



10-10-2025

## ROSEBURG LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

4:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Hybrid Meeting – In Person at Roseburg Public Library and Electronic

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. ROLL CALL:

<u>Chair:</u>	Andrea Zielinski		
<u>Commissioners:</u>	Paige Bentley	Mandy Elder	Francesca Guyer
	Brady McNulty	Shirley Lindell	Marcy Tassano

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 16, 2025

### IV. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Assessing Digital Newspapers

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – At this time, anyone wishing to address the Commission concerning items of interest not included in the agenda may do so. The person addressing the Commission shall, when recognized, give his/her name for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the whole Commission.

Comments also can be provided via email to the Commission at [kwiley@roseburgor.gov](mailto:kwiley@roseburgor.gov) or hand delivered to City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue in Roseburg, prior to **1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting**. Comments must include the person's name and address for the record. The Commission reserves the right to delay any action requested until they are fully informed on the matter.

### V. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

### VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025

### VII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Monthly Statistics
- B. Programming
- C. Strategic Plan

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF ROSEBURG  
LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
September 16, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zielinski called the regular meeting of the Roseburg Library Commission to order at 4:03 p.m. on September 16, 2025, at the Roseburg Public Library, 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd., Ste. 100, Roseburg, Oregon and electronically via Zoom.

2. ROLL CALL

Present Chair Andrea Zielinski, Commissioners Paige Bentley, Mandy Elder, Francesca Guyer, Shirley Lindell, and Marcy Tassano

Absent Brady McNulty

Attending Staff Library Director Kris Wiley, Youth Services Librarian Aurora Ropp, and Management Staff Assistant Grace Jelks

Others Present None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bentley moved to approve the July 15, 2025, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elder and approved with the following vote: Commissioners Bentley, Elder, Guyer, Lindell, Tassano, and Zielinski voted yes. No Commissioners voted no. The motion passed unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Tassano reported on the Friends of the Library book sale on September 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, they collected \$1793 from sales and \$171 in donations to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and the next book sale will be December 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting.

7. INFORMATIONAL

A. Presentation – 2025 Annual Report to State Library

Director Wiley shared a PowerPoint presentation with select information from the annual report to the State Library, including circulation statistics, cardholder data, and programs. Data were collected from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The report is due to the State Library by October 31.

B. Monthly Statistics

Director Wiley reported that August checkouts of physical materials were down 450 items compared with July and 701 items compared with August 2024; however, combined physical and digital circulation was similar between August 2025 (10,552) and August 2024 (10,809), a decline of 257 items. The door count was down, but public computer use and new users were steady.

C. Summer Reading Program

Director Wiley shared a PowerPoint presentation with data from the Summer Reading Program, including youth and adult participants, program attendance, and expenses.

Youth Services Librarian Ropp shared that outreach during the summertime included connecting with children during Lunchbox Express, Boys and Girls Club. There were fewer participants at Harry Potter Day, perhaps because it coincided with Kids Safety Day. The Summer Reading Program continues to get better each year.

Commissioner comments included that volunteers are available when the program has activities that need more staffing.

Director Wiley and Youth Services Librarian Ropp clarified that the book review program asks kids to engage more with the book and volunteers help during Harry Potter Day.

D. Fall Programming

Director Wiley reported the library is implementing a Chess Club for all ages the first Saturday of October, November, and December from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The library's first two programs for adults with developmental disabilities were well received. Thirty-three people attended the first movie screening, and 13 attended the painting class with Create & Sip Studio. Programs are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month except for holidays.

There is a special author event with disabilities rights activist Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 16. Keelan-Chaffins will appear on Zoom, and folks may attend in person or watch on Facebook Live.

The library will host an in-person/Facebook Live event with bestselling romance author Lyla Sage on at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 6. She will meet with us on Zoom.

Online Book Group continues the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom, and Silent Book Group is the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the library. We will meet one week early in November and December because of the holidays.

Librarian Ropp reported that beginning in October, there will be Storytime on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, teen activities on the first Wednesday of the month, teen volunteering on the third Wednesday, seasonal craft kits, middle grade book club will begin reading the Dragon Girls series, Lego time, STEAM activity will be held in the evenings, and Lap-Sit Storytime.

E. Grants Update

Director Wiley reported The Ford Family Foundation approved three grants: \$5000 for updating the library's strategic plan; \$8000 for early literacy, which will

consist of purchasing materials and tablets; and \$12,000 for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which is managed by the Friends of the Roseburg Public Library.

She reported that she intends to apply for the fourth round of funding from the American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities grant. The library would seek funding for large print and digital materials and programming for adults with disabilities.

Director Wiley noted the library will complete several grant reports this fall: State Library of Oregon Ready to Read; Douglas County Cultural Coalition; The Ford Family Foundation; and Douglas County Library Foundation.

Commissioner comments included appreciation for the hard work that goes into putting grants together.

F. General Updates

Commission Tassano shared that children's books have been added to the bookstore and Sharon Sawicki made a large donation of books

Director Wiley shared that they are moving things around in the library to make more room for children's books and Spanish language collections.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Roseburg Library Commission meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.



## ROSEBURG LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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### COMMISSION AGENDA

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**Meeting Date: October 21, 2025**

**Department: Library**

**[www.cityofroseburg.org](http://www.cityofroseburg.org)**

**Agenda Section: Discussion Items**

**Staff Contact: Kris Wiley**

**Contact Telephone Number: 541-492-7051**

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### ISSUE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The Library Commission will meet on its regularly scheduled date October 21, 2025.

### BACKGROUND

#### Discussion items.

The following is the discussion item on the agenda:

- A. **Assessing Digital Newspapers** – The Commission is being asked to provide a recommendation regarding a digital newspaper subscription with NewsBank.

Currently, the library receives the following newspapers in print: Eugene Register Guard (daily except Saturday), News-Review (Friday), and Douglas County Mail (Thursday).

NewsBank's America's News 2025 provides access to:

- [4,136 titles](#)
- 396 image editions, including USA Today, Seattle Times, and Denver Post
- 55 Oregon titles
- 4 Oregon image editions, including The Oregonian, The Register Guard (Eugene), The Bulletin (Bend), and Herald and News (Klamath Falls)

NewsBank allows simultaneous use of newspapers, meaning there is no cap on the number of people who can access the same paper at the same time. Also, patrons may access as many newspapers as they wish.

