

WEBSTER GROVES
PUBLIC LIBRARY



2024-2025

Annual Report



Annual Report Webster Groves Public Library July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025

Another year has come and gone at the Webster Groves Public Library. It is heartening to see how deeply the community continues to rely on and enjoy our services, resources, and programs. Regular visits, strong program attendance, and enthusiastic use of digital resources all demonstrate that the Library remains an essential part of daily life in Webster Groves.

Circulation has remained steady overall, with a continued uptick in OverDrive and Hoopla check-outs as more patrons embrace digital reading and streaming options.

This past year also marked a major milestone in our technical services. On October 17, 2024, we migrated to the new Missouri Evergreen Integrated Library System (ILS). This transition required months of data clean-up and preparation to ensure accurate migration of patron records and item information. Staff dedicated substantial time to training and updating internal workflows, while also assisting patrons as they adapted to the new catalog interface and account features. After a transition period, both staff and patrons have now settled comfortably into Missouri Evergreen. The benefits are already clear—a more cost-efficient ILS and access to a much larger consortium catalog, giving our patrons a wider range of materials and strengthening our daily operations.

Programming at the Library has continued to grow in both content and diversity. New educational and arts programs, expanded youth activities, and a variety of workshops and lifelong-learning opportunities have helped us better meet the needs of our community. Attendance has remained strong, and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We were also fortunate to strengthen community partnerships this year, working closely with organizations such as Webster Arts, Epworth, and Webster–Rock Hill Ministries to enrich our offerings and broaden our reach.


On the building front, we continued to face challenges with the HVAC system throughout the year, requiring frequent attention to maintain a comfortable environment. Ongoing issues with the roof also persist and will eventually require significant repair or replacement. Despite these concerns, the Library has remained fully open and committed to providing uninterrupted service. At the same time, we made several positive improvements to enhance the patron experience. New furniture and reconfigured layouts in both the reference area and the children's room have made these spaces more welcoming, functional, and better aligned with the needs of our community.

Passport services remain busy, the Art Gallery continues to bring beautiful and thought-provoking exhibits to our space, and patrons of all ages enjoy the wide range of resources and amenities we offer. Our meeting room has also been in regular use by local organizations, civic groups, and community members, highlighting the Library's role as a central hub for collaboration, learning, and connection.

Looking ahead, the Webster Groves Public Library will continue expanding our programming, strengthening community partnerships, and growing our collection and services. We remain committed to meeting the evolving needs of the Webster Groves community and to keeping the Library a vibrant, responsive, and inclusive institution for all.

The coming year holds many opportunities, and I am excited for what lies ahead.

