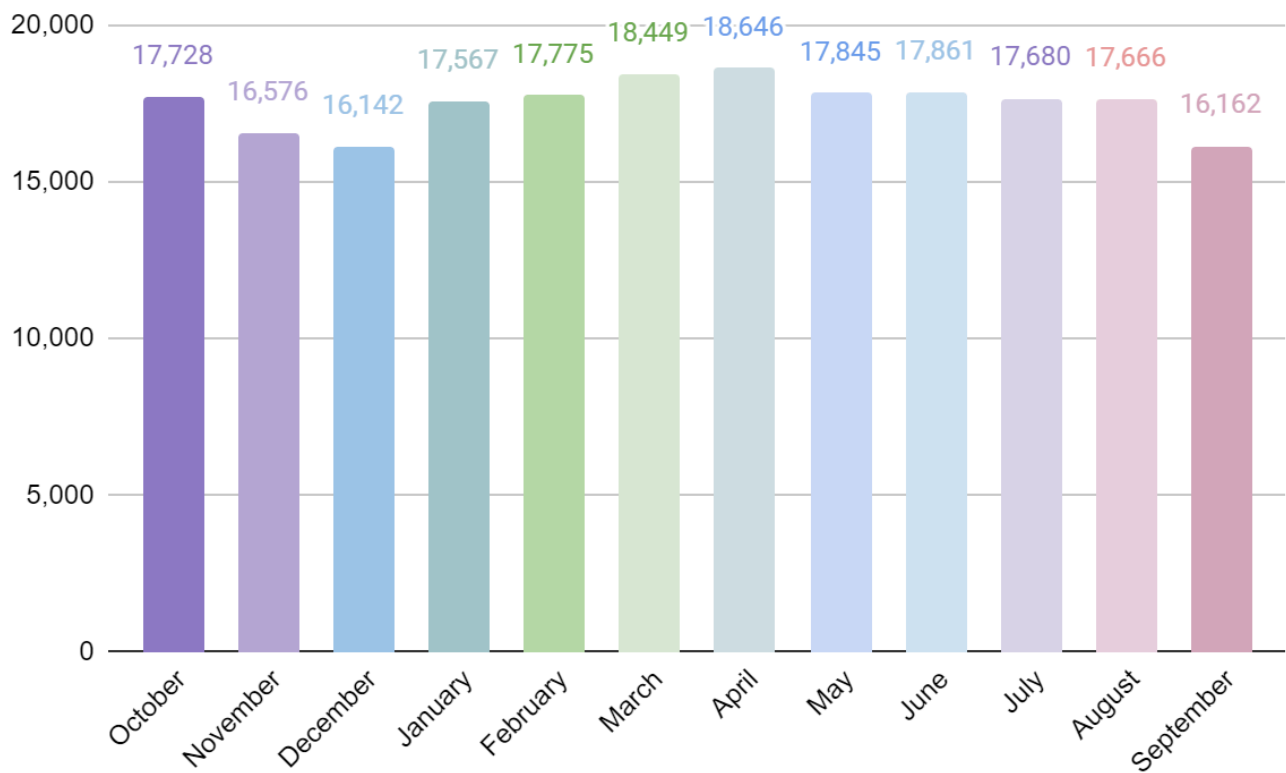
Submitted by Laura Haynes

Circulation:

Circulation declined year to year for these three months.

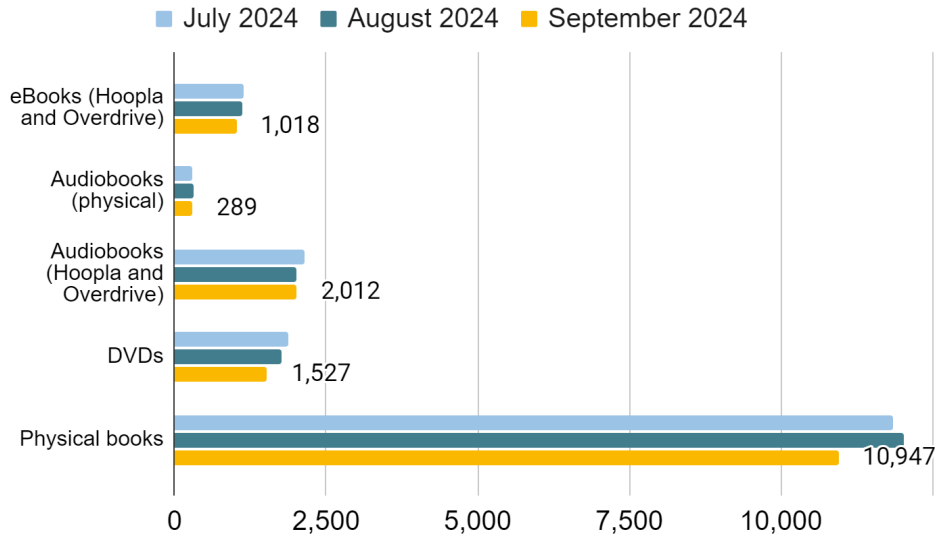


This graph shows the circulation stats for the past year:



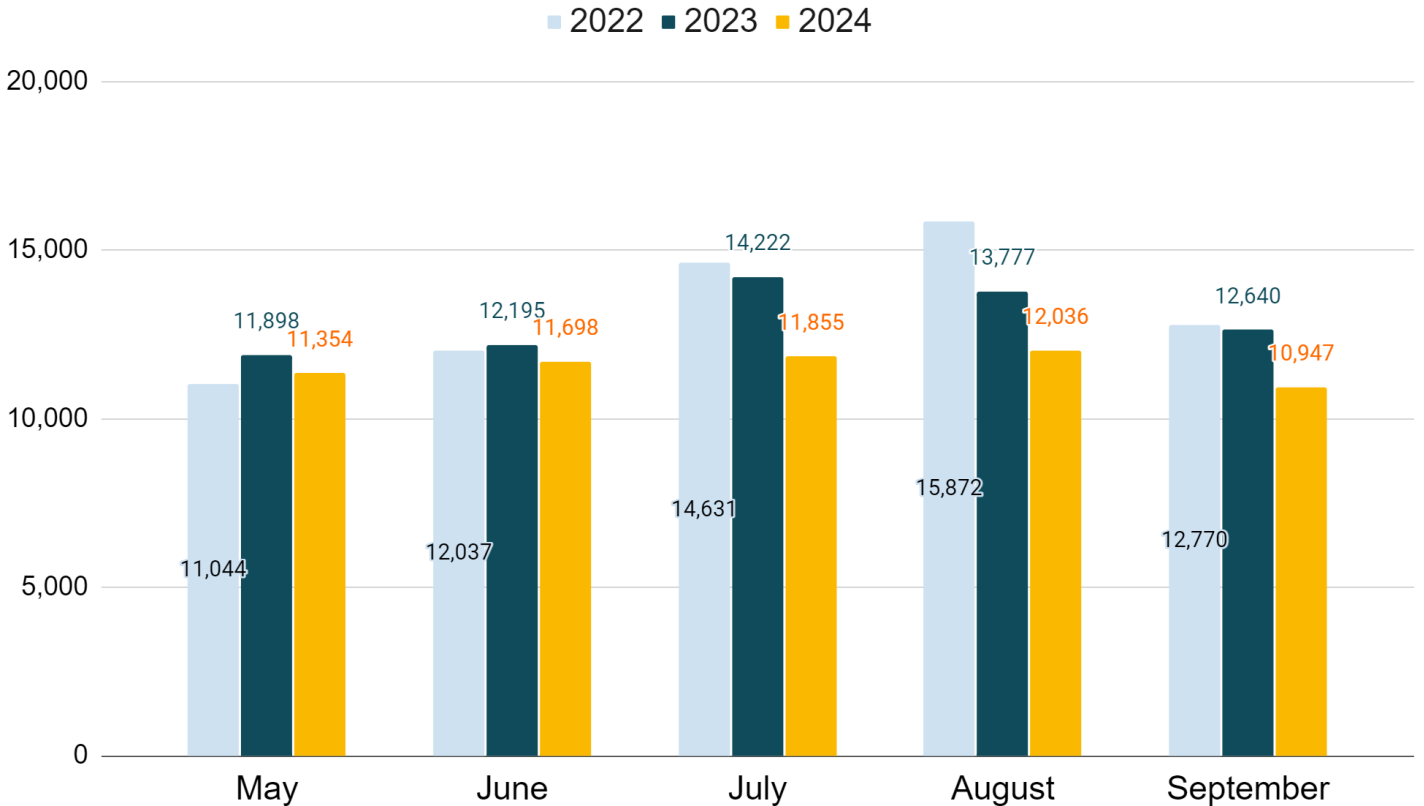
Circulation by format:

Circulation declined in several areas. In previous reports, the decline in DVD usage was highlighted without explanation. The Four County Library System extended borrowing privileges from one week to three weeks, which can account for the decline for that format. Physical book usage is also down.



