

MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT

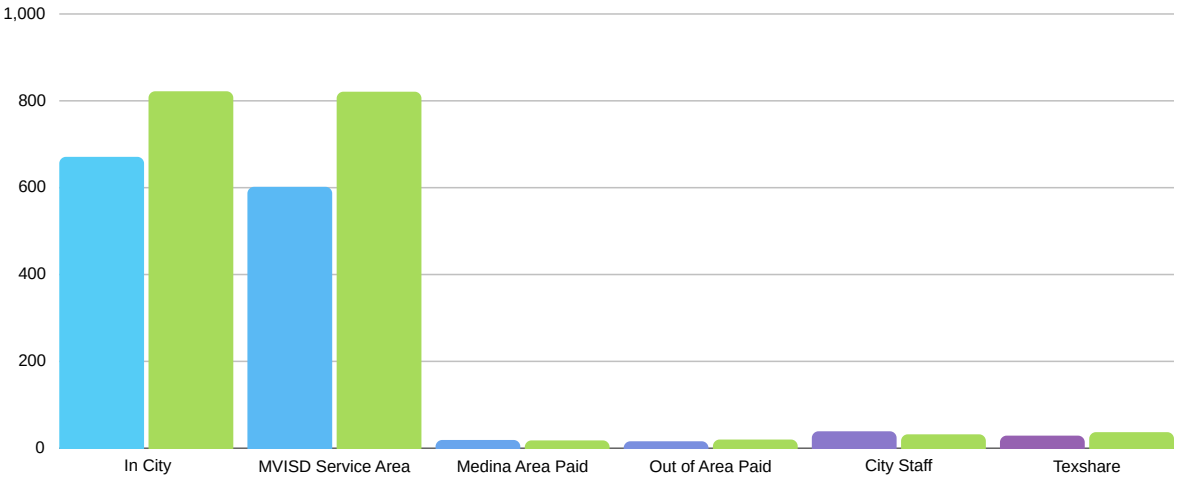
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MEMBER STATISTICS: ACTIVE ACCOUNTS

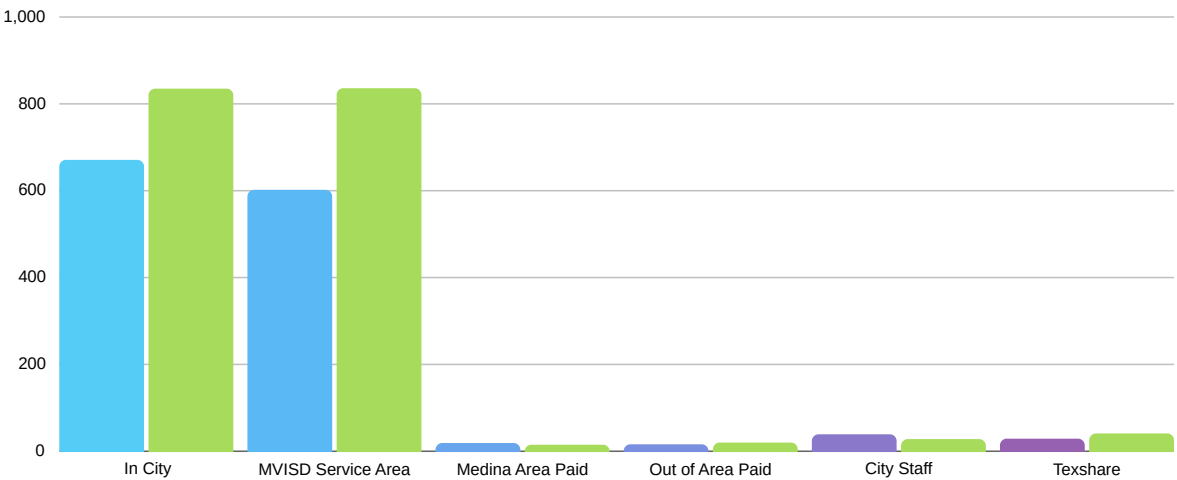


SEPTEMBER 2022

IN CITY	671
MVISD	602
MEDINA	19
OUT OF AREA	16
CITY STAFF	39
TEXSHARE	29
TOTAL	1376

SEPTEMBER 2023

IN CITY	822
MVISD	821
MEDINA	18
OUT OF AREA	20
CITY STAFF	32
TEXSHARE	37
TOTAL	1750



OCTOBER 2022

IN CITY	667
MVISD	622
MEDINA	19
OUT OF AREA	18
CITY STAFF	40
TEXSHARE	29
TOTAL	1404

OCTOBER 2023

IN CITY	835
MVISD	836
MEDINA	15
OUT OF AREA	20
CITY STAFF	28
TEXSHARE	41
TOTAL	1775

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PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT WITH A PUMPKIN PATCH! 2023

Fall is such a wonderful season - the leaves are changing colors, the weather is crisp and cool, and what better way to get into the spirit of fall than by painting pumpkins? The library hosted a special pumpkin painting event where patrons picked their pumpkins from the patch and decorated them with colorful paints. It was an excellent activity for kids and adults to spend quality time with family and friends.