Madison Morris, Director
Webster Groves Public Library



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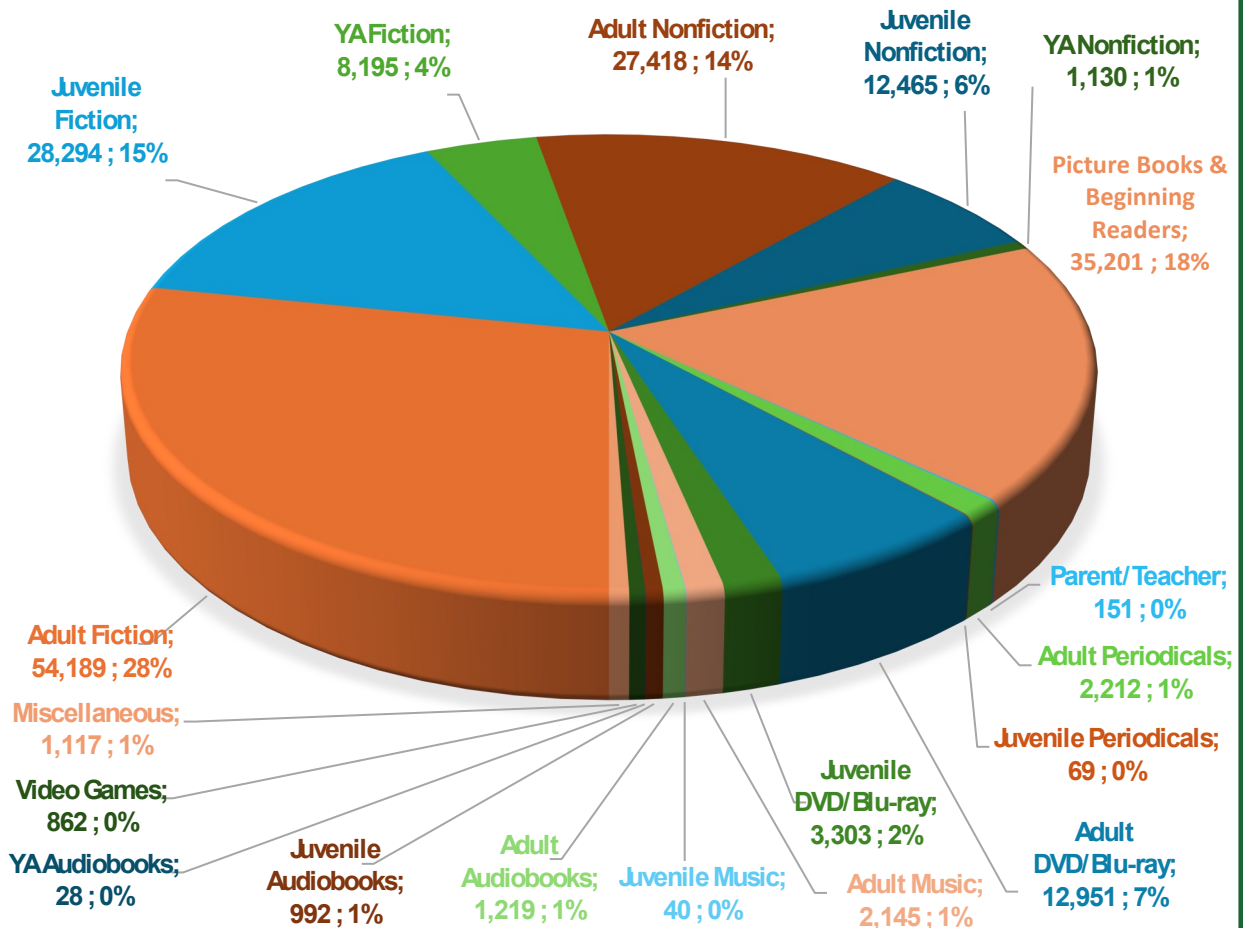
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Janey Worthington

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Library Statistics

CIRCULATION BY COLLECTION, JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025



NEW LIBRARY
CARDS ISSUED:

491

TOTAL NUMBER OF
REGISTERED USERS:

