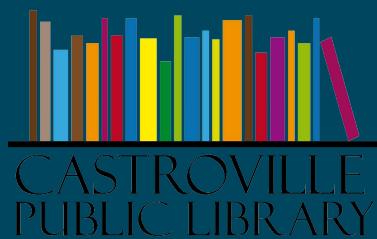


# MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT

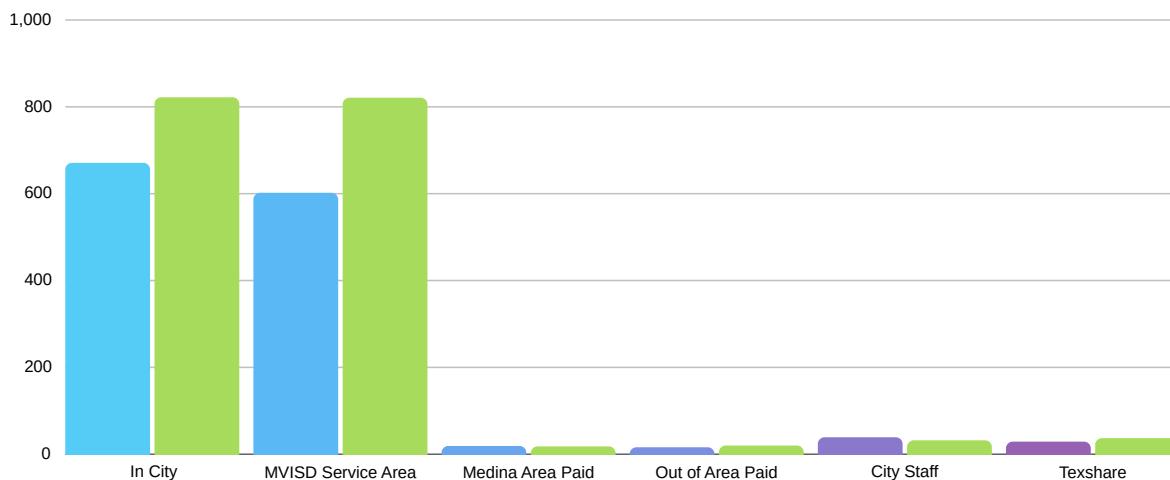
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SUBMITTED BY  
ANGELA ALEJANDRO



# MEMBER STATISTICS: ACTIVE ACCOUNTS

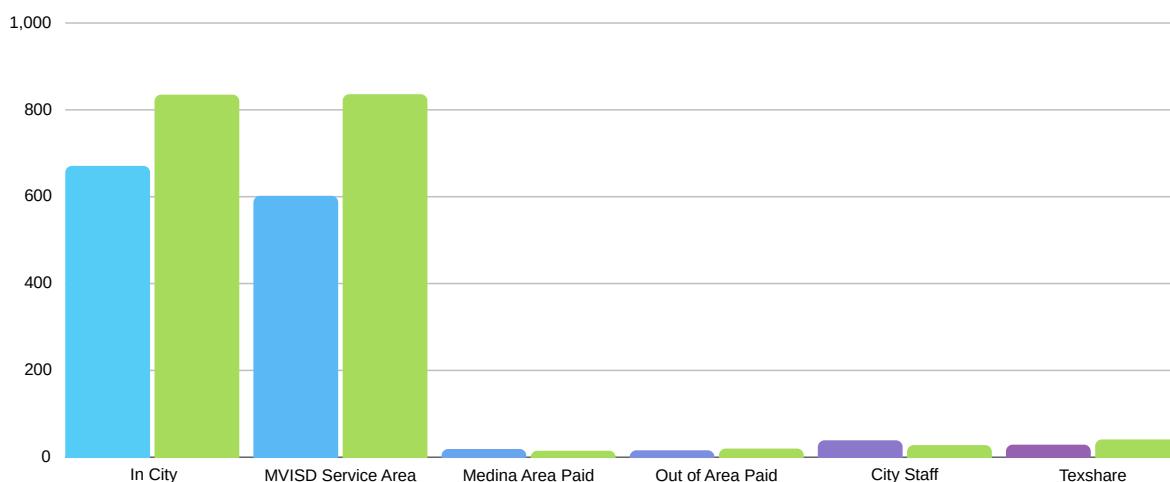


## SEPTEMBER 2022

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

## SEPTEMBER 2023

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



## OCTOBER 2022

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

## OCTOBER 2023

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

# PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT WITH A PUMPKIN PATCH! OCTOBER 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.