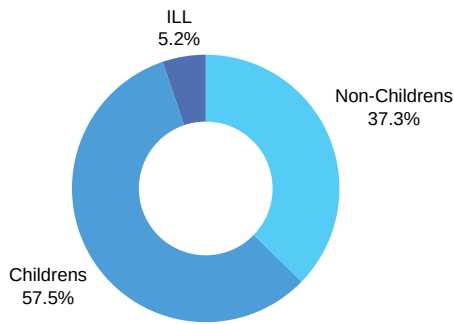
THINGS ARE GETTING BRIGHTER AT THE LIBRARY!

The library's decision to install LED replacement lights and ceiling tiles has brought several benefits. Firstly, LED lights are much more energy-efficient than traditional lighting options, resulting in a long-term reduction in electricity costs. Furthermore, LED lights have a longer life span than other bulbs, meaning they must be replaced less often. In addition, the newly installed ceiling tiles are designed to improve the library's acoustics, which will help to reduce noise levels. This is especially important since the library is a place for reading, studying, and working. The new tiles also give the library a fresh look, enhancing the user experience.



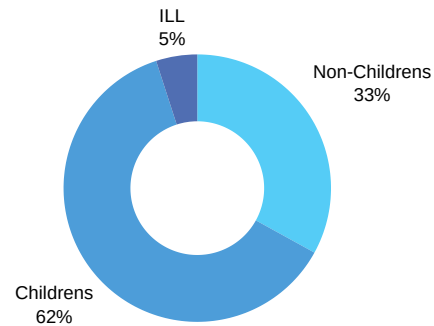
CIRCULATION STATISTICS TYPE

TOTAL MATERIAL CIRCULATIONS



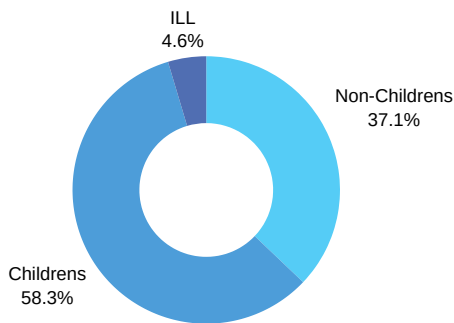
AUGUST 2022

• NON-CHILDRENS	771
• CHILDREN'S	1189
• ILL	108
TOTAL CIRCS OUT	2068



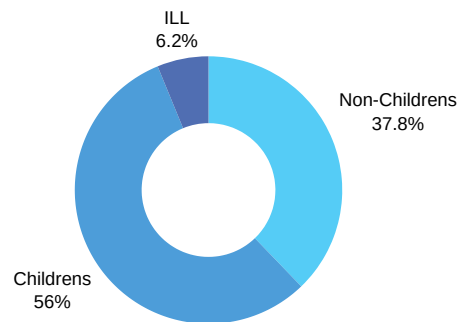
AUGUST 2023

• NON-CHILDRENS	643
• CHILDREN'S	1208
• ILL	97
TOTAL CIRCS OUT	1948



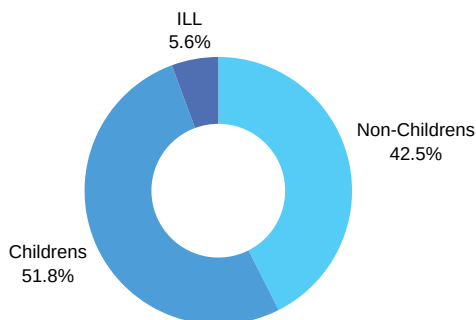
SEPTEMBER 2022

• NON-CHILDRENS	659
• CHILDREN'S	1035
• ILL	82
TOTAL CIRCS OUT	1776



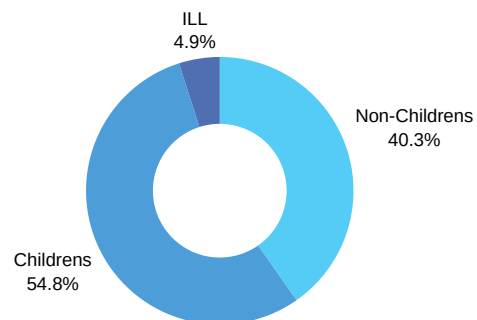
SEPTEMBER 2023

• NON-CHILDRENS	609
• CHILDREN'S	902
• ILL	100
TOTAL CIRCS OUT	1611



OCTOBER 2022

• NON-CHILDRENS	716
• CHILDREN'S	872
• ILL	95
TOTAL CIRCS OUT	1683



OCTOBER 2023

• NON-CHILDRENS	663
• CHILDREN'S	902
• ILL	81
TOTAL CIRCS OUT	1646

OCTOBER 2023

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is Fire Prevention Month, and we celebrated it in a big way at the library! Medina County ESD 1 came to help spread fire safety awareness and educate the attendees. Many families attended the event, and the firefighters gave a presentation on fire safety, which included tips on creating a fire escape plan and what to do in case of a fire. They also showed the attendees the equipment they use to put out fires. In addition to the presentation, the firefighters brought their fire truck, which the kids were thrilled to see up close. They got to