11,624

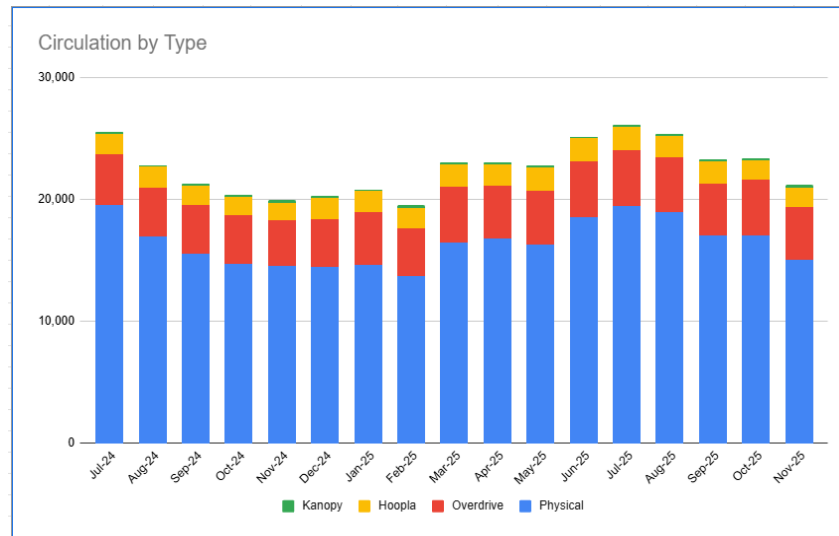


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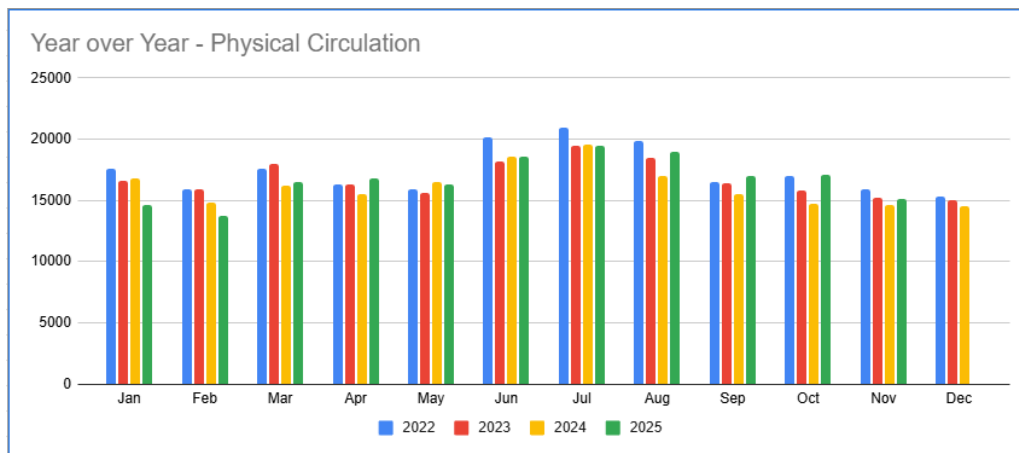
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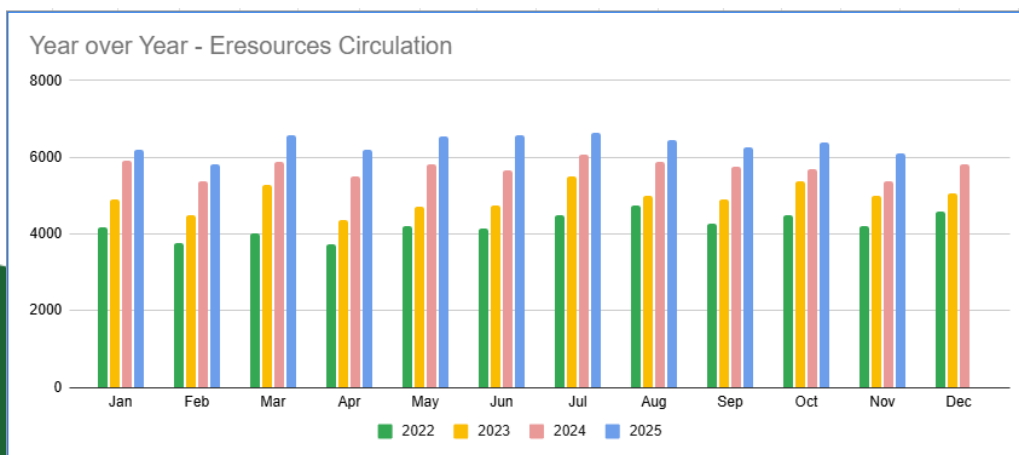
Circulation by Type



Year over Year—Physical Circulation



Year over Year—E-Resources Circulation



Adult Programs and Outreach

Programs Held: 75

Outreach Visits: 71

Program Attendance : 985

Homebound visits: 58

Art Gallery Exhibits

WGPL exhibit

Library Paint and Sip Creations

Webster Groves Historical Society

Galli Koenen

Women in Focus

Radine Bright

Webster Arts

St. Louis Colored Pencil Artist Group

Local Teens Display

John Cullen Murphy

Virtual Watercolor Artist Group



Meeting Room Use

Community/Outside Groups: 316

Library Staff Use : 137

Total Meeting Room Use : 359

Passports

Passports processed:

1,928

Youth Programs

Youth Programs Held:	185
Youth Program Attendance:	3,940
Teen Programs Held:	27
Teen Program Attendance:	331



Summer Reading 2024

Participants by Age Group	
Children:	433
Teens:	171
Adults:	187
TOTAL : 791	

 755,960 min	 1,474 books
Minutes Read by Children & Teens Combined	Books Read by Adults



Webster Groves Public Library
JUNE 1-AUGUST 10, 2024

Learn more about our summer events and activities by visiting the library, calling 314-961-3784 or at www.wgpl.org.

Summer Reading & Activity Program

June 1 10:00AM	Summer Reading Kick-off Party "Foam Gone Bananas!" → Library parking lot	July 13 2:00PM	Fire & Ice with Mad Science → Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Building
June 5 7:00PM	Growing a Butterfly Garden with the Butterfly House → Library meeting room	July 20 1:30PM	Up, Up AND AWAY with Mad Science → Library meeting room
Mondays June 6 - Aug 12 11:00AM	Summer Adventures at Ivory Crockett Park → Ivory Crockett Park	AUG 3 2:00PM	Fledge-Wings presented by the World Bird Sanctuary → Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Building
June 29 2:00PM	ANANSI the Spider tales performed by storyteller Bobby Norfolk → Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Building	AUG 10 2:00PM	End-of-Summer SNOW CONE PARTY → Outside at the Library

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library had a successful year. They continued their long-standing support of the summer reading program, the purchase of large print books and book club kits, and the Library's *BookPage* subscription for patrons.