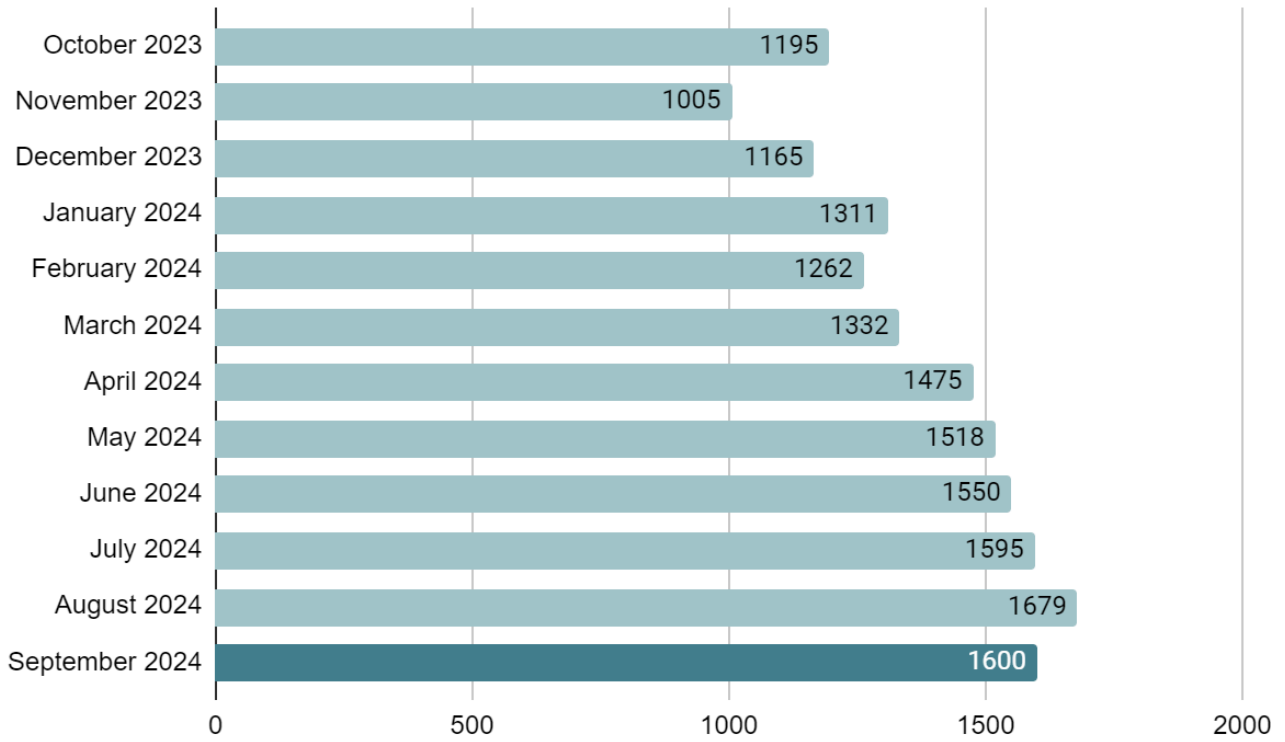
Physical book usage May-September in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

This graph shows the difference in physical book circulation between May and September in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Perhaps it is time to brainstorm methods of increasing physical book usage. As highlighted in the annual report, certain categories such as adult fiction and nonfiction increased slightly from 2022-2023. A more detailed breakdown of circulation categories will be in the following report.



Hoopla Circulation:

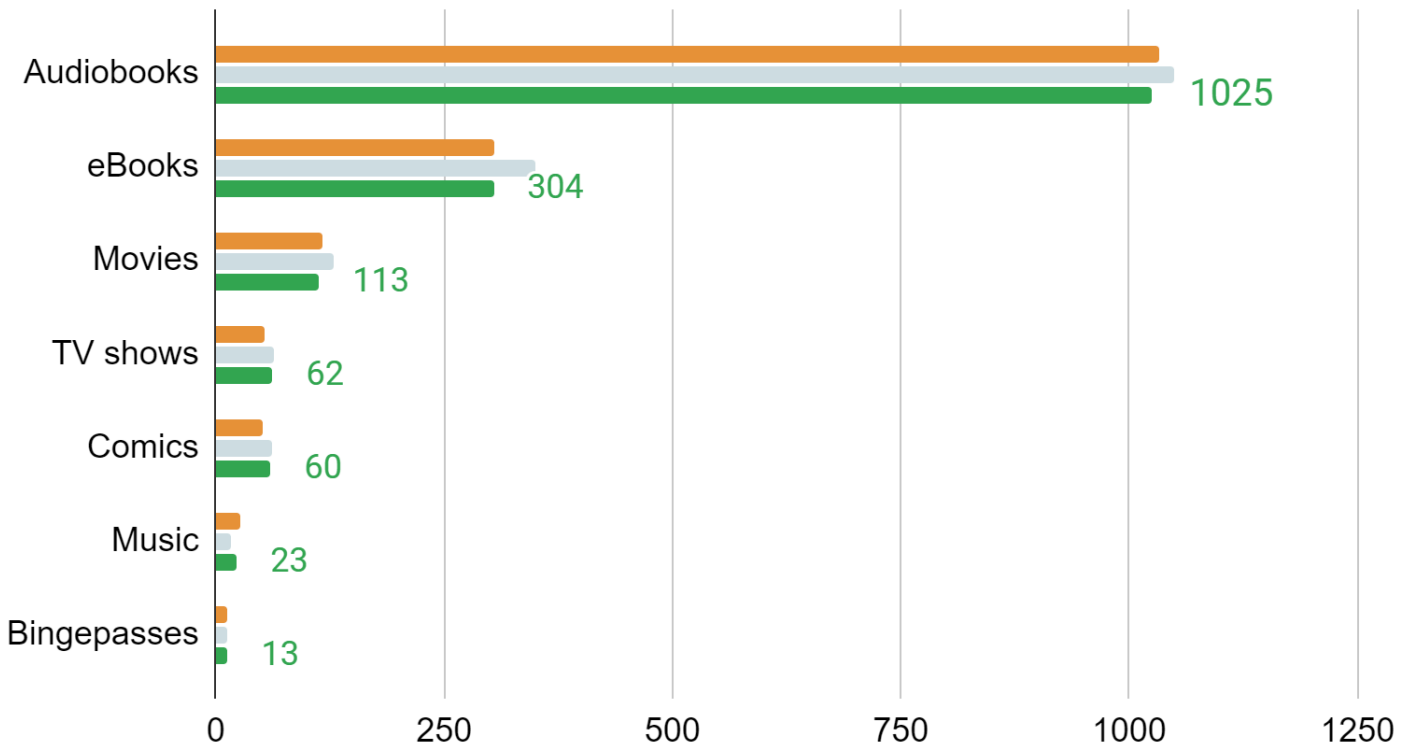
Hoopla circulation continues in an increasing pattern.



Hoopla Circulation by format:

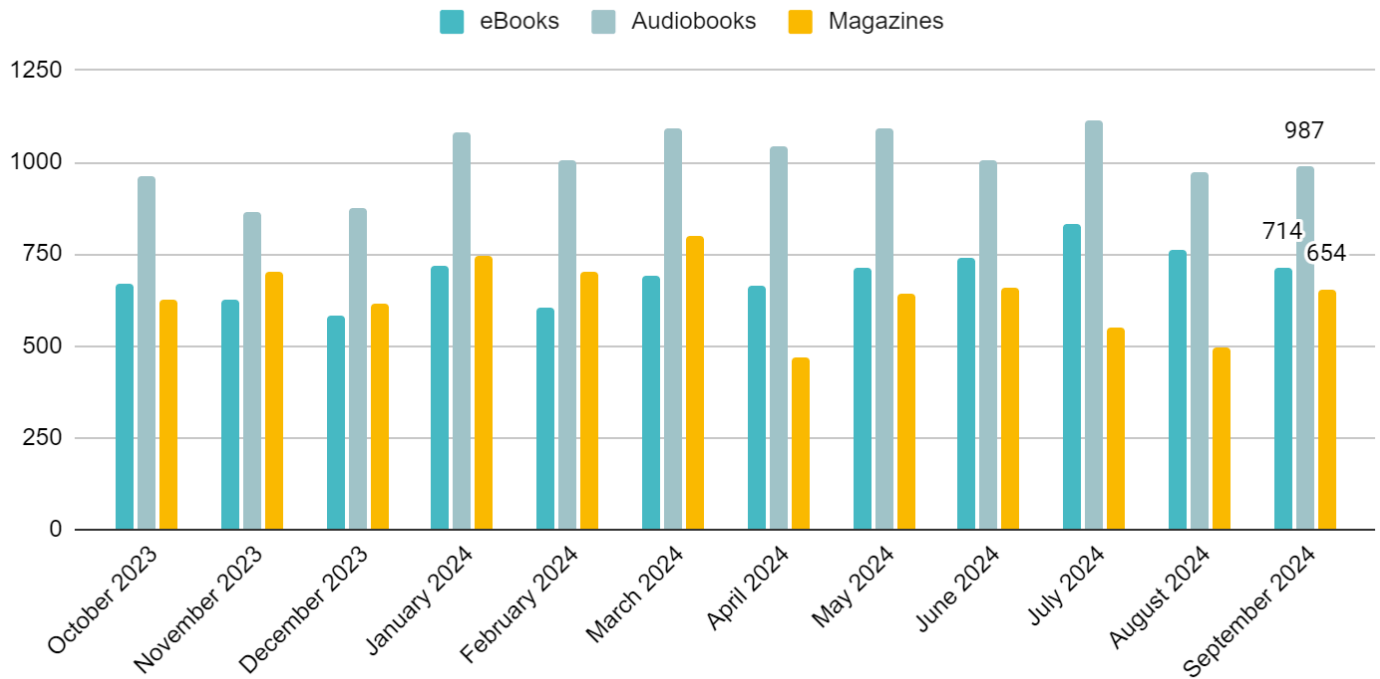
Numbers don't show much variation month to month.