sit in the driver's seat and even try on some of the firefighter gear. It was a great opportunity for the community to learn more about fire safety and the important work that our local firefighters do to keep us safe. We hope to continue to host events like this in the future to promote safety and build strong relationships with our local first responders.



GEOCACHING AT THE LIBRARY

Geocaching is a popular activity for people of all ages. It is a real-world, outdoor treasure-hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location." It sounds easy, and sometimes it is easy, and sometimes all you get is the fun of hunting for things. Geocachers from everywhere can now discover the library's geocache, Gnomie's Magical Golden Benches (GCAAECR). They get to sign an Official Logbook of the victory to celebrate their find.



CIRCULATION STATISTICS BY MATERIAL SHELF LOCATION

SEPTEMBER 2023

0	2X2
271	ADULT FICTION
144	ADULT NON-FICTION
0	AUDIOBOOKS FICTION
14	AUDIOBOOKS NON-FICTION
1	AWARD BOOKS-TEXAS BLUEBONNET
0	BIOGRAPHY
14	BLU-RAY
0	CENGAGE LEARNING
29	COURSE KITS
4	CTLS
0	DUPLICATES
51	DVDS
0	EASY BIOGRAPHY
118	EASY BOARD BOOKS
225	EASY FICTION
196	EASY READERS
0	ENDCAPS
0	EQUIPMENT
11	JUNIOR BIOGRAPHY
115	JUVENILE FICTION
102	JUVENILE NONFICTION
32	KIDS' BLU_RAY
45	KIDS" DVDS
0	LOCAL HISTORY
88	NEW_ADULT
0	NEW_AUDIOBOOKS
4	NEW_DVD
4	NEW_EASY
6	NEW_JUVENILE
1	NEW_YA
0	REFERENCE
0	REPAIR
0	SPANISH
3	TEXANA
0	VINYL RECORDS
31	YA
2	YA - TEEN TOP TEN
0	YA NON-FICTION
100	ILL

TOTAL CIRCULATIONS 1611

OCTOBER 2023

0	2X2
271	ADULT FICTION
179	ADULT NON-FICTION
23	AUDIOBOOKS FICTION
5	AUDIOBOOKS NON-FICTION
25	AWARD BOOKS-TEXAS BLUEBONNET
0	BIOGRAPHY
38	BLU-RAY
0	CENGAGE LEARNING
0	COURSE KITS
6	CTLS
0	DUPLICATES
80	DVDS
0	EASY BIOGRAPHY
116	EASY BOARD BOOKS
237	EASY FICTION
208	EASY READERS
0	ENDCAPS
0	EQUIPMENT
4	JUNIOR BIOGRAPHY
103	JUVENILE FICTION
69	JUVENILE NONFICTION
22	KIDS' BLU_RAY
39	KIDS" DVDS
0	LOCAL HISTORY
47	NEW_ADULT
0	NEW_AUDIOBOOKS
10	NEW_DVD
11	NEW_EASY
8	NEW_JUVENILE
6	NEW_YA
0	REFERENCE
0	REPAIR
0	SPANISH
0	TEXANA
4	VINYL RECORDS
54	YA
0	YA - TEEN TOP TEN
0	YA NON-FICTION
81	ILL

