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Metropolitan Library System

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

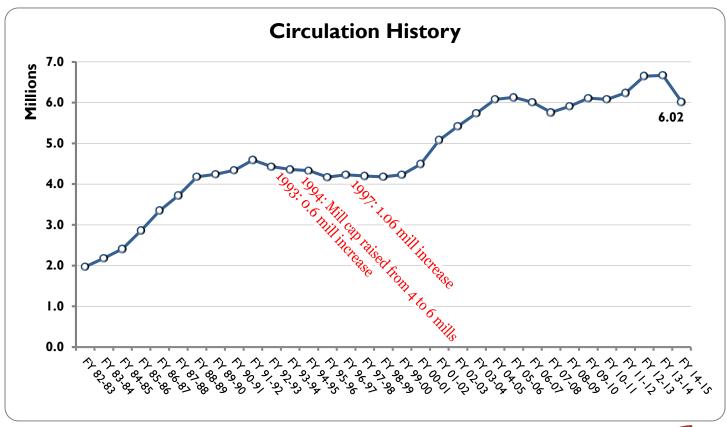
The Annual Statistical Report is a fixture of The Metropolitan Library System's yearly reporting practices. The Planning Department begins the process at the close of each fiscal year by gathering the past year's data. This information is first used to complete a report for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL). The ODL report, typically due in early October, is one of the requirements for The Library to be eligible for state aid in the coming year (\$281,497 in FY14-15). It is also an important resource for completing the many other annual surveys and reports, including this one, that are submitted to various agencies and organizations thereafter.

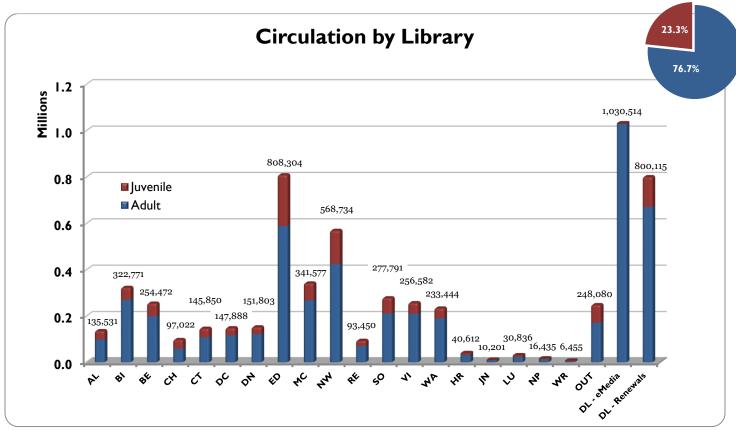
The Annual Statistical Report is intended to provide a fiscal year summary to the staff and Commission and to serve as a record for reference in future years. Some elements of this report vary from year to year, but where possible, numbers are placed in historical context to illustrate multi-year trends. These trends are the result of a combination of factors that can be broadly classified as either stemming from library policies and available resources or as the effects of larger social, demographic, and/or technological developments.

The 2014-2015 fiscal year brought changes in library policies, procedures, software, processes, and the organization of the system itself. Each of these changes represented a step out of the past and into the future. Similarly, these departures resulted in shifts to the way underlying data were defined, collected, and compared by legacy and newly adopted systems. Therefore, in this report staff have chosen to primarily focus on establishing new baselines for future comparisons.

Finally, as library staff continue to promote controlled and sustainable growth, there are considerations, such as maintaining a current and diverse collection, which take precedence over maximizing circulation or other numbers. Therefore, while reading this report, it is important to regard the results presented as a balancing of the resources used to fulfill our mission of growing smarter communities one person at a time.

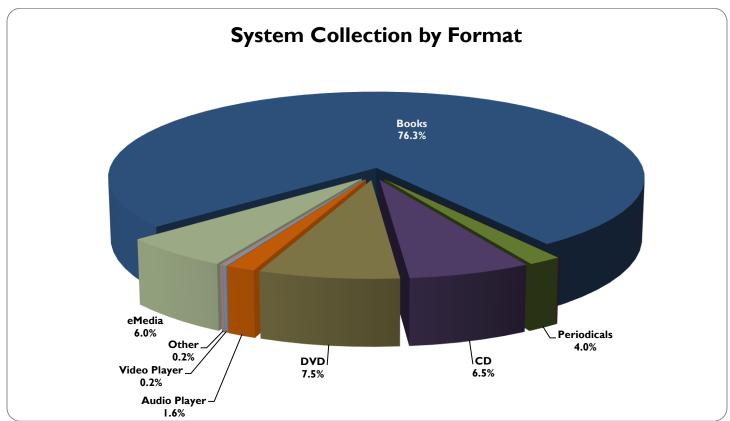
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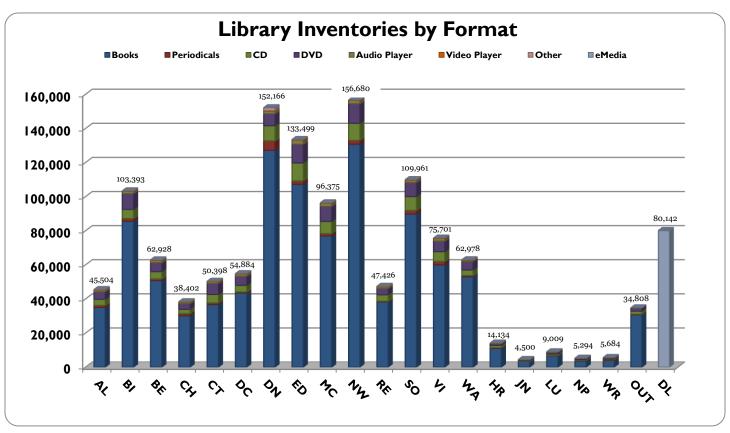