July 2024 August 2024 September 2024

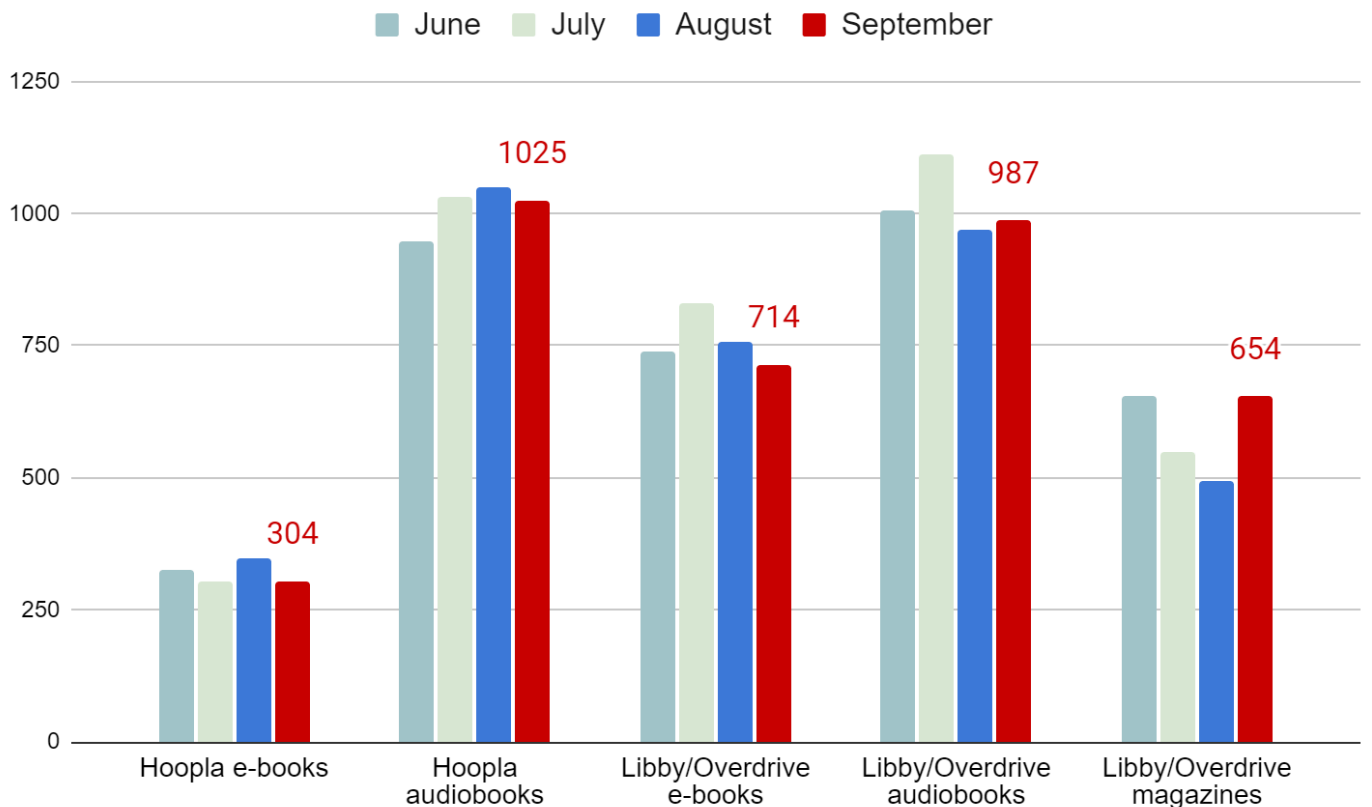


Libby Circulation for eBooks, Audiobooks, and Magazines over the last year:

eBooks show a pattern of decline, but have varied over the course of the year.

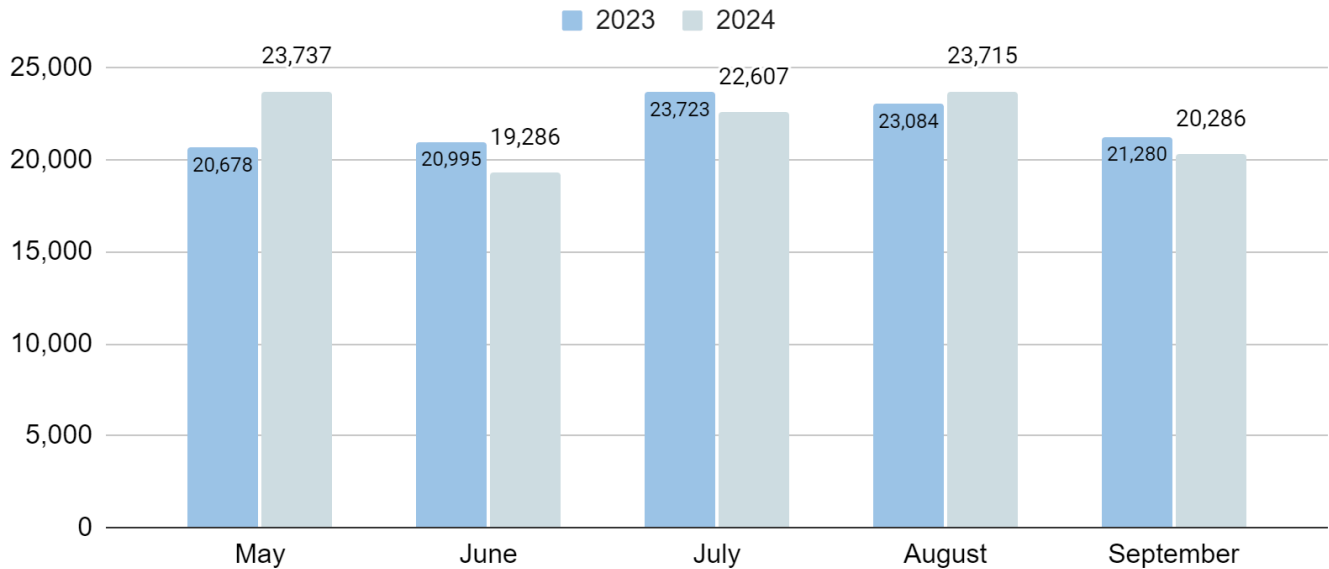


Electronic media overview:



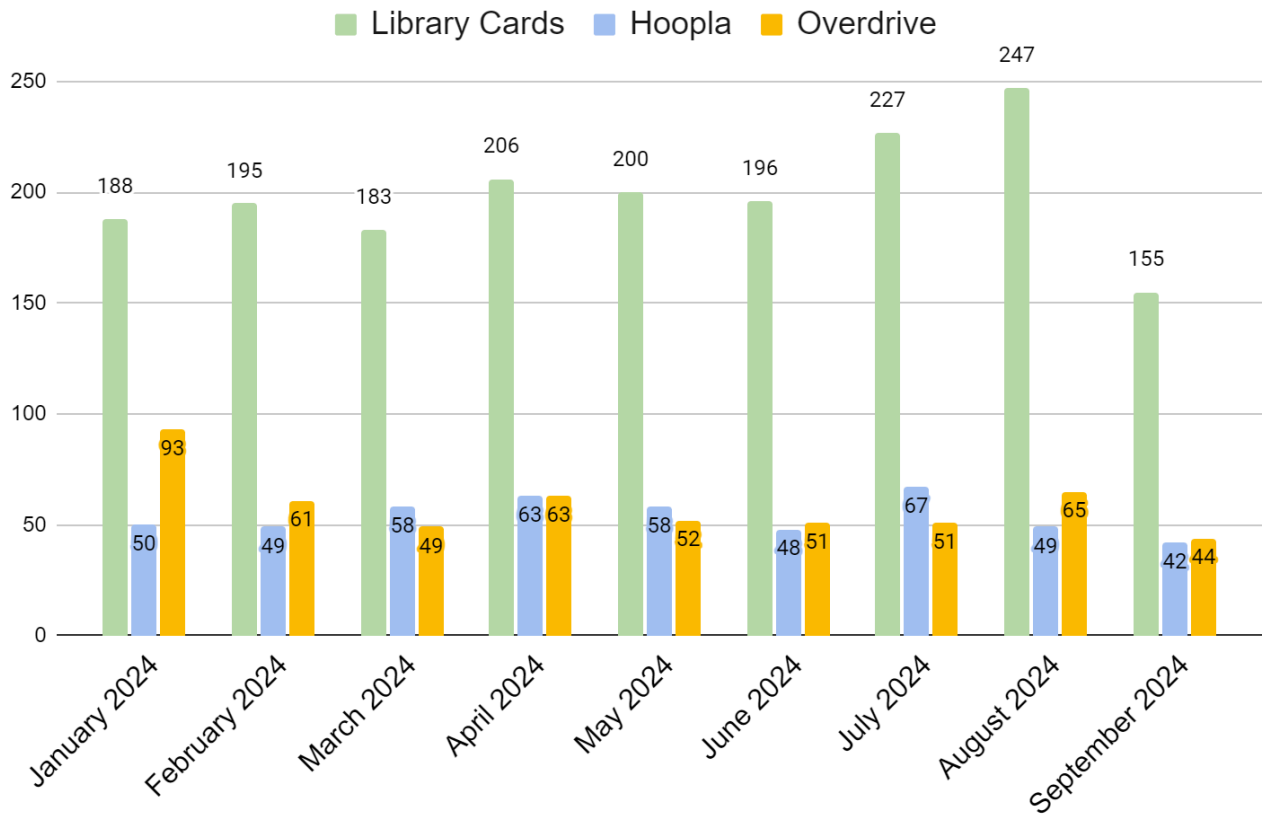
Door Count

A previous board report indicated surprise when door count declined from year to year, but failed to acknowledge that we were closed in the evening two nights out of the week which may account for the decline.
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New Patron Registration (Hoopla, and Libby/Overdrive):

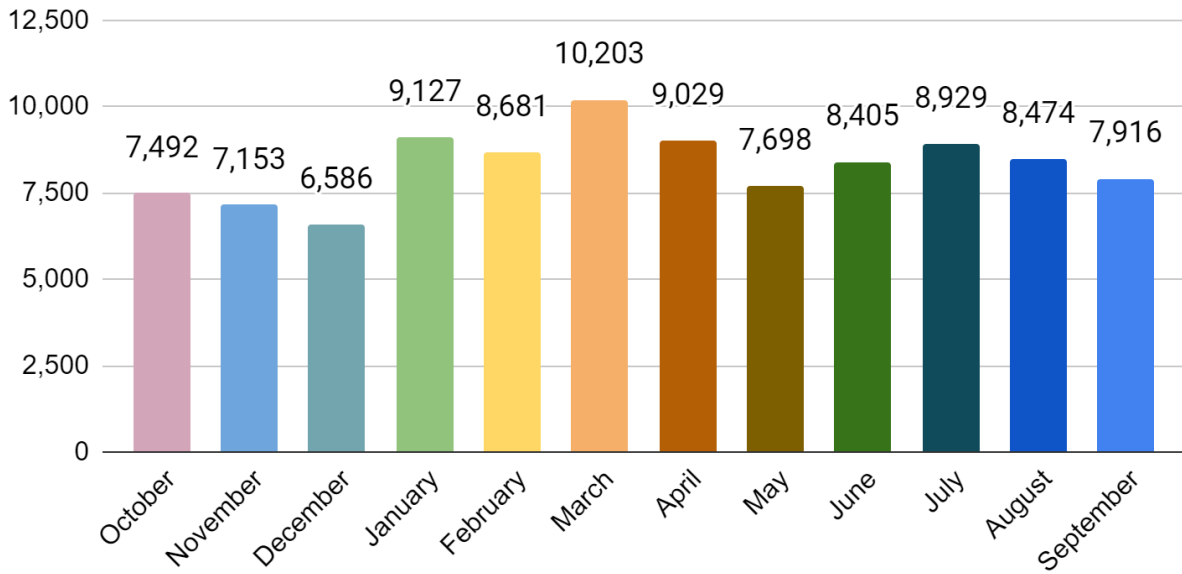
Library card registrations declined sharply for September, despite the raffles. Hoopla and Libby registrations also declined.



Website Analytics:

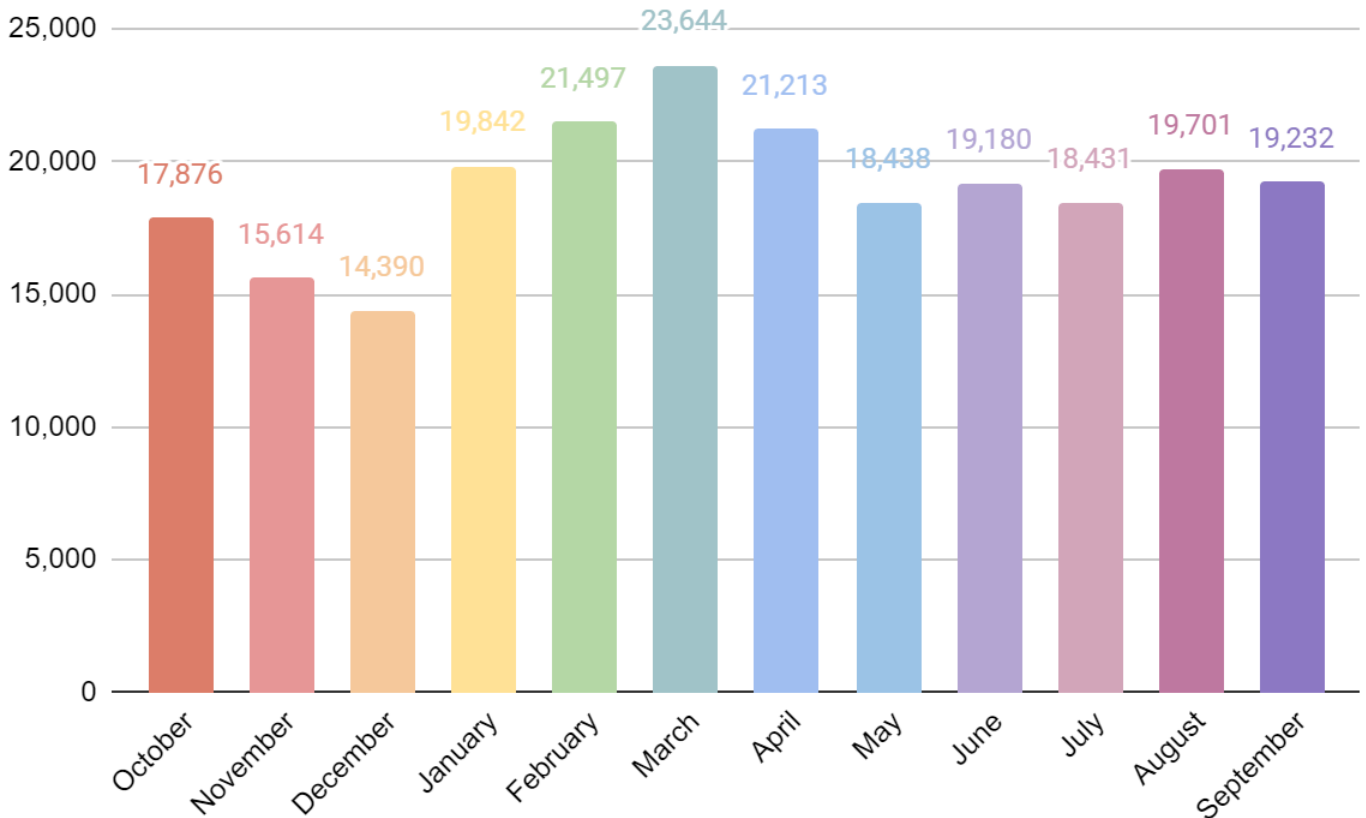
Total sessions:

Website sessions have declined these past two months.