TOTAL CIRCULATIONS 1646

OCTOBER 2022

8	2X2
283	ADULT FICTION
82	ADULT NON-FICTION
14	AUDIOBOOKS FICTION
0	AUDIOBOOKS NON-FICTION
7	AWARD BOOKS-TEXAS BLUEBONNET
1	BIOGRAPHY
66	BLU-RAY
0	CENGAGE LEARNING
0	CTLS
0	DUPLICATES
87	DVDS
0	EASY BIOGRAPHY
118	EASY BOARD BOOKS
0	EASY CHAPTER BOOKS
204	EASY FICTION
187	EASY READERS
0	ENDCAPS
9	EQUIPMENT
3	JUNIOR BIOGRAPHY
141	JUVENILE FICTION
81	JUVENILE NONFICTION
86	KIDS' DVDS
0	LOCAL HISTORY
54	NEW_ADULT
0	NEW_AUDIOBOOKS
16	NEW_DVD
16	NEW_EASY
1	NEW_JUVENILE
7	NEW_YA
97	REFERENCE
0	REPAIR
3	SPANISH
0	TEXANA
0	VINYL RECORDS
18	YA
2	YA - TEEN TOP TEN
0	YA NON-FICTION
92	ILL

TOTAL CIRCULATIONS 1683

CIRCULATION STATISTICS YEAR TO DATE TOTAL 1646

20,911 MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

*Castroville Public Library has 20,911 materials ranging from books, DVDs, and Blu-rays to local history books.

MONTHLY LIBRARY REVENUE



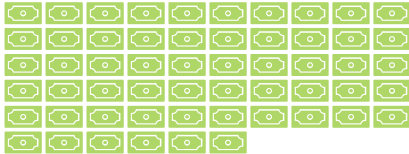
AUGUST 2023

TOTAL REVENUE 903



SEPTEMBER 2023

TOTAL REVENUE 730



OCTOBER 2023

TOTAL REVENUE 562

LIBRARY REVENUE YEAR TO DATE TOTAL 562

*LIBRARY ONLY MAKES REVENUE FROM PRINTS, COPY AND FAX SERVICES. LIBRARY FEES APPLY TO ANYONE LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE AREA.



SUGAR SKULL DECORATION EVENT IN HONOR OF DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

On October 29th, the Castroville Public Library hosted a delightful sugar skull decoration event in honor of Dia de Los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead. Both adults and children were encouraged to attend, and the library was excitedly buzzing. Attendees were handed plain candy skulls made by the library staff before the event, which served as the base for their creations. These skulls were created using sugar, water, meringue, and a simple skull mold. In addition, attendees were given the choice of three different colors of syringes filled with icing and a small bag of sprinkles. The children, in particular, enjoyed this crafty activity to create a unique candy skull to honor their loved ones who have passed away. It was heartwarming to see attendees making sugar skulls for the first time, and the library staff members were happy to provide guidance and assistance as needed. They also kept all leftovers from going to waste by consuming the leftover forms of sugary decorations! The Castroville Public Library did an outstanding job organizing and executing the event, which was a tremendous success. This was an excellent way to celebrate the Mexican holiday of Dia de Los Muertos and bring the community together.



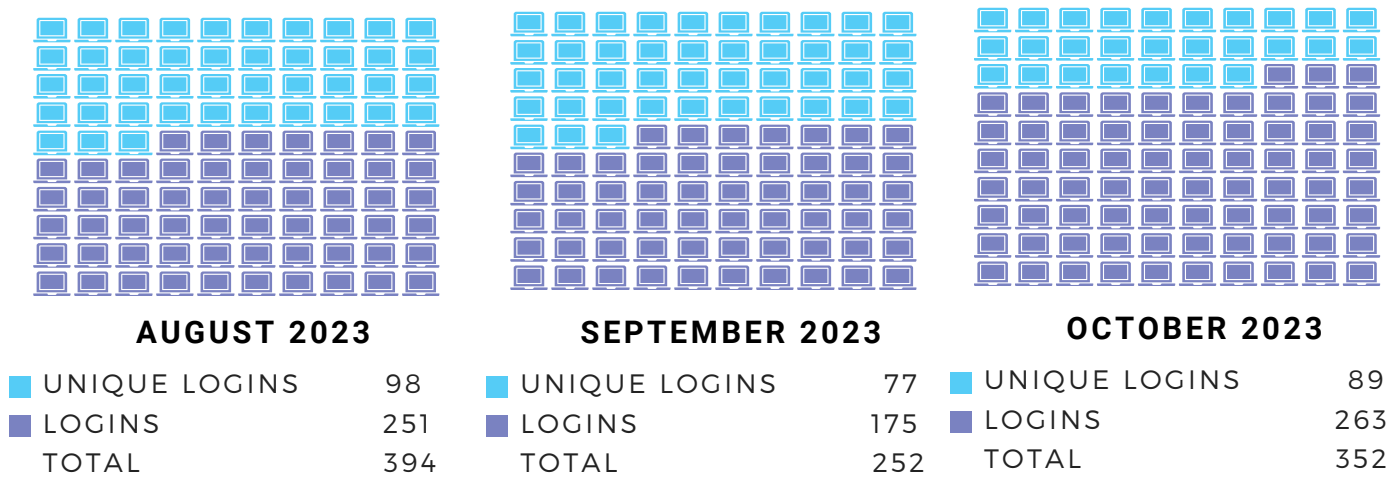
The patrons loved that the Pixar Animation Studios Movie Coco was playing in the background!