Library staff contacted the News-Review about providing library cardholders home access to their digital edition, but that is not an option at this time. The library purchased a digital edition subscription, and patrons may use a public computer at the library to view content.

In fiscal year 2024-25, digital materials accounted for 35% of all circulation (books 13.3%, audiobooks 16.8%, and magazines 4.4%).

The NewsBank subscription is \$2300 for one year, a cost that likely will increase annually. Funding would come from the library's operating budget. The proposed collections budget for fiscal year 2025-26 is \$30,000.

To cover the cost of the newspaper subscription, the library would purchase fewer digital and physical books for adults. This would mean some combination of about 100 physical books and 50 digital books/audiobooks.

This plan would be adjusted if the library received donations designated for digital magazines or books.

The library surveyed the community about this proposal, and the preliminary results are attached. Final results will be presented at the meeting.

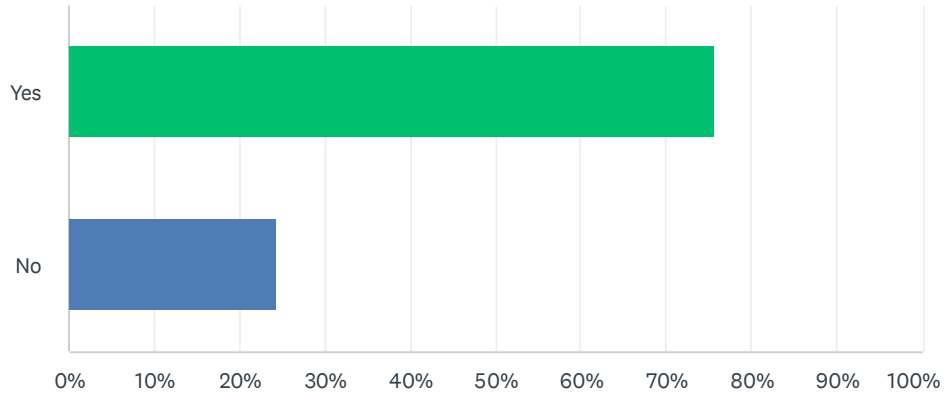
**SUGGESTED MOTION** – I move that the Library Commission recommend the library [subscribe/not subscribe] to NewsBank's digital newspapers.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment No. 1 – Survey results

Q1 Are you interested in the library providing access to digital newspapers, including The Oregonian, Eugene Register Guard, and Seattle Times? We are researching the possibility of providing access to the News-Review, but it is not an option at this time.

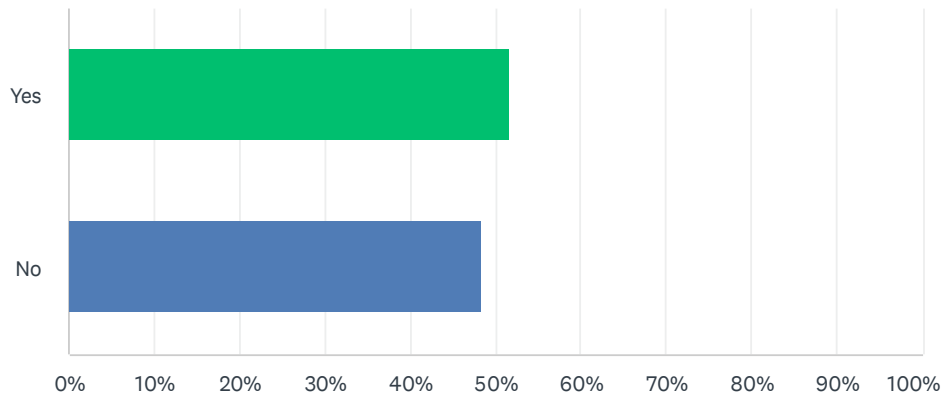
Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.76%	25
No	24.24%	8
TOTAL		33

Q2 To provide access to digital newspapers, the library would reallocate funding from other collections. This could mean up to 100 fewer physical books or 50 fewer electronic books/audiobooks would be purchased annually. Given this information, are you interested in the library providing access to digital newspapers?