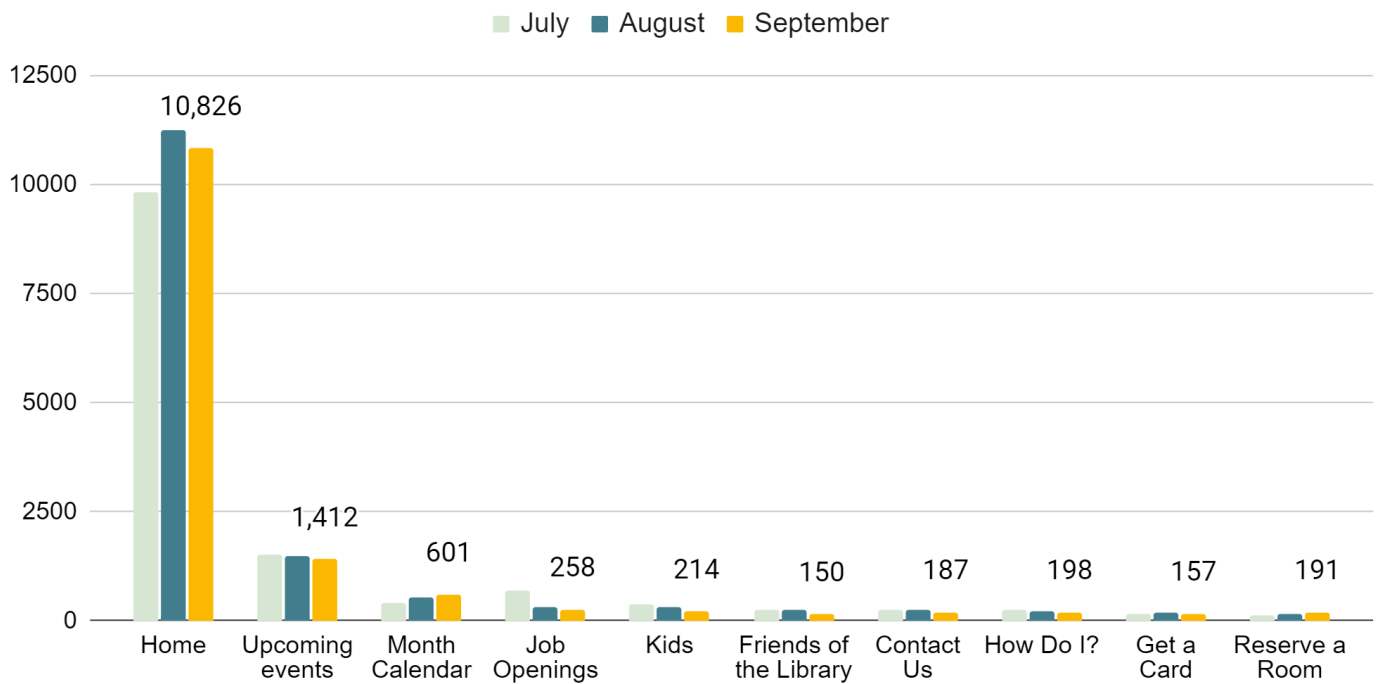


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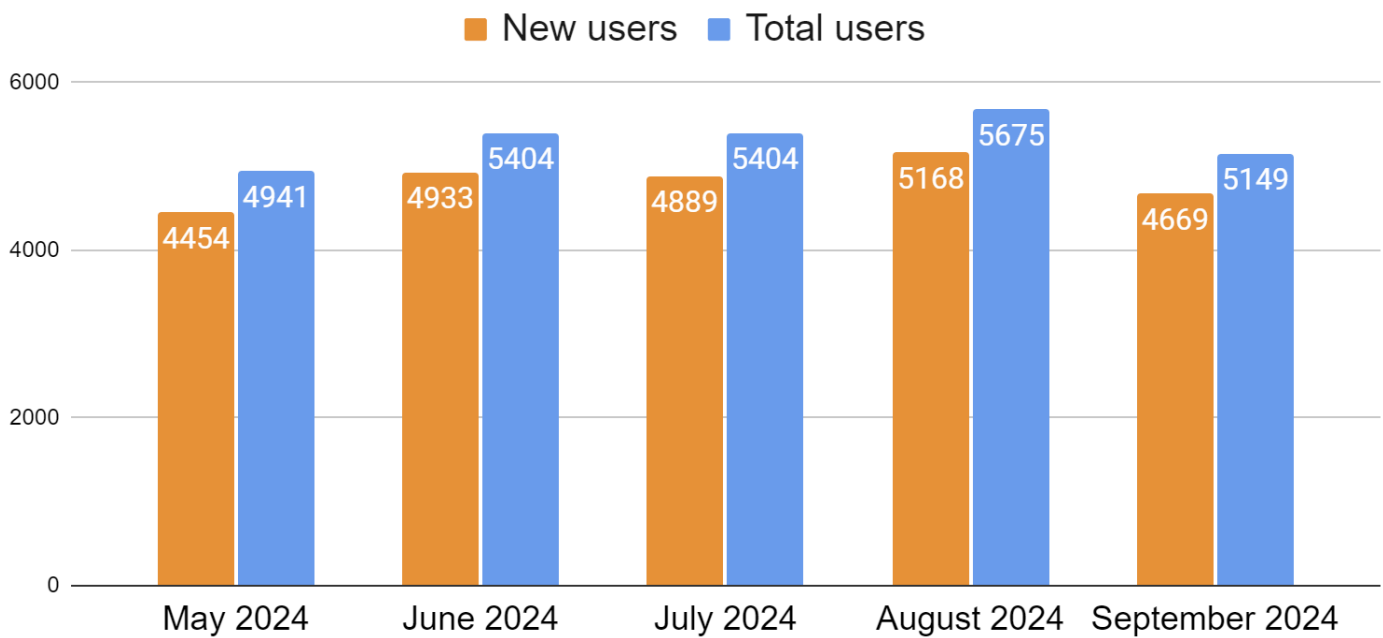
This graph shows total pageviews for the past 12 months.



This graph shows a breakdown of views for each page on the website for July, August, and September.

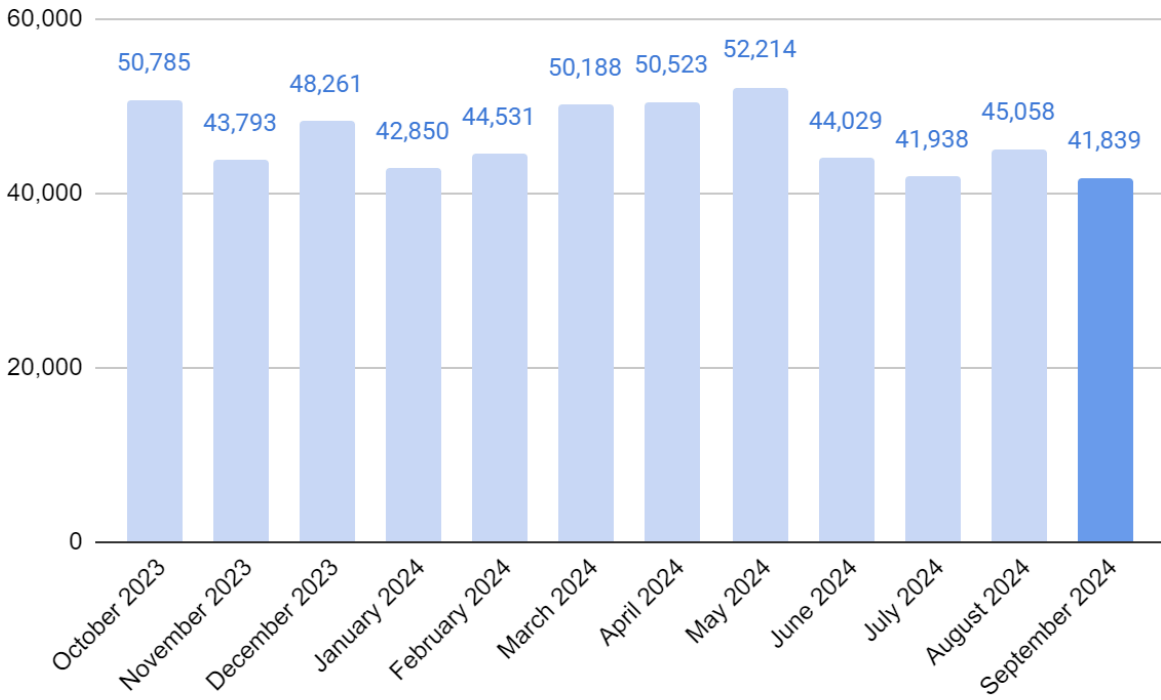


The number of website users declined for September.