SPECIAL STORYTIME GUEST

Various businesses, organizations, and non-profits participate in our Storytime program. These groups are passionate about promoting literacy and encouraging a love of reading in children. They bring unique perspectives to the program, and we are grateful to them for giving time to this program. Through their involvement, we can reach a wider audience and provide more diverse reading experiences for our young listeners. We are always looking for new partners to join us in our mission to make a difference in the lives of children.



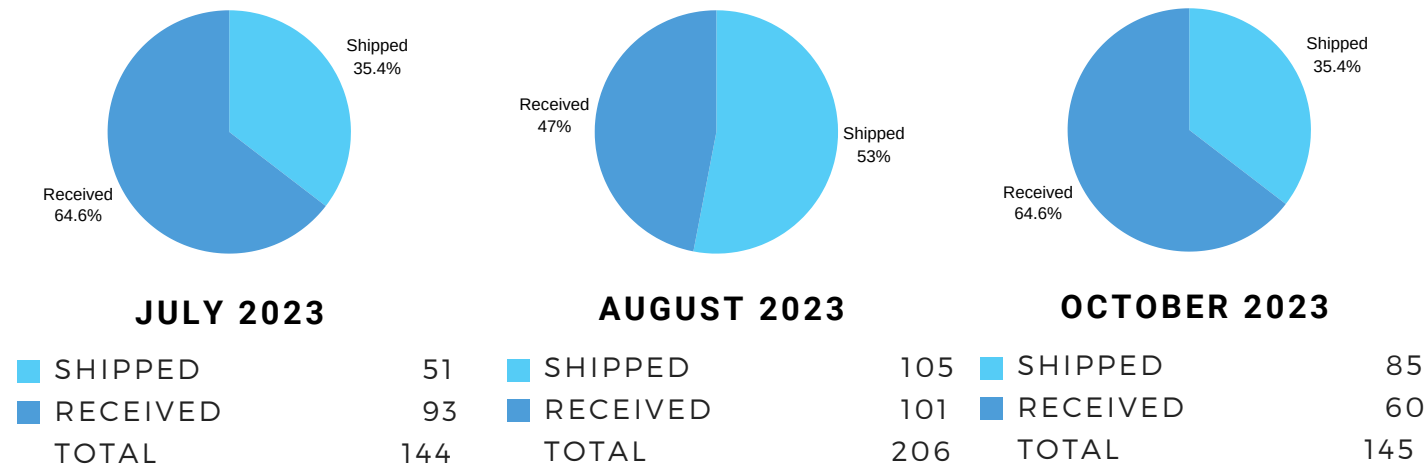
COMPUTER LOGIN AVERAGES



COMPUTER LOGIN AVERAGES YEAR TO DATE TOTAL 352

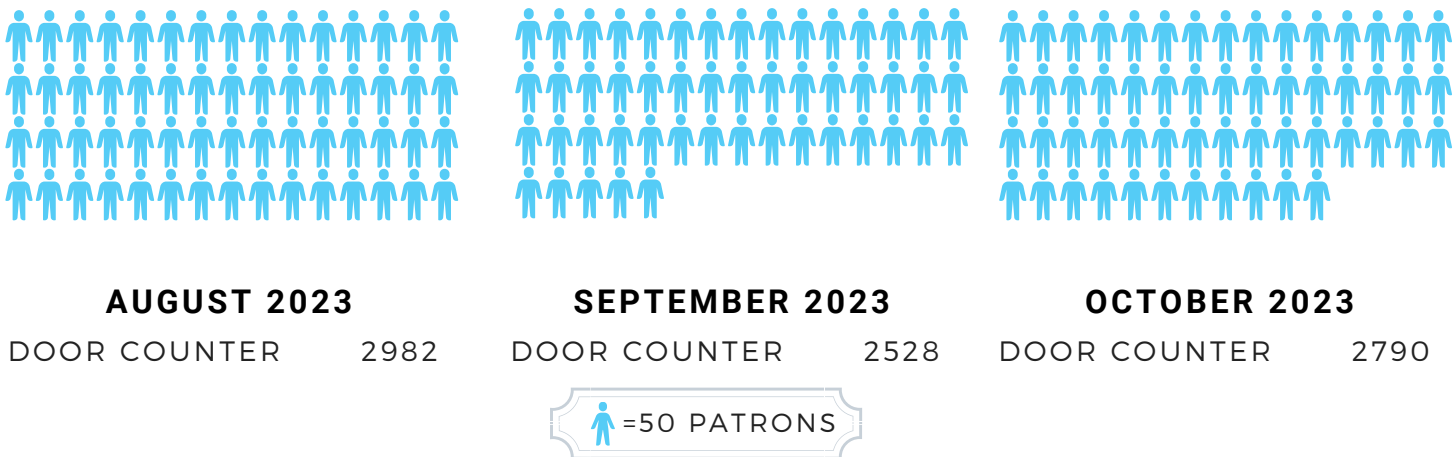
**UNIQUE LOGINS CONSIST OF PATRONS THAT ARE NOT LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS USING LIBRARY COMPUTERS*

ILL COURIER STATISTICS



ILL COURIER STATISTICS YEAR TO DATE TOTALS SHIPPED 85/ RECEIVED 60

LIBRARY VISITS



LIBRARY VISITS YEAR TO DATE TOTAL 2790

END OF FY2023 LIBRARY REPORT

FY2023 HIGHLIGHTS

At the Castroville Public Library, we often go to grants to cover gaps in the city budget. This year, we were awarded funding by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to achieve local newspapers and microfilm for \$ 39,858.00.

You'll be seeing new books in the Libby App! The Castroville Public Library received a \$1,500 Texas Book Festival for 2023, enabling us to add more ebooks to our collection.

The library received a Community Empowerment Grant from the Medina Electric Cooperative for \$500. This grant enabled us to update our children's room, creating a welcoming and inviting space.

The library strives to connect with the community; working with numerous entities, such as Medina Valley ISD and the Texas Workforce Commission in order to provide information on the library program and resources.

The Castroville Public Library Oral History Project transformed the analog (Cassette) to digital format (online MP3 files). Digitization converts the cassette tapes into digital formats that are easier to archive, search, and share for researchers, historians, and the public. This project was completed in September and is available on the Library page.

CASTROVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2022-2023 BY THE NUMBERS