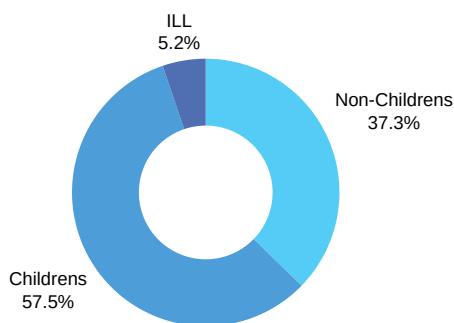
## THINGS ARE GETTING BRIGHTER AT THE LIBRARY!

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.



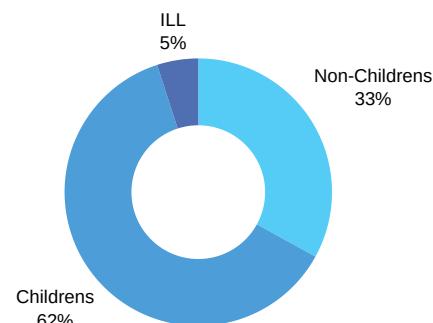
# CIRCULATION STATISTICS TYPE

## TOTAL MATERIAL CIRCULATIONS



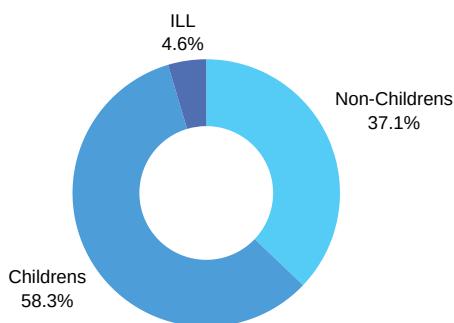
### AUGUST 2022

• NON-CHILDRENS	771
• CHILDREN'S	1189
• ILL	108
<b>TOTAL CIRCS OUT</b>	<b>2068</b>



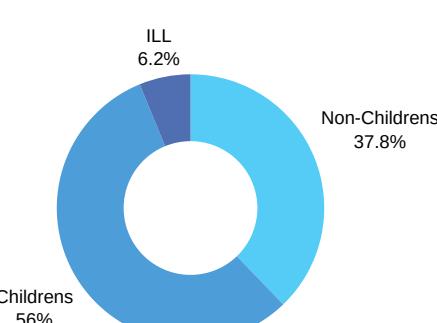
### AUGUST 2023

• NON-CHILDRENS	643
• CHILDREN'S	1208
• ILL	97
<b>TOTAL CIRCS OUT</b>	<b>1948</b>



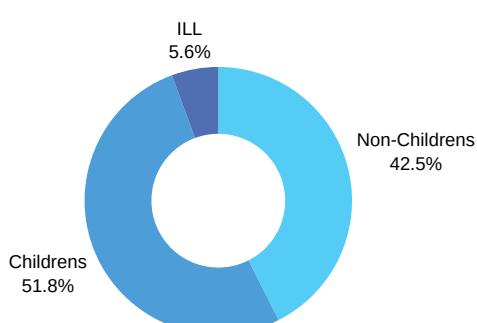
### SEPTEMBER 2022

• NON-CHILDRENS	659
• CHILDREN'S	1035
• ILL	82
<b>TOTAL CIRCS OUT</b>	<b>1776</b>



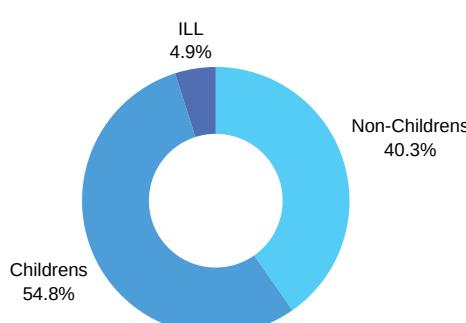
### SEPTEMBER 2023

• NON-CHILDRENS	609
• CHILDREN'S	902
• ILL	100
<b>TOTAL CIRCS OUT</b>	<b>1611</b>



### OCTOBER 2022

• NON-CHILDRENS	716
• CHILDREN'S	872
• ILL	95
<b>TOTAL CIRCS OUT</b>	<b>1683</b>



### OCTOBER 2023

• NON-CHILDRENS	663
• CHILDREN'S	902
• ILL	81
<b>TOTAL CIRCS OUT</b>	<b>1646</b>

OCTOBER 2023

# FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

OCTOBER 2023

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



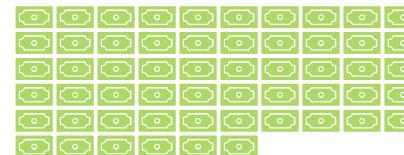
AUGUST 2023

TOTAL REVENUE 903



SEPTEMBER 2023

TOTAL REVENUE 730

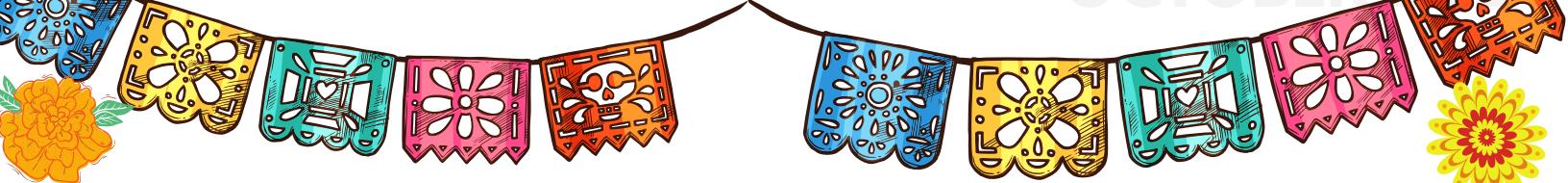


OCTOBER 2023

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.



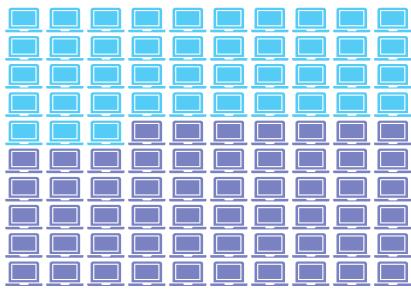
The patrons loved that the Pixar Animation Studios Movie Coco was playing in the background!

## 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.

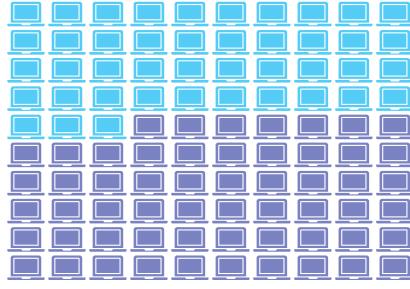


# COMPUTER LOGIN AVERAGES



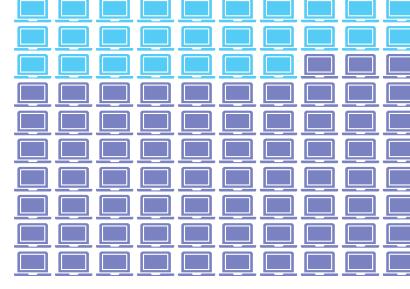
AUGUST 2023

■ UNIQUE LOGINS	98
■ LOGINS	251
■ TOTAL	394



SEPTEMBER 2023

■ UNIQUE LOGINS	77
■ LOGINS	175
■ TOTAL	252



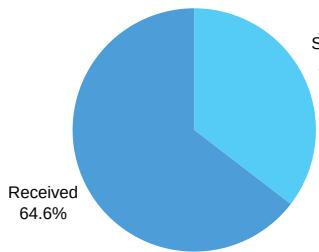
OCTOBER 2023

■ UNIQUE LOGINS	89
■ LOGINS	263
■ TOTAL	352

## COMPUTER LOGIN AVERAGES YEAR TO DATE TOTAL 352

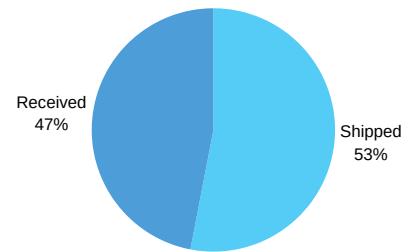
\*UNIQUE LOGINS CONSIST OF PATRONS THAT ARE NOT LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS USING LIBRARY COMPUTERS