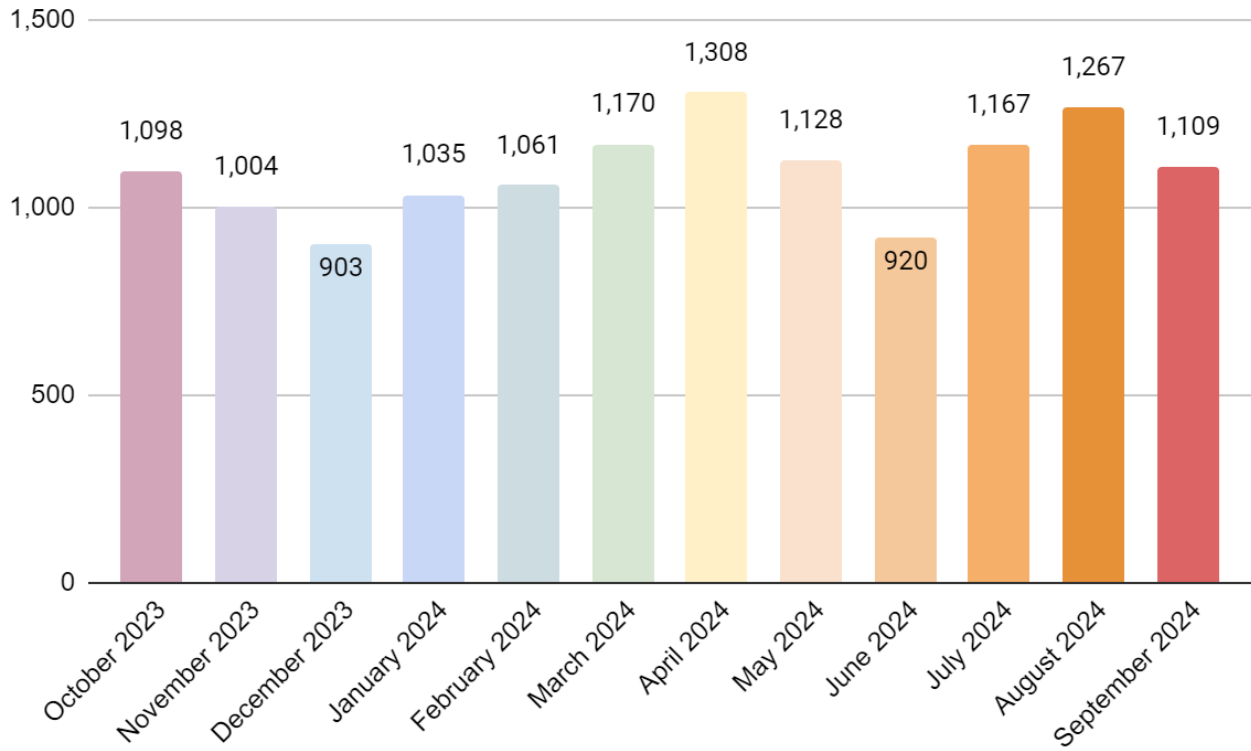
Number of Wireless Sessions:

Wireless sessions declined in September.



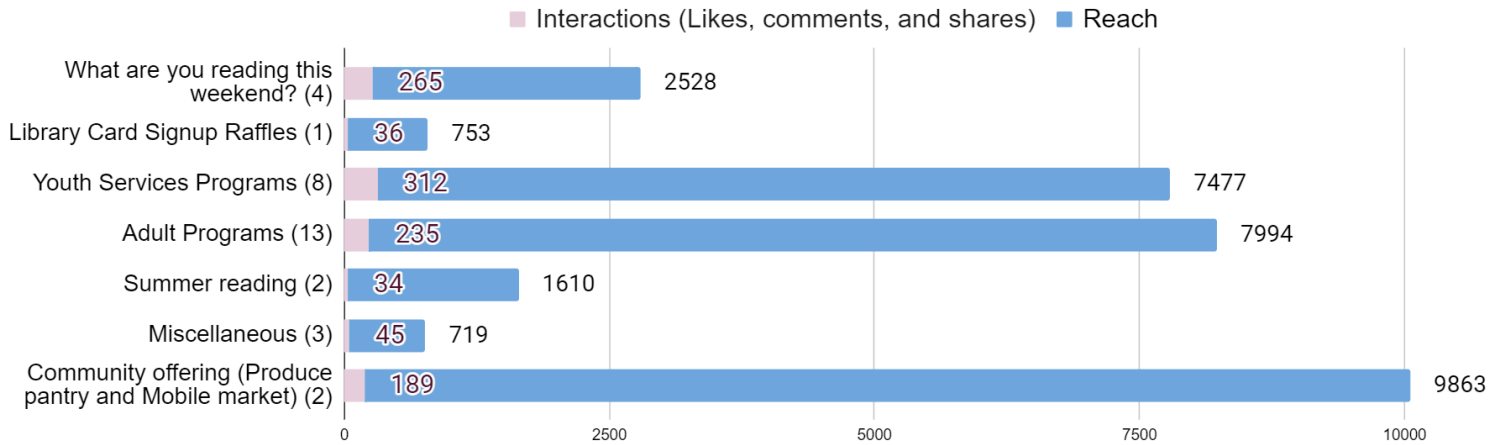
Public Computer Sessions:

Public computer sessions declined in September.



Social Media for August:

The number following each category is the amount of posts in that category.



The most popular post in August by far was the post about the produce pantry, with a whopping 9,835 total reach and 166 likes, comments, and shares:

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from Broome County Public Library, dated August 14. The post text describes the Farm to Library program, mentioning produce from the Community Foundation for South Central NY, Cornell Cooperative Extension-Broome County, and local gardeners. Below the text are two photos: one of a refrigerator filled with produce baskets and another of a white basket labeled 'Green Beans'. The post has 5 comments and 28 shares.

Broome County Public Library
August 14 · 🌐

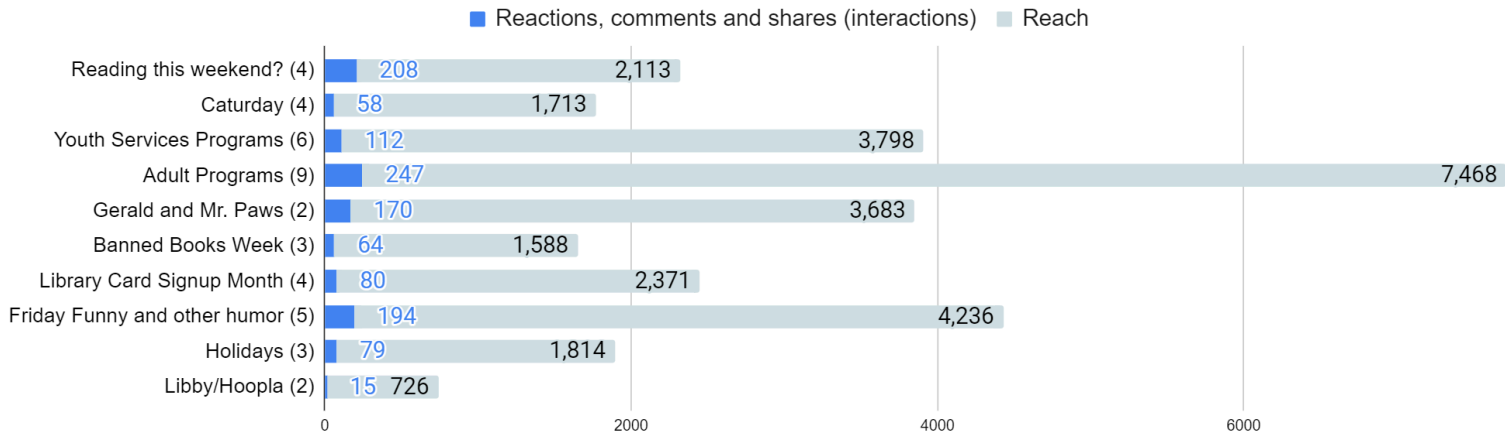
Our Farm to Library program is in full swing! We stock the fridge with produce we purchase with grant funds from [Community Foundation for South Central NY](#) and donated produce from the garden at [Cornell Cooperative Extension-Broome County](#) which the Master Gardeners grow, the Binghamton Mutual Aid Garden and many anonymous donations from local gardeners.

[See insights](#) [Boost a post](#)


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Social Media for September:

Our newest Librarian started posting for #Caturday and #FridayFunny. These new categories have many interactions and extensive reach!