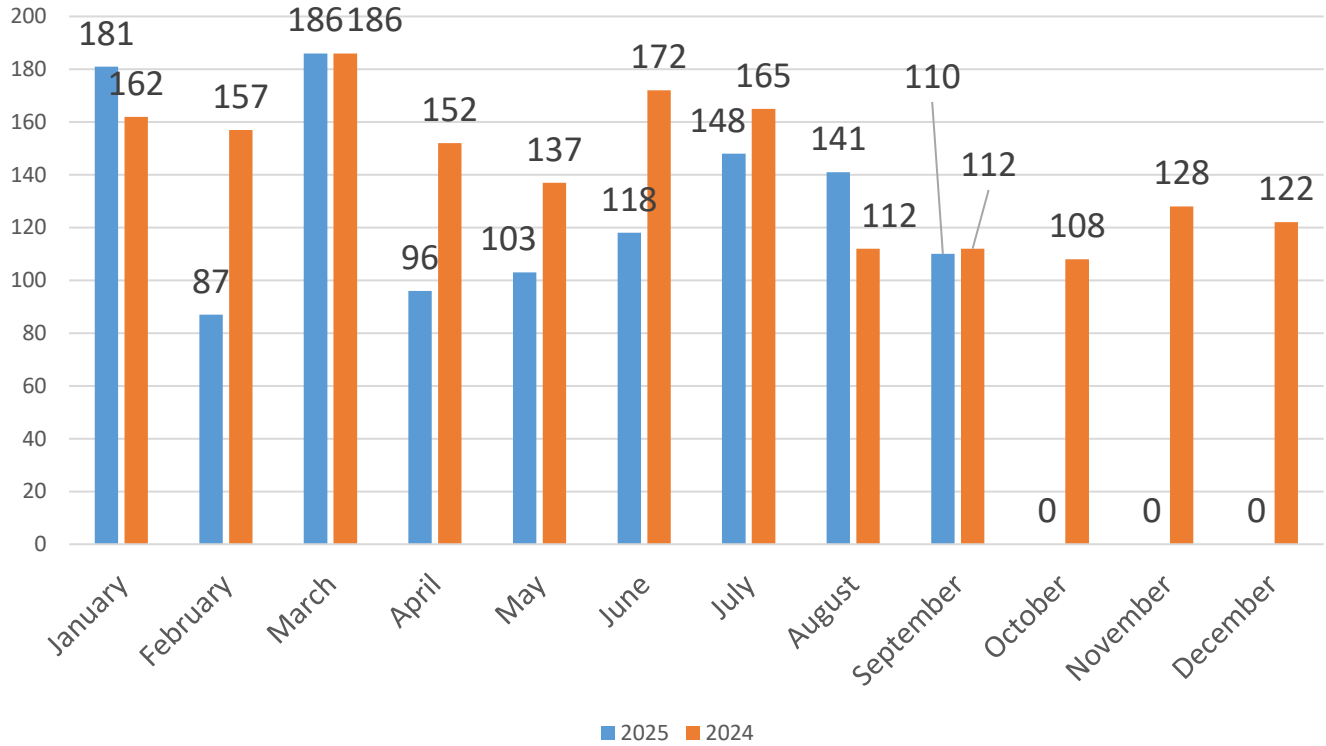
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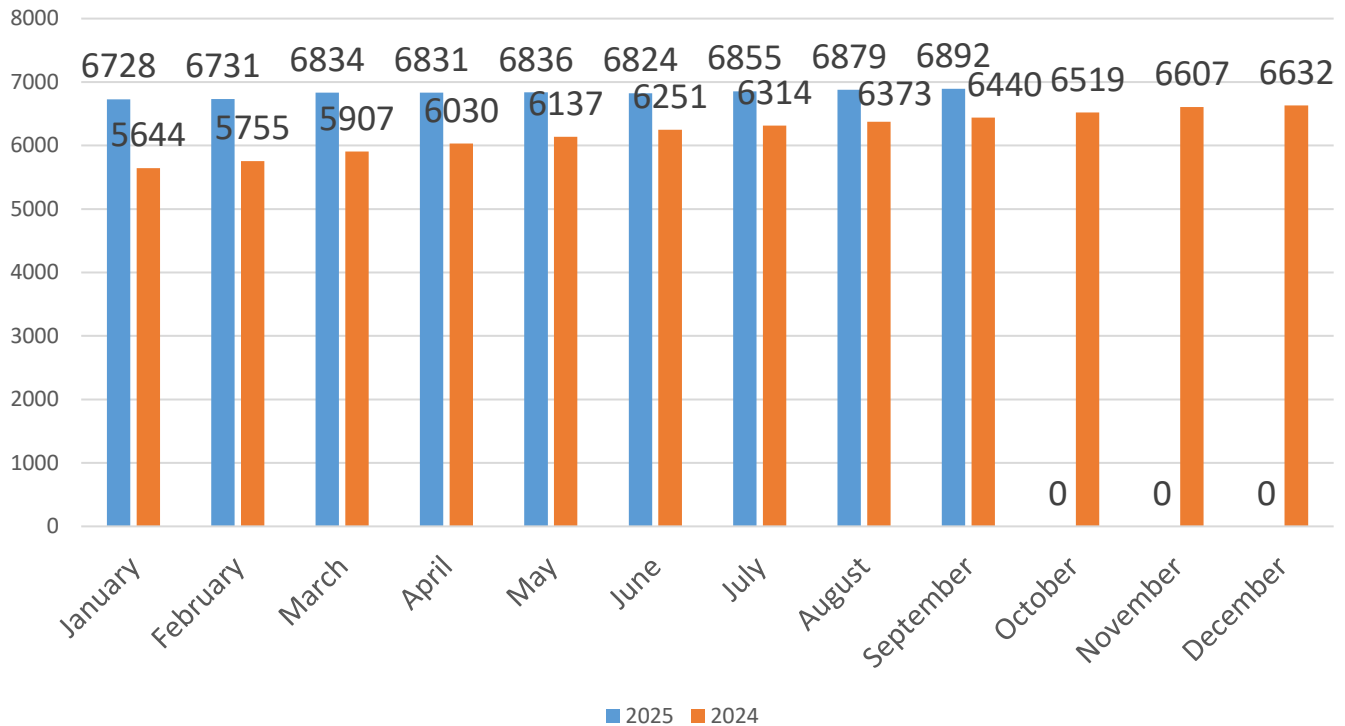
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.52%	17
No	48.48%	16
TOTAL		33