# ILL COURIER STATISTICS



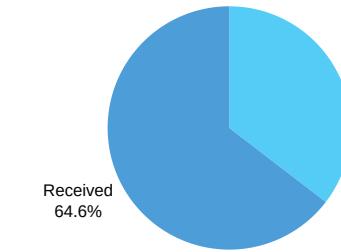
JULY 2023

■ SHIPPED	51
■ RECEIVED	93
■ TOTAL	144



AUGUST 2023

■ SHIPPED	105
■ RECEIVED	101
■ TOTAL	206

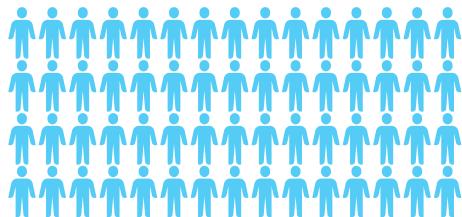


OCTOBER 2023

■ SHIPPED	85
■ RECEIVED	60
■ TOTAL	145

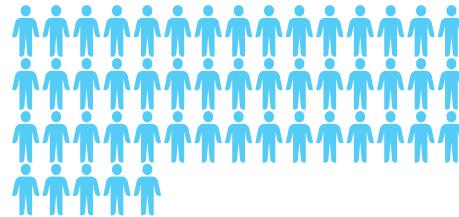
## ILL COURIER STATISTICS YEAR TO DATE TOTALS SHIPPED 85/ RECEIVED 60

# LIBRARY VISITS



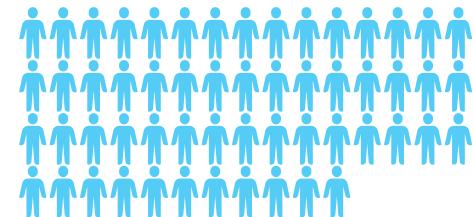
AUGUST 2023

DOOR COUNTER 2982



SEPTEMBER 2023

DOOR COUNTER 2528



OCTOBER 2023

DOOR COUNTER 2790



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**



SHIPPED **819**



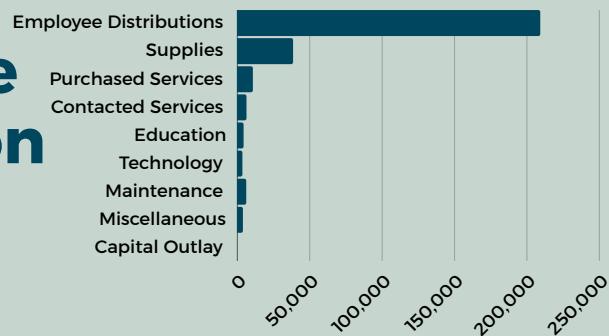
New Library  
cards issued  
**468**



Library  
cards  
renewed  
**621**

It cost  
**\$282,316**  
to run the Library  
in FY2023

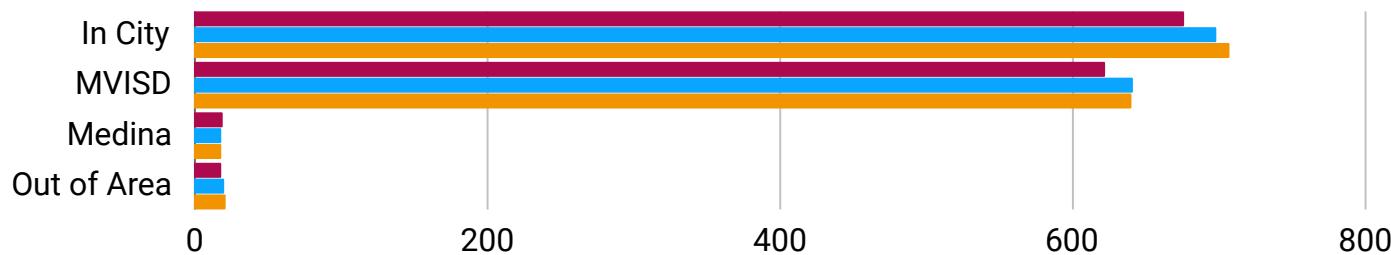
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spent it on