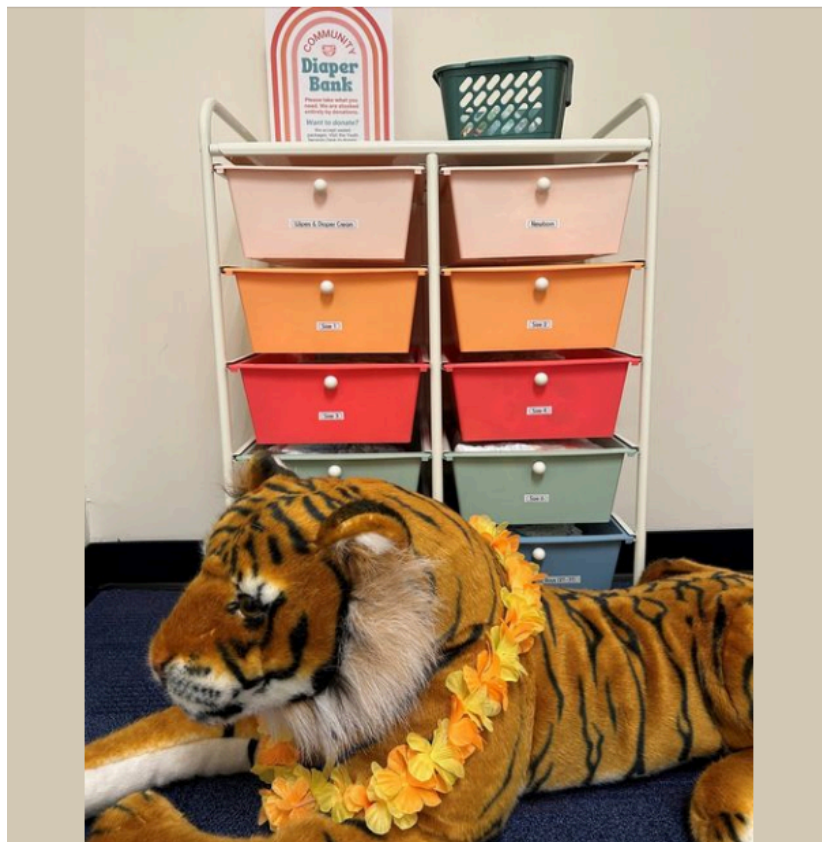


The most popular post (reach of 2,921 and 146 interactions) from September was about our Diaper Bank, featuring Mr. Paws:

 **Broome County Public Library**
September 10 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

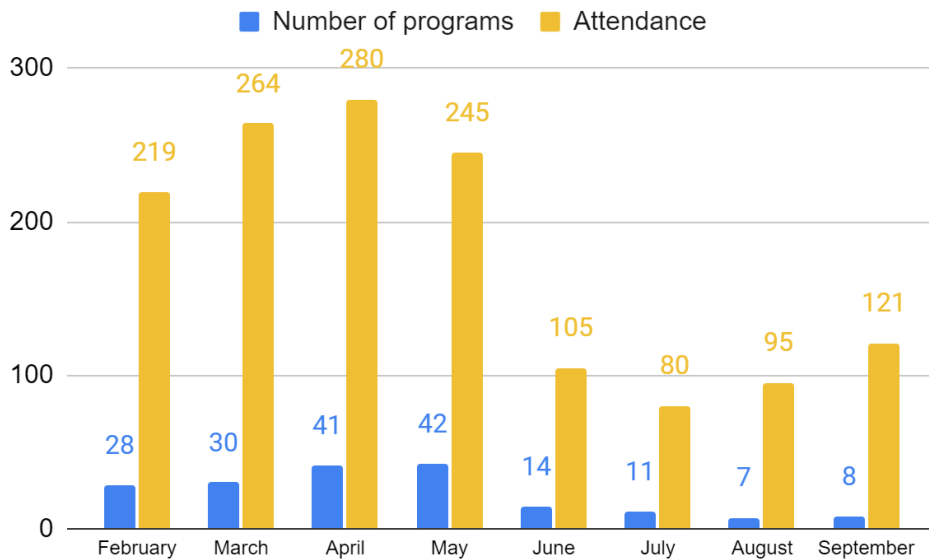
Mr. Paws the Library Tiger would like to remind everyone about our Community Diaper Bank! If you are in need of diapers, please stop by whenever we are open to take what you need. There will be no questions asked.

If you'd like to donate, we are currently accepting new and unopened wipes, diaper cream, and size 7 diapers. These can be brought to the Youth Services desk any time in September. Thank you for your support!



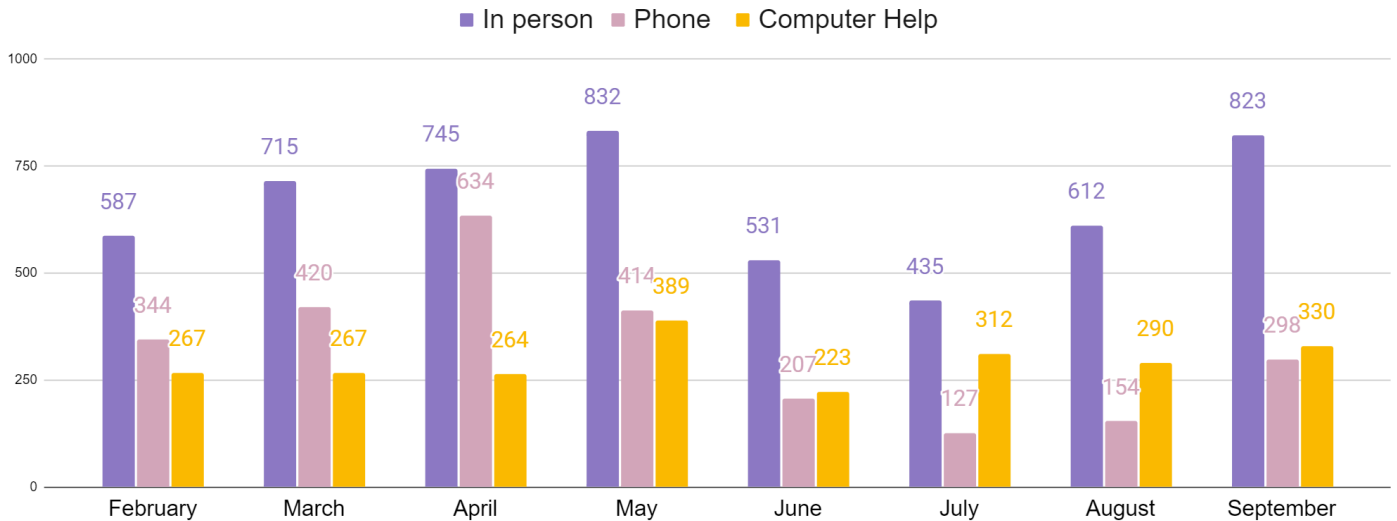
Adult program attendance:

Program attendance rose in August and September, even though the total program count was low.



Reference:

September was a very busy month for reference help.



August Circulation Report

Submitted by Kathleen Shores

- Temp, part-time Library Clerk, Mary Feheley, submitted her letter of resignation. Mary worked for the Library for over 50 years. We are very sad that she is leaving.
- Library Assistant (Reference), Michaela Gay, Head of Youth Services, Kelsey Matoushek, and Head of Circulation, Kathleen Shores, began planning for Library Card Sign-up Month in September.

- Full-time Circulation clerk, Emma Wagaman, provided 33 hours of desk coverage/additional help to Youth Services.
- Full-time Circulation clerk, Nursel Bagever, provided 84.25 hours of desk coverage/additional help to Youth Services.
- Part-time Circulation Clerk, Ethan Mellen, provided 39.50 hours of desk coverage/additional help to Youth Services.
- The Circulation desk issued 139 guest passes to residents of Binghamton, Endicott, and Johnson City, and Vestal. 37 guest passes were issues to visitors from other states such as Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas .

September Circulation Report

Submitted by Kathleen Shores

Carol Nanni, a Binghamton City School District teacher, has filled the open temp, part-time Library Clerk position in Circulation. Carol has expressed interest in working at the library for some time now and the staff in the Circulation Department are thrilled to welcome her to our crew.