The Friends also played a key role in several Library initiatives. They helped revamp the Reference Area by funding new furniture that created a more comfortable and functional space for studying, working, and research. They also supported a trial of NewsBank online resource add-ons and continued their popular support of the Hot Reads program, which remains a patron favorite.

Their annual book sale in October 2024 was well attended and successful in raising funds and strengthening community connections.

2025 also marks the 50th anniversary of the Friends—an extraordinary and appreciated milestone. The Friends remain an integral part of the Library's success, providing vital support, advocacy, and engagement that enhance the services we offer. We are deeply grateful for everything the Friends have contributed over the past 50 years and look forward to all we will accomplish together in the years ahead.

Webster Groves Public Library Summary Receipts and Disbursements - FRIENDS July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

FRIENDS SUPPORT:

LARGE PRINT ADULT	6,500.00	
HOT READS	2,488.97	
BOOK CLUB	793.20	
SUMMER READING PRO-	3,000.00	
REFERENCE - FURNI-	2,321.86	
REFERENCE - SUBSCRIP-	1,805.00	
SRP STAFF PRIZES	200.00	
TOTAL FRIENDS SUP-		17,109.03

DISBURSEMENTS FROM FRIENDS SUPPORT:

LARGE PRINT ADULT	6,500.00	
HOT READS	2,861.02	
BOOK CLUB	793.20	
SUMMER READING PRO-	3,000.00	
REFERENCE - FURNI-	1,321.86	
REFERENCE - SUBSCRIP-	1,805.00	
SRP STAFF PRIZES	75.00	
TOTAL FRIENDS DISBURSEMENTS		16,356.08

Webster Groves Public Library
DISBURSEMENTS
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

**Operating Funds/Checking
Account**

PAYROLL	669,796.70
FICA/MEDICARE/SUTA	52,568.83
HEALTH INSURANCE	101,353.78
PENSION	29,703.08
GROUP LIFE/DISABILITY INS.	2,274.36
WORKERS COMP. INS.	1,795.00
E-RESOURCES	84,411.63
BOOKS	76,259.00
REFERENCE MATERIALS	13,224.67
AUDIO	995.92
VIDEO	,319.64
SERIALS	8,196.39
LIBRARY OF THINGS	301.02
INTERLIBRARY LOAN	8,050.00
PHOTOCOPIER	7,801.36
ELECTRIC	27,387.96
GAS	5,594.88
SEWER	3,517.63
TELEPHONE	9,185.18
WATER	6,283.36
BUILDING SUPPLIES	4,198.53
CLERICAL SUPPLIES	10,332.75
POSTAGE	7,332.75
BUILDING & GROUNDS	66,764.01
CAPITAL PROJECTS	24,077.65
AUTOMATION	46,640.74
SECURITY	1,499.51
EQUIPMENT	742.27
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	44,969.19
INSURANCE (PROP/ LIABILITY)	21,020.00
CONFERENCE/MEETINGS/ STAFF DEV.	134.21
MILEAGE	930.15
DUES	484.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	14,146.57
SUBTOTAL	1,358,292.72
GRANTS	8,861.15
REFUNDS	114.99
FRIENDS	14,356.08
STAFF ORDERS	3,657.93
PATRON GIFTS	507.17

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1,385,790.04

Webster Groves Public Library
SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Operating Funds/Checking Account

USBANK Operations/Checking Account as of JUNE 30, 2024 **1,158,410.36**

RECEIPTS:

TAXES 1,785,806.65

MISSOURI STATE AID
STATE OF MISSOURI A&E
AND GRANTS 43,446.90

FRIENDS SUPPORT 17,109.03

COUNTER RECEIPTS:

GIFTS/FINES/
PAID MATERI- 7,172.05

COPIES/BOOK 7,317.05

PASSPORTS AND 68,354.56

INSURANCE 25,560.46

STAFF/MISC. RE-
IMBURSMENT 3,433.62

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1,958,200.32

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (1,385,790.04)

TAXES TRANSFERRED TO DEBT SERVICE (518,940.78)

MONIES TRANSFERRED TO INVESTMENT ACCOUNT (738,595.07)

FRAUD CHECKS (9,111.20)

CREDIT CARD CLEARING DIFFERENCE 2,063.51

USBANK Operations/Checking Account as of JUNE 30, 2025 **466,237.10**