**LIBRARY
VISITORS
27,476**



21,258
**Materials
CHECKED OUT**



**Active Patrons
Accounts
1750**



**Programs Held
206**



**Program
Attendance
3536**



**Computer Sessions
2,116**



**MATERIALS IN THE
COLLECTION
20,749**

**ILL COURIER
RECEIVED 914**



**New Library
cards issued 468**



SHIPPED 819



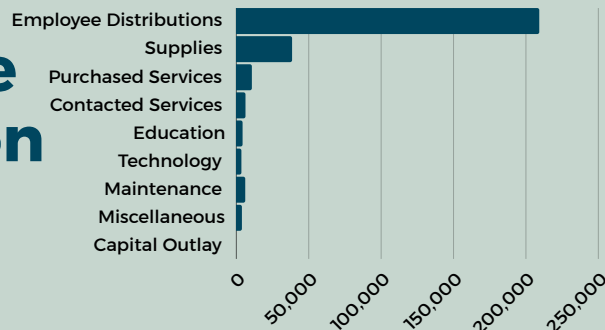
**Library
cards renewed 621**

It cost

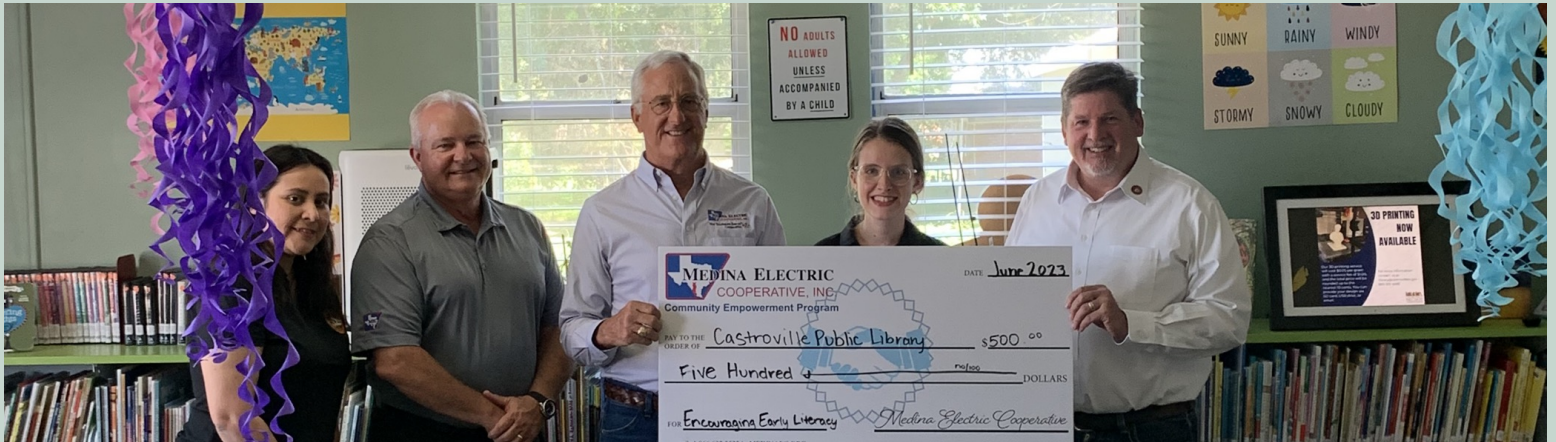
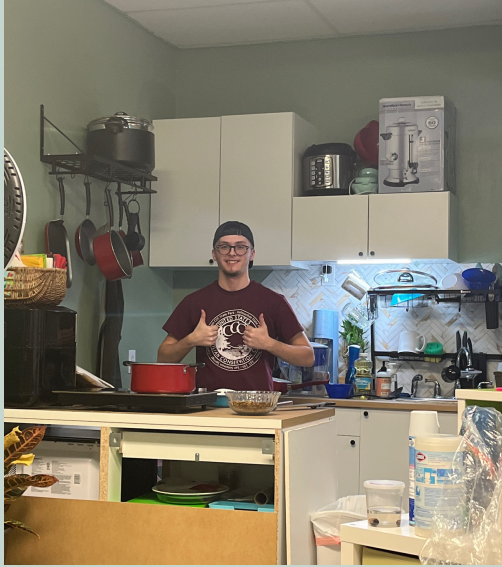
\$282,316