- September was National Library Card Sign-up Month
 - During the month of September, patrons that registered for a new library card or renewed their existing card, were given the option to enter a raffle for their age group. This year, Library Assistant (Reference), Michaela Gay, and Head of Circulation, Kathleen Shores, decided to split the adult and young adult raffle into two separate raffles. We also decided to offer a raffle for children. We did this with the hopes of drawing more teens into the library while also improving the odds of a patron's chance of winning the raffle for their age group:
 - Children 0-12: Razor Scooter
 - 7 participants
 - Young adults ages 13-18: Kodak Instant Digital Print Camera
 - 9 participants
 - Adults ages 19+: Amazon Kindle eReader
 - 134 participants
 - Library card registrations were down from 208 cards in September 2023 to 155 cards in September 2024.
 - Despite the drop in library card registrations, there were a total of 150 raffle participants this year, versus 136 participants last year.
- There was a large shift of shelves and collections this month. With the help of Custodial Supervisor, Nick Kocak, and Custodial Workers, Tom Andrus and La-Quiene Williams, empty shelves were moved from the beginning of the non-fiction DVDs in the back of the library to the front of the of the library to provide more shelving space for the adult fiction collection. Then, adult movies (before fiction) were put onto carts that lined the colonnade to provide a browsable, short-term home for the DVDs while their shelves replaced those that were moved to the front. Adult music CDs followed. Here are pictures of the finished move:



- Since the move, Library Page, Keith Harrison, has spent hours shifting the fiction collection to fill the new shelving units.

- Full-time Circulation clerk, Emma Wagaman, provided 42.5 hours of desk coverage/additional help to Youth Services.
- Full-time Circulation clerk, Nursel Bagsever, provided 94 hours of desk coverage/additional help to Youth Services.
- Part-time Circulation Clerk, Ethan Mellen, provided 40.50 hours of desk coverage/additional help to Youth Services.
- The Circulation desk issued 121 guest passes to residents of Binghamton, Endicott, and Johnson City, and Vestal. 44 guest passes were issued to visitors from other states such as Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Library Card Registrations

Physical library card registrations for adults, young adults, and juveniles:

- July 2023 – 175
- August 2023 – 186
- September 2023 – 189
- October 2023 – 143
- November 2023 – 127
- December 2023 – 124
- January 2024 – 147
- February 2024 – 157
- March 2024 – 159
- April 2024 – 171
- May 2024 – 172
- June 2024 – 171
- July 2024 – 208
- August 2024 – 218
- September 2024 – 129

Electronic library card registrations:

- July 2023 – 29
- August 2023 – 38
- September 2023 – 19
- October 2023 – 24
- November 2023 – 26
- December 2023 – 20
- January 2024 – 41
- February 2024 – 38
- March 2024 – 24
- April 2024 – 35
- May 2024 – 25
- June 2024 – 25
- July 2024 – 19
- August 2024 – 29
- September 2024 – 26

August 2024 Youth Services Board Report

Notable things to report in Youth Services:

- The Youth Services Summer Reading Program statistics:
 - Participation in the Family Summer Reading Program declined again this year.
 - 245 children, 38 teens, and 195 adults signed up for the 2024 Family Summer Reading Program.
 - 2023 Summer Reading Program: 297 children, 47 teens, and 191 adults signed up.
 - 91 children, 29 teens, and 70 adults completed the program this year.
 - 74 children, 10 teens, and 65 adults completed the program in 2023.
 - Children read for a total of 33,202 minutes and teens read for a total of 11,397 minutes this summer.
 - Program attendance decreased:
 - 91 programs for children were offered, with a total attendance of 861.
 - 69 programs for children were offered in Summer 2023, with a total attendance of 1,427.
 - The increase in the number of programs offered this summer is a result of tripling the number of Borrow a Grandparent sessions.
 - 15 programs for teens were offered, with a total attendance of 75.
 - 17 programs for teens were offered in Summer 2023, with a total attendance of 92.
- The Youth Services Department ran the Summer Reading Program for Adults this year. 38 adults completed the program, and these adults read 190 books this summer.
- School librarian Tammy Cummings was a wonderful help this summer. Her last day at the service desk was on August 30, but she will be returning in November to run Raspberry Pi classes for the Department.
- Sarah Reid, former Head of Youth Services at BCPL, will begin working one evening a week at the Youth Services desk starting on September 19.
- Kathleen continues to regularly provide coverage for the Youth Services Department. Youth Services staff very much appreciate this assistance.
- A new collaboration with the Office for Aging began on August 7. Six sessions of Art Class with Mr. John were offered per week for three weeks. Mr. John is a Foster Grandparent. The program is ending due to Mr. John returning to a school setting in September.
- Our Foster Grandmother, Victoria will no longer be working at BCPL. She has been placed at a daycare center and her last day with us was on August 23. The Office for Aging is not able to replace her at this time.
- Attendance for in person programs:
 - Borrow a Grandparent-every Monday-Thursday-Average attendance of 4
 - Weekly Family Story Time- Average attendance of 9
 - Weekly Teen Craft & Chat-Average attendance of 4
 - Weekly Crafty Kids-Average attendance of 27

- Weekly Tween STEM Wednesdays-Average attendance of 11
- Weekly Teen Outdoor Days-Average attendance of 5
- Weekly Family Movie Days-Average attendance of 8
- Weekly LEGO Club-Average attendance of 30
- Weekly Scavenger Hunts-Average attendance of 24
- Therapy Dogs on August 5-Attendance of 16
- Teen D&D on August 31-Attendance of 5

Upcoming in Youth Services:

- Weekly Programs:
 - Mondays-Borrow a Grandparent, Teen Craft & Chat
 - Tuesdays-Crafty Kids, Borrow a Grandparent
 - Wednesdays-Borrow a Grandparent, Drop in Crafting
 - Thursdays-Borrow a Grandparent
 - Fridays-Family Story Time
 - Every other Saturday-LEGO Club
- The Youth Services desk will be unattended frequently due to vacations and illness. There will also be fewer Youth Services program offerings for the foreseeable future. We will be increasing the number of passive programs offered to help compensate for this loss.
- Youth Services staff will table at the annual Community Baby Shower on September 28.
- Youth Services will be offering scary movie nights for families, scary movie nights for teens, Halloween Storytime, Halloween craft programs, and Trick-or-Treating programs for Halloween this year.
- Our Borrow a Grandparent program will begin offering special themes every week, such as a Mo Willems week.
- Youth Services staff will be offering a Science Fair for homeschool families in the fall.
- Youth Services staff will be tabling at the Community Baby Shower on September 28.

September 2024 Youth Services Board Report

Notable things to report in Youth Services:

- Sarah Reid, former Head of Youth Services at BCPL, began working one evening a week at the Youth Services desk starting on September 19.
- The Youth Services desk will continue to be unattended at times due to vacations and illness. Thank you to Kathleen for continuing to regularly provide coverage for the Youth Services Department. Youth Services staff very much appreciate this assistance.
- Violet tabled at the annual Community Baby Shower on September 28. A total of 89 people visited the library table and 13 people registered for library cards. We were able to connect with many new and expecting parents who were excited to hear about our programs, particularly the diaper pantry.

Some families also spoke to us about old late fines and were happy to hear that BCPL has done away with fines, as it was preventing them from utilizing our services. Thank you to Sherry for assisting with this outreach event.

- Attendance for in person programs:
 - Borrow a Grandparent-every Monday-Thursday-Average attendance of 5
 - Weekly Family Story Time- Average attendance of 5
 - Weekly Teen Craft & Chat-Average attendance of 6
 - Weekly Drop in Crafting-Average attendance of 7
 - Leftover crafts are handed out as Grab-N-Go kits. 166 Grab-N-Go crafts were handed out in September.
 - Bimonthly LEGO Club-Average attendance of 33
 - Teen D&D on September 21-Attendance of 5

Upcoming in Youth Services:

- Upcoming Programs:
 - Every Monday-Borrow a Grandparent, Teen Craft & Chat
 - Every Tuesday-Crafty Kids, Borrow a Grandparent, Tween Book Club
 - Every Wednesday-Borrow a Grandparent, Drop in Crafting, Spooky Family Movie Night
 - Every Thursday-Borrow a Grandparent, Scary Movie Night for Teens
 - Every other Friday-Family Story Time
 - Every other Saturday-LEGO Club
 - Every other Saturday-Therapy Dogs
 - October 24-Read for the Record
 - October 30-Trick-or-Treating for youth of all ages
 - November 9 & 23-Raspberry Pi Classes
- BCPL is hosting Read for the Record again this year. Read for the Record is the world's largest shared reading experience, celebrating early literacy and supporting children's early language and social-emotional development. This program is organized by Sarah Reid at the Four County Library System and is a collaboration between many local organizations. This event will be held on October 24 at 10:00am.
- Youth Services will be offering spooky movie nights for families, scary movie nights for teens, Halloween Storytimes, Halloween craft programs, and Trick-or-Treating programs for Halloween this year.
- Violet will be test running a tween book club in October using the book *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*. It is capped at 8 people and currently has 5 spots filled. She is hopeful that if it goes well that it can become a more regular occurrence as there is a lack of programs aimed at the tween age group (8-12 years old).
- Youth Services staff will offer additional programs during the school winter break. We will still offer Grab-N-Go bags to teens over the winter break, but unfortunately no longer have the capacity to offer Grab-N-Go bags for children.

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