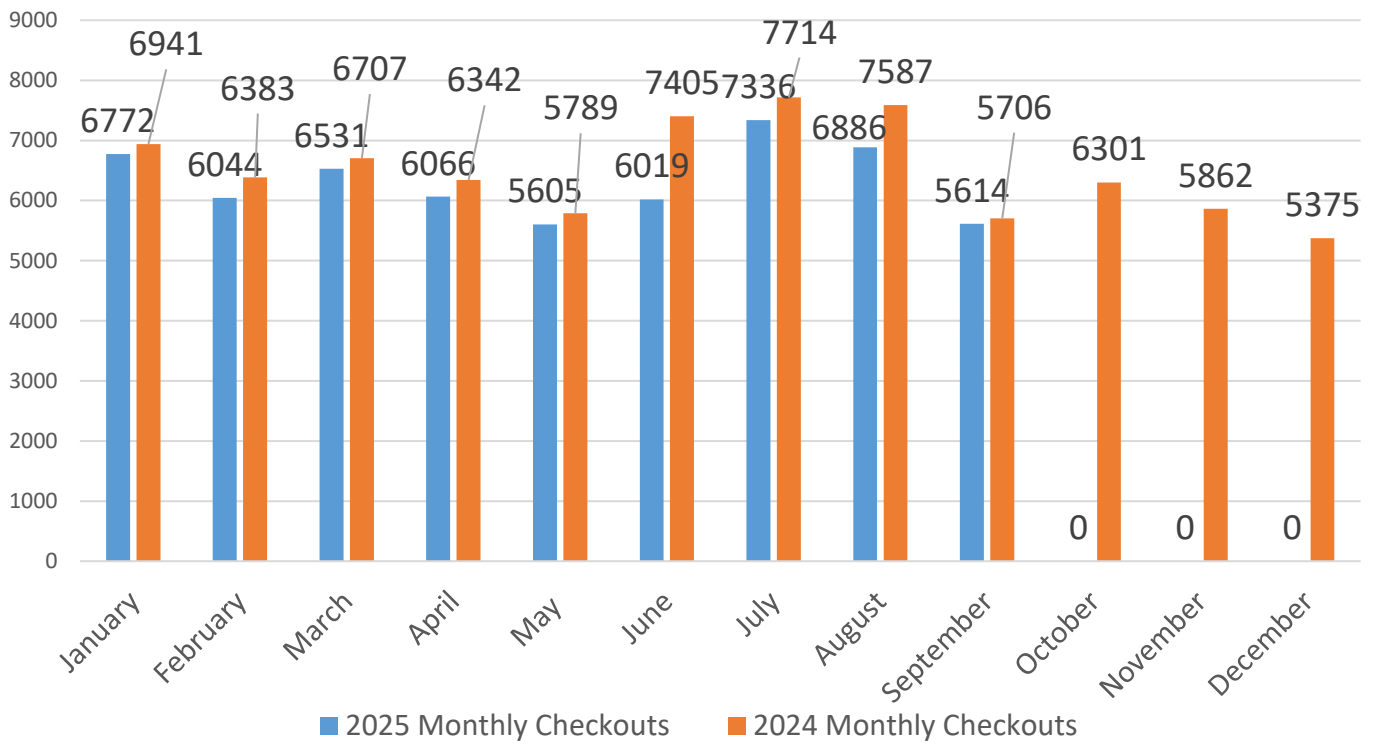
## New Users



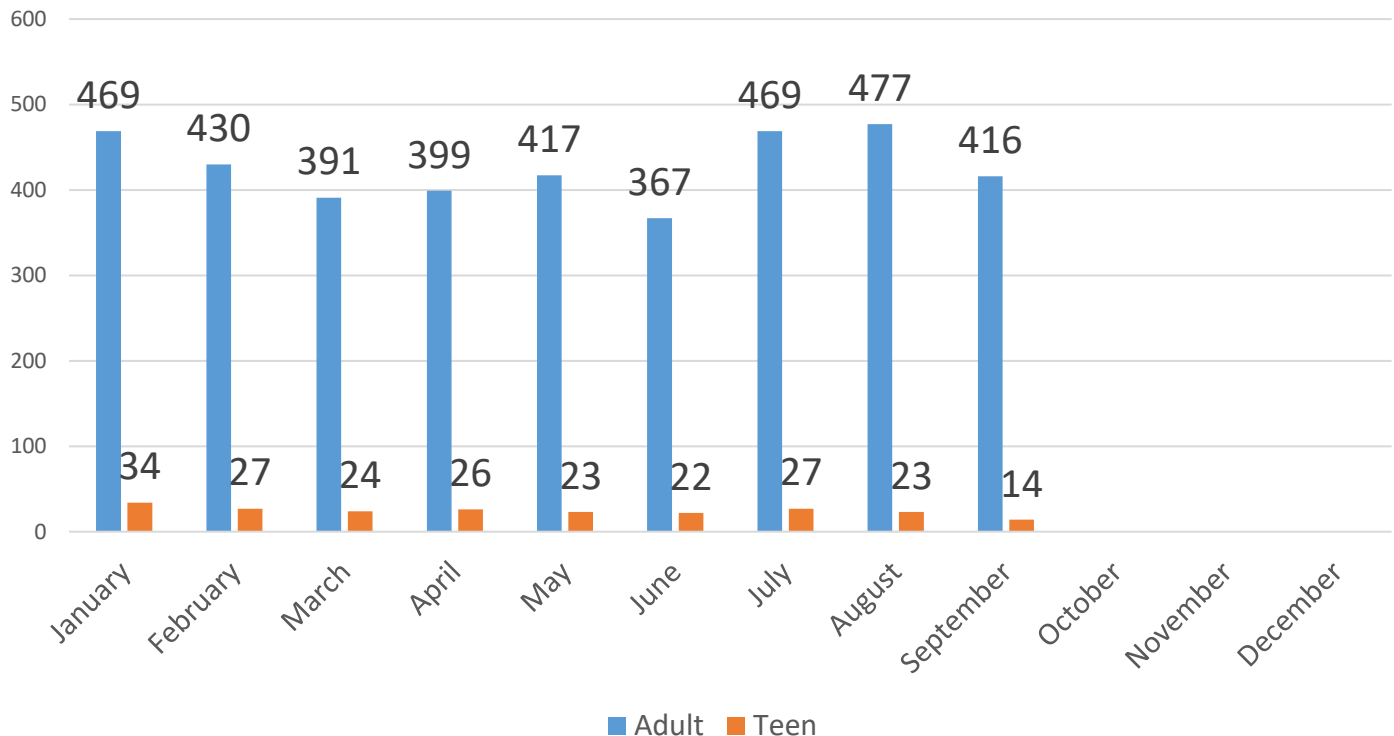
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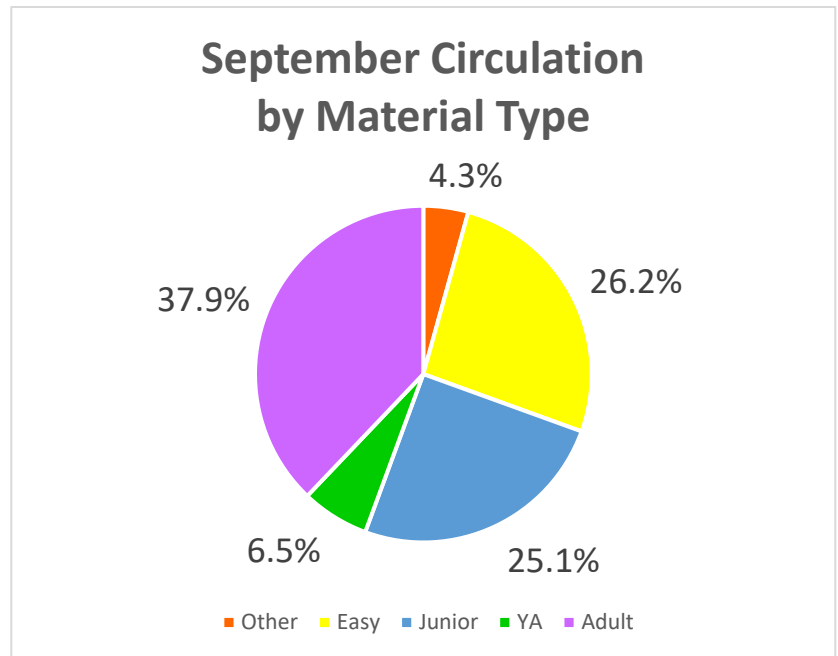
## Physical Materials Checkouts