**to run the Library
in FY2023**

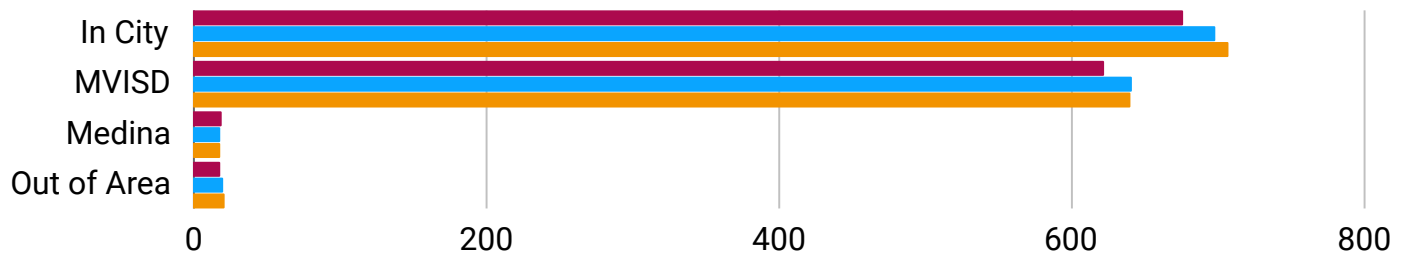
**What we
spent it on**



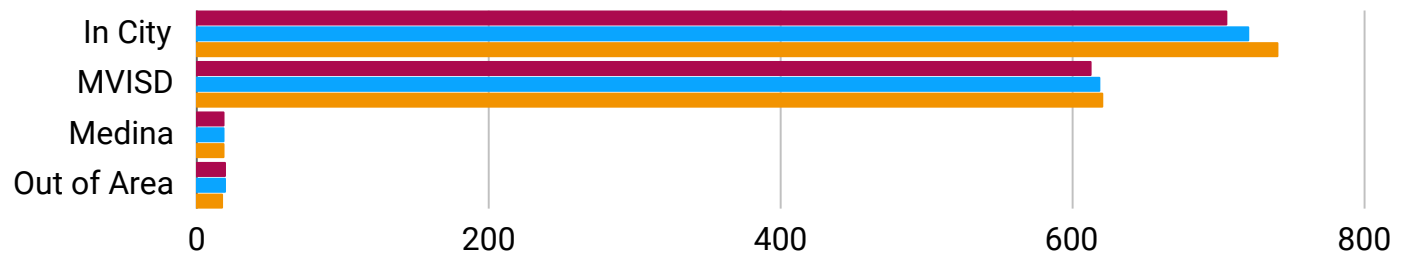
IT WAS A GREAT YEAR AT THE LIBRARY



MEMBER STATISTICS: ACTIVE ACCOUNTS BY QUARTER

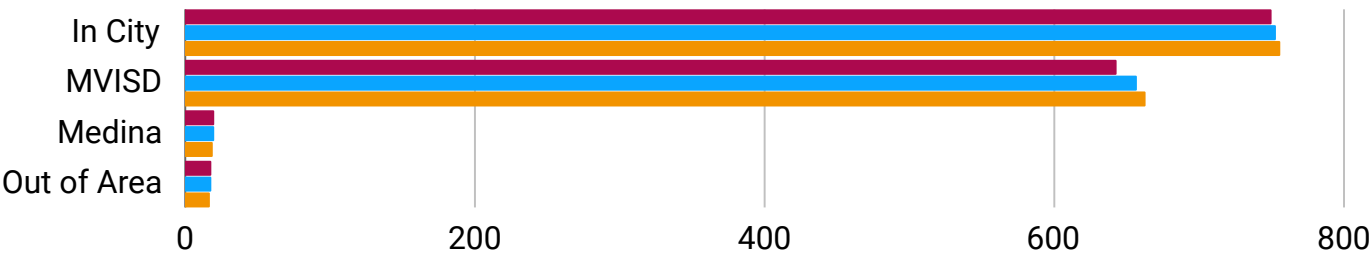


First Quarter	10-1-2022	11-1-2022	12-1-2022
In City	676	698	707
MVISD	622	641	640
Medina	19	18	18
Out of Area	18	20	21
City Staff	40	41	42
TexShare	29	29	29
Total	1404	1447	1457

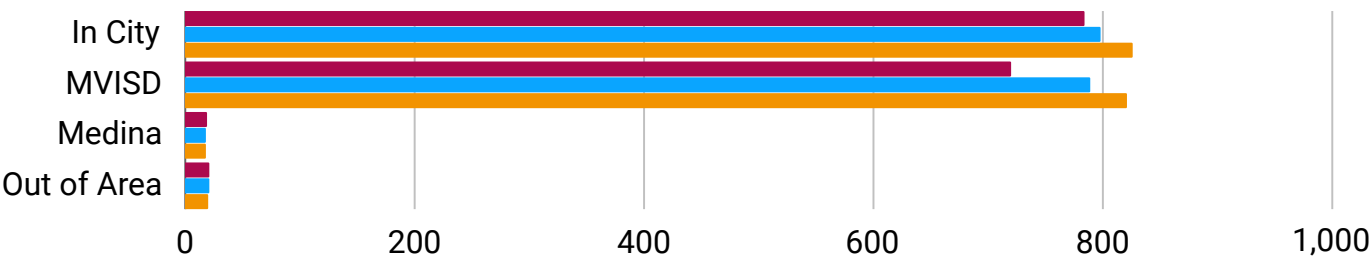


Second Quarter	1-1-2023	2-1-2023	3-1-2023
In City	706	721	741
MVISD	613	619	621
Medina	19	19	19
Out of Area	20	20	18
City Staff	41	42	43
TexShare	30	29	28
Total	1429	1450	1470

MEMBER STATISTICS: ACTIVE ACCOUNTS BY QUARTER



Third Quarter	4-1-2023	5-1-2023	6-1-2023
In City	750	753	756
MVISD	643	657	663
Medina	20	20	19
Out of Area	18	18	17
City Staff	43	43	43
TexShare	26	27	31
Total	1500	1518	1529



Fourth Quarter	7-1-2023	8-1-2023	9-1-2023
In City	784	798	826
MVISD	720	789	821
Medina	19	18	18
Out of Area	21	21	20
City Staff	46	47	28
TexShare	34	35	37
Total	1624	1708	1750