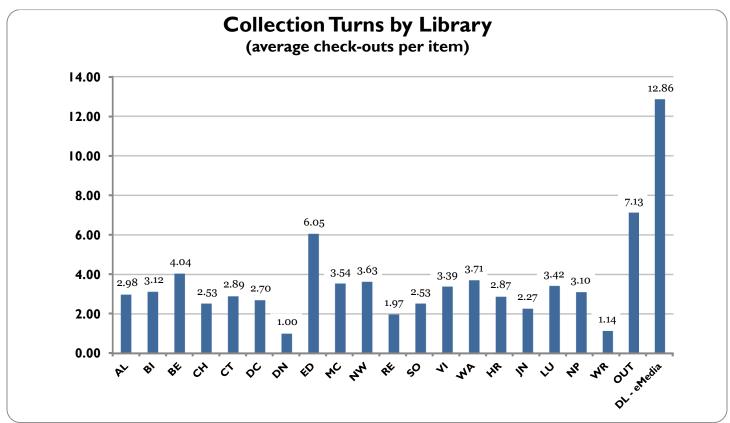
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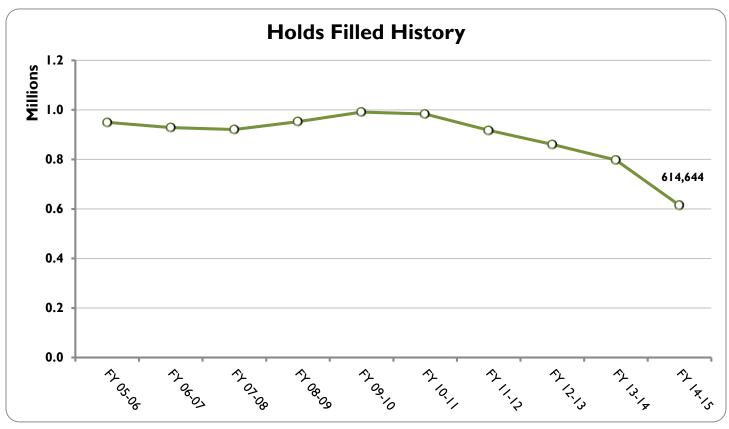


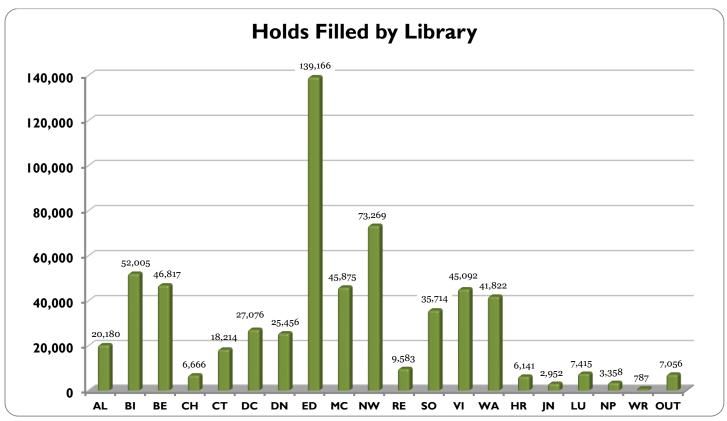
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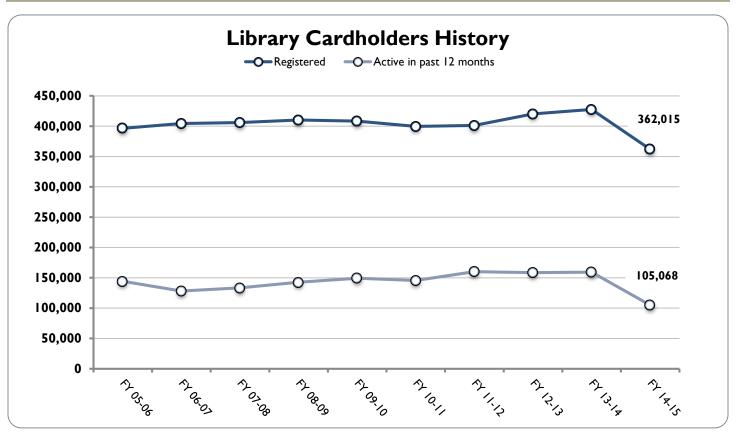


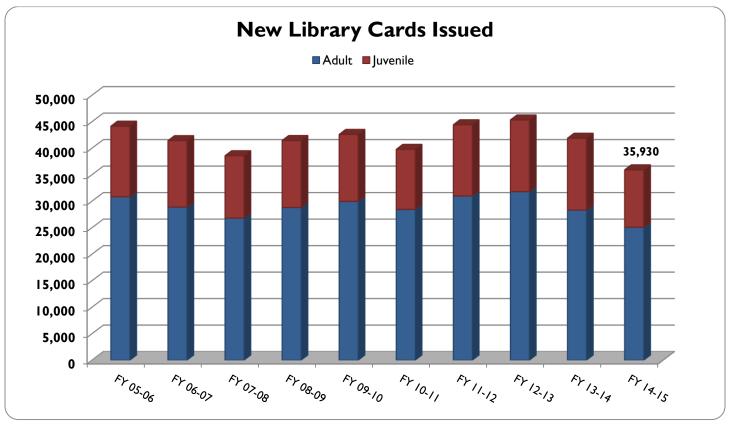
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