## Public Computer Use



		Other	Easy	Junior	YA	Adult
1 - Unassigned	0	4.3%	26.2%	25.1%	6.5%	37.9%
2 - Adult Audiobook	109	242	1472	1408	365	2127
3 - Adult DVDs	163					
4 - Adult Fiction	900					
5 - Adult Graphic Novel	28					
6 - Adult Nonfiction	346					
7 - Board Book	140					
8 - Children's CD Book	14					
9 - Children's Audiobook	38					
10 - Children's DVD	107					
11 - Children's Graphic Novel	0					
12 - Children's Reference	0					
14 - Equipment	1					
16 - Fantasy	30					
17 - Other Language F/NF	13					
19 - Junior Fiction	561					
20 - Junior Graphic Novel	351					
21 - Junior Nonfiction	351					
22 - Large Print	120					
23 - Magazine	34					
25 - Mystery	476					
30 - Oversize	0					
34 - Picture Book	907					
35 - Prof Collection	44					
36 - Reader	367					
37 - Reference	0					
39 - Science Fiction	34					
42 - Western	41					
44 - Young Adult Audiobook	12					
45 - Young Adult DVD	47					
46 - Young Adult Fiction	67					
47 - Young Adult Graphic Novel	228					
48 - Young Adult Nonfiction	11					
OTAP	5					
Off Site	0					
None/On-the-fly	69					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5614</b>					