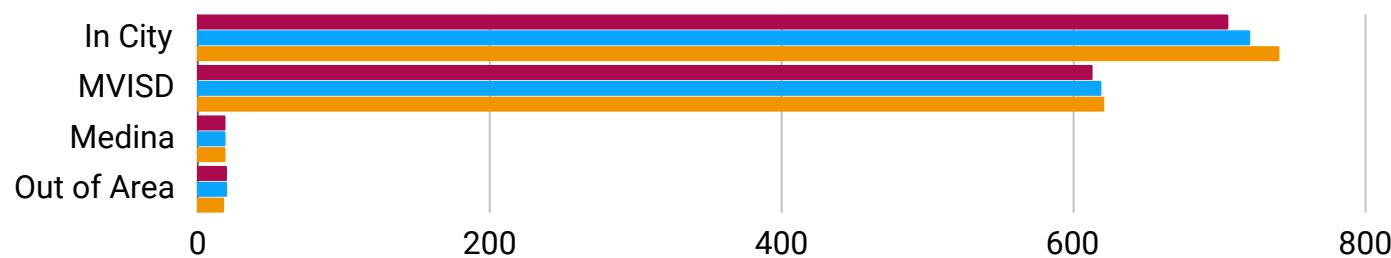
# IT WAS A GREAT YEAR AT THE LIBRARY



# MEMBER STATISTICS: ACTIVE ACCOUNTS BY QUARTER

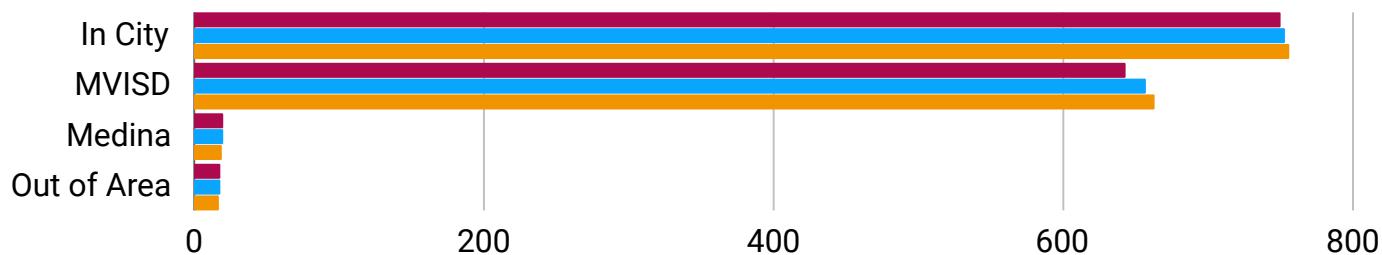


First Quarter	10-1-2022	11-1-2022	12-1-2022
In City	676	698	707
MVISD	622	641	640
Medina	19	18	18
Out of Area	18	20	21
City Staff	40	41	42
TexShare	29	29	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>1447</b>	<b>1457</b>

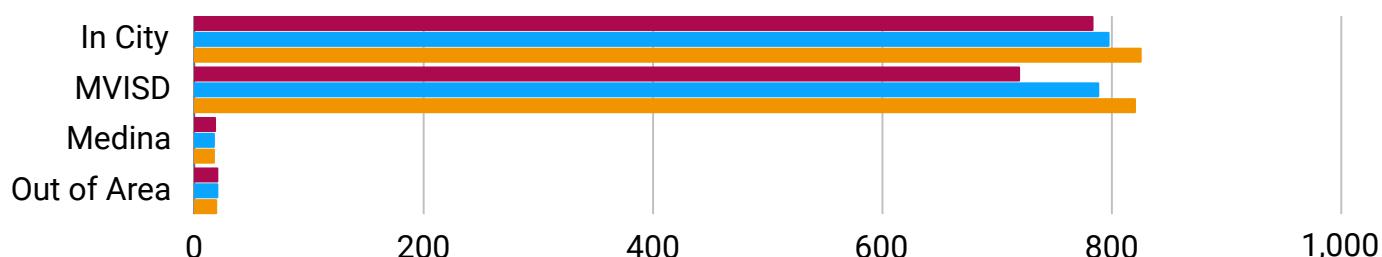


Second Quarter	1-1-2023	2-1-2023	3-1-2023
In City	706	721	741
MVISD	613	619	621
Medina	19	19	19
Out of Area	20	20	18
City Staff	41	42	43
TexShare	30	29	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>1450</b>	<b>1470</b>

# 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