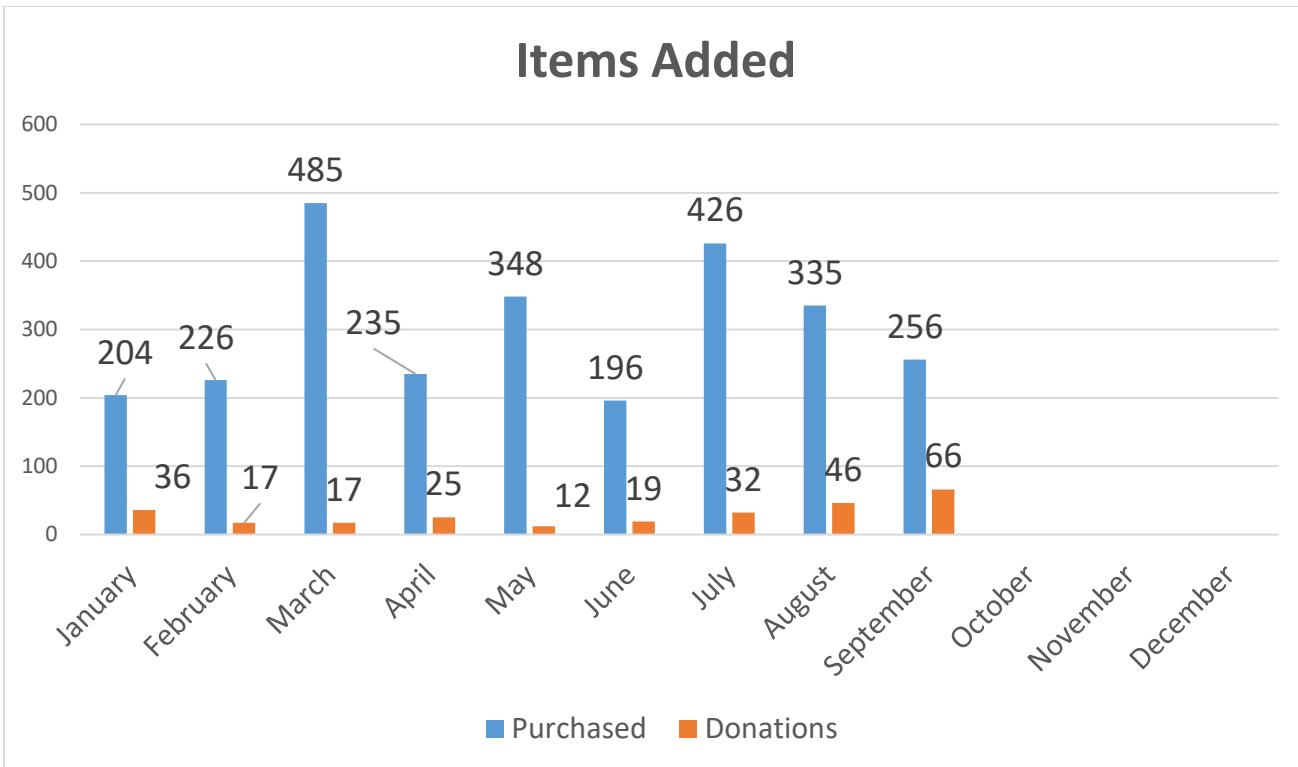


### NEW Items Snapshot - October 2, 2025

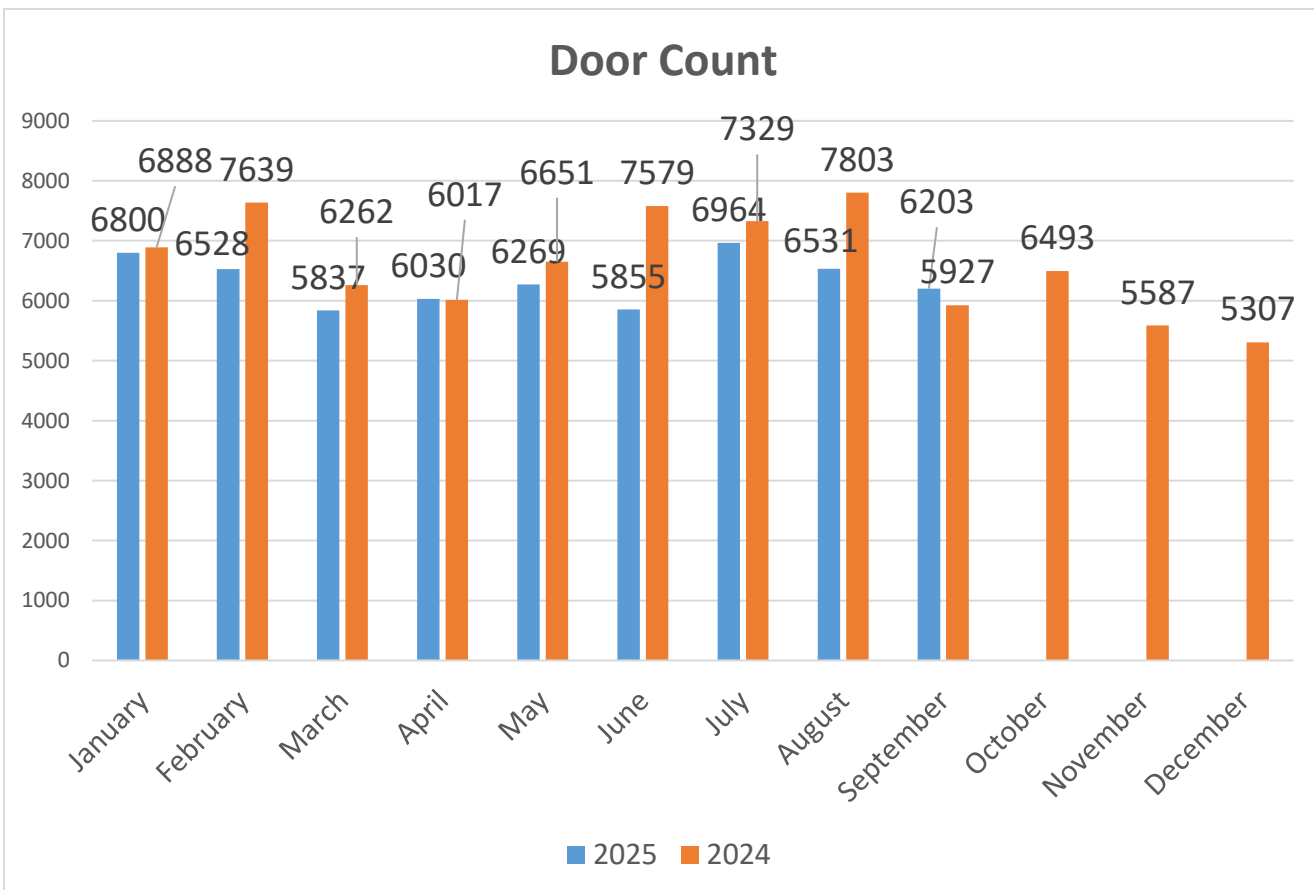
Item Type	Total number	Number Checked Out	Percentage Checked Out
NEW Items	4216	854	20.26%
Picture Books	666	134	20.12%
Adult Fiction	635	223	35.12%
Adult Nonfiction	429	102	23.78%
Junior Fiction	470	42	8.94%
YA Fiction	190	9	4.74%

Circulation Snapshot - October 2, 2025

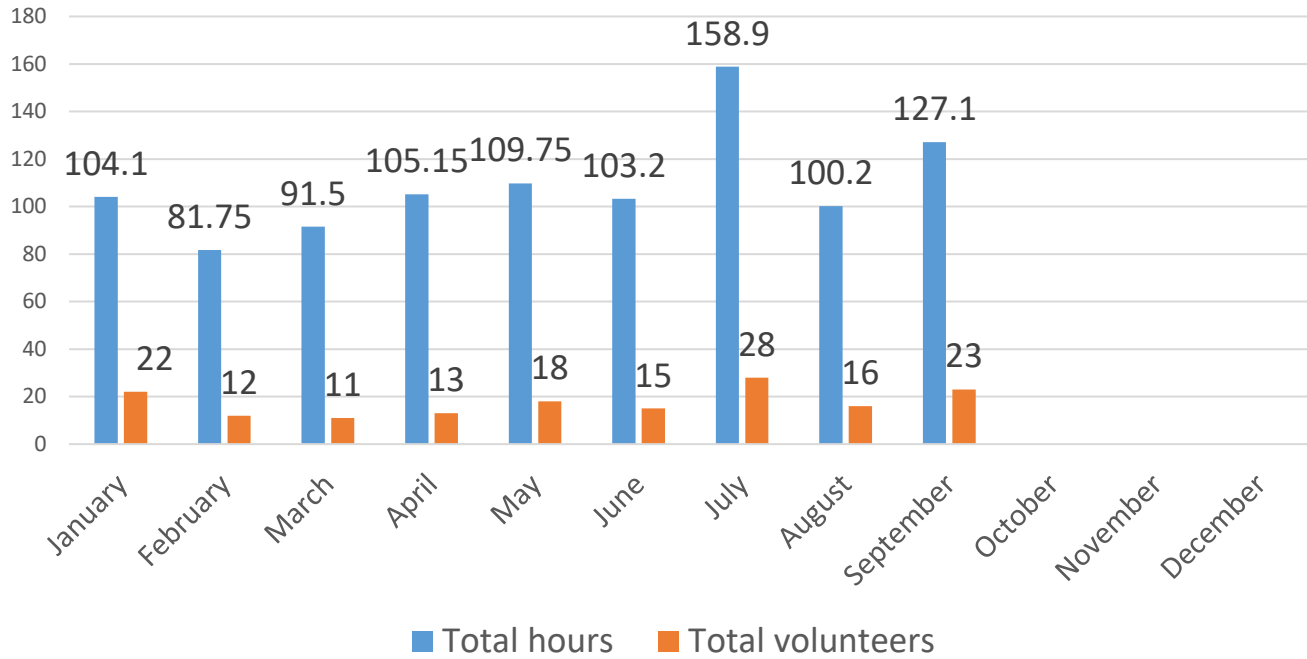
Type	Holdings	% of Holdings	Out	% Out
1 - Unassigned	7	0	0	0
2 - Adult Audiobook	1686	2.2	114	6.8
3 - Adult DVDs	1823	2.3	98	5.4
4 - Adult Fiction	11800	15.2	921	7.8
5 - Adult Graphic Novel	383	0.5	27	7
6 - Adult Nonfiction	13452	17.3	579	4.3
7 - Board Book	714	0.9	149	20.9
8 - Children's CD Book	102	0.1	4	3.9
9 - Children's Audiobook	679	0.9	38	5.6
10 - Children's DVD	899	1.2	116	12.9
11 - Children's Graphic Novel	5	0	3	60
12 - Children's Reference	177	0.2	0	0
14 - Equipment	12	0	2	16.7
16 - Fantasy	284	0.4	33	11.6
17 - Other Language F/NF	1346	1.7	39	2.9
18 - Govdoc	27	0	0	0
19 - Junior Fiction	5975	7.7	718	12
20 - Junior Graphic Novel	1817	2.3	370	20.4
21 - Junior Nonfiction	6593	8.5	477	7.2
22 - Large Print	1579	2	125	7.9
23 - Magazine	3580	4.6	31	0.9
25 - Mystery	6164	7.9	434	7
27 - Newspaper	7	0	0	0
30 - Oversize	19	0	0	0
34 - Picture Book	6582	8.5	918	13.9
35 - Prof Collection	312	0.4	52	16.7
36 - Reader	2012	2.6	376	18.7
37 - Reference	518	0.7	1	0.2
39 - Science Fiction	1326	1.7	44	3.3
42 - Western	791	1	32	4
44 - Young Adult Audiobook	289	0.4	14	4.8
45 - Young Adult DVD	451	0.6	38	8.4
46 - Young Adult Fiction	3040	3.9	174	5.7
47 - Young Adult Graphic Novel	1796	2.3	262	14.6
48 - Young Adult Nonfiction	954	1.2	39	4.1
49 - Young Adult Reference	0	0	0	0
50 - OTAP	445	0.6	12	2.7
51 - Off Site	1	0	0	0
52 - DESD	0	0	0	0
Total	77647		6240	8



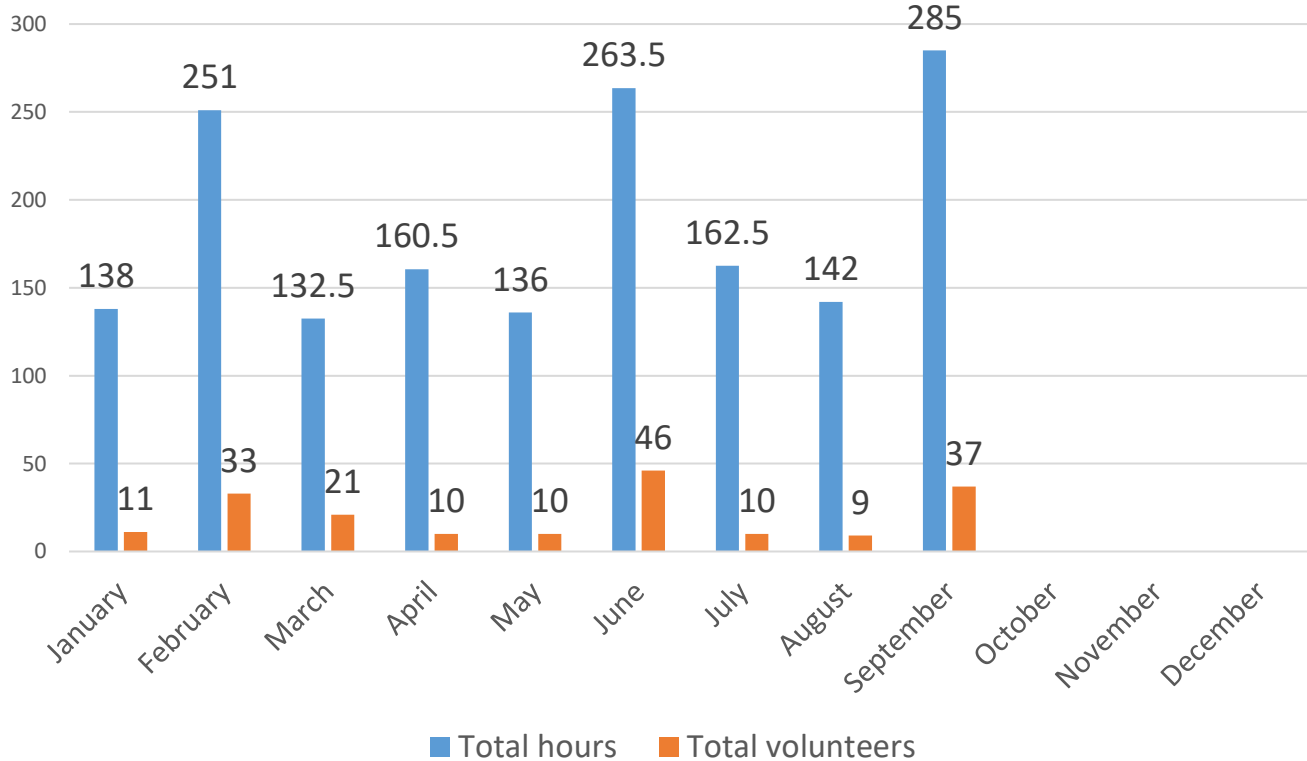
Total value added to collection  
September 2025 - \$6108.37



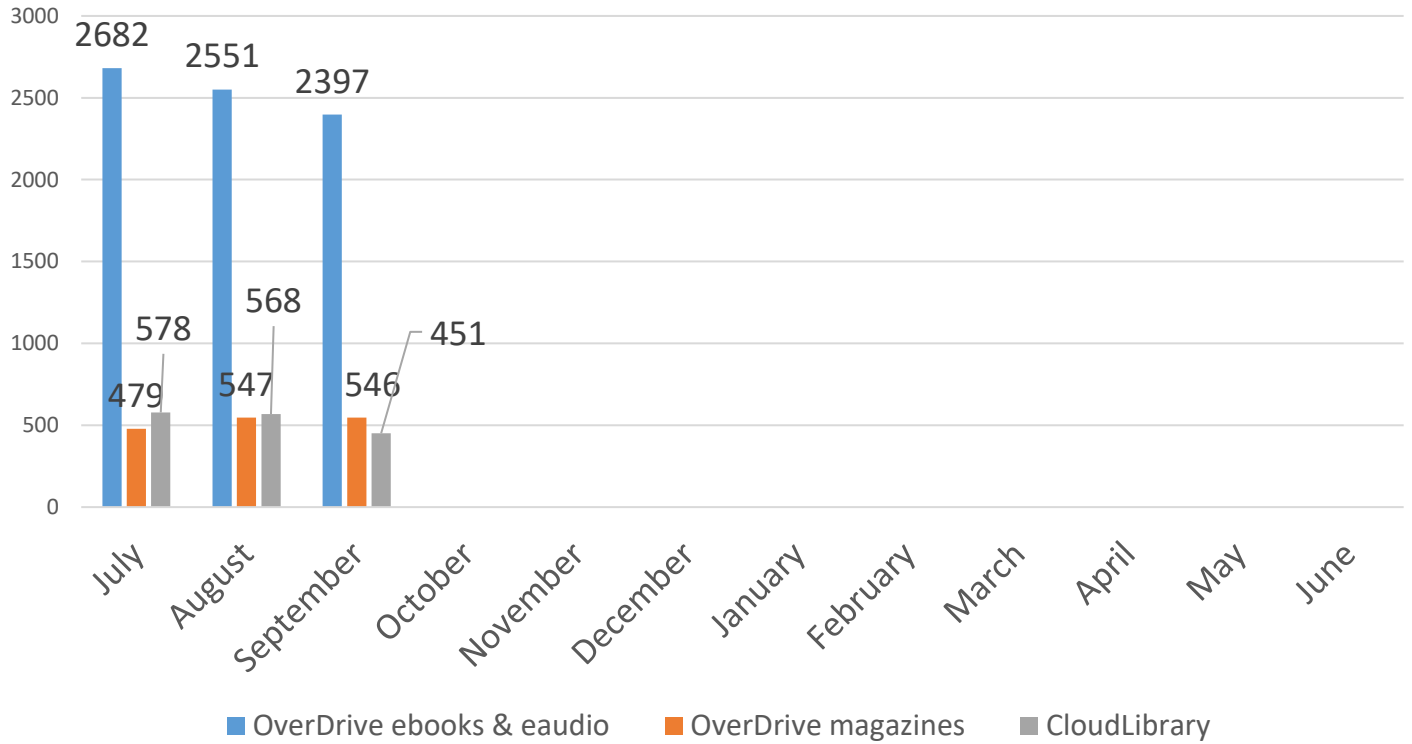
## Volunteer Contribution - Library



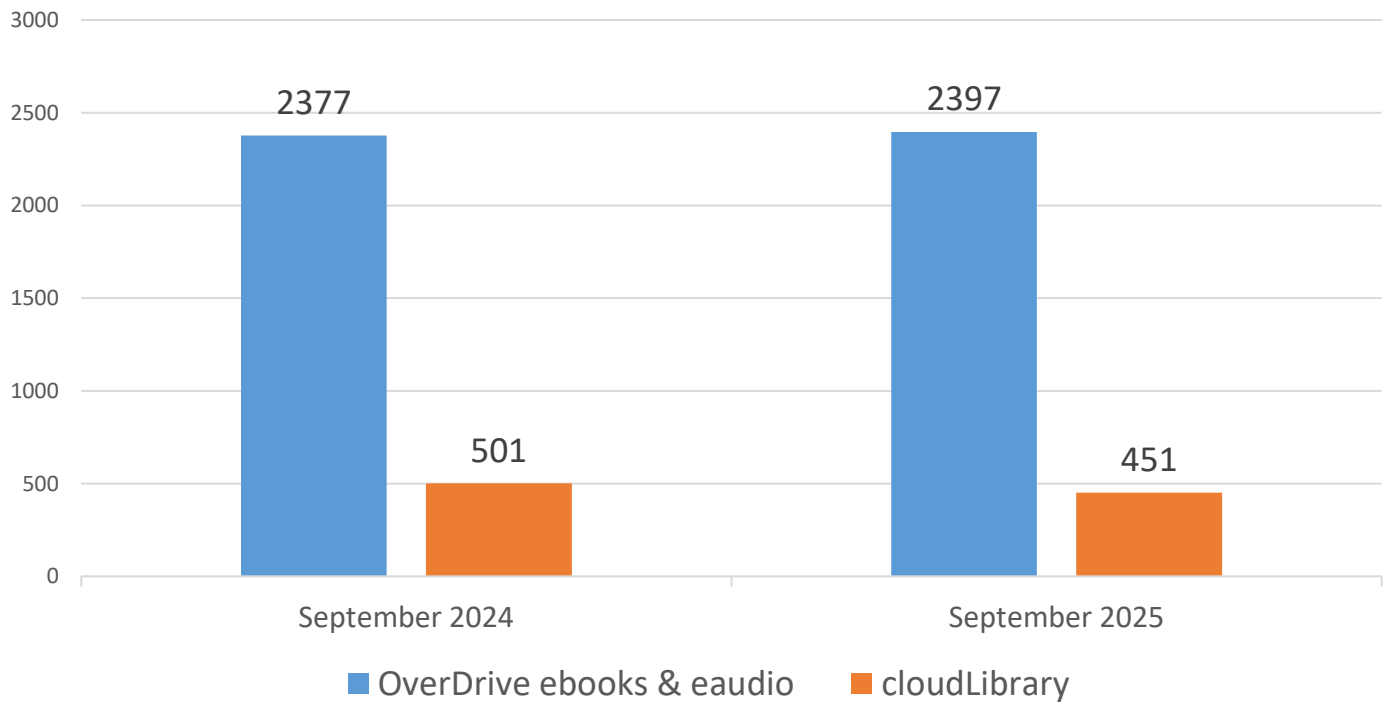
## Volunteer Contribution - Friends of the Library



## Electronic Materials Checkouts



## Ebooks Monthly Comparison



Live Adult Programs					
Date		Attendance	Onsite	Offsite	Virtual (Facebook Live or Zoom)
9/11/2025	LTC Program for Adults: painting class	12	x		
9/11/2025	Table Rocks geology: Larry Broeker	34	x		
9/16/2025	Online Book Group	7			x
9/25/2025	LTC Program for Adults: Lilo & Stitch movie	15	x		
9/25/2025	Silent Book Group	4	x		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72</b>			

Live Programs for All Ages					
Date		Attendance	Onsite	Offsite	Virtual (Facebook Live or Zoom)
9/28/2025	Mexican Consulate event	35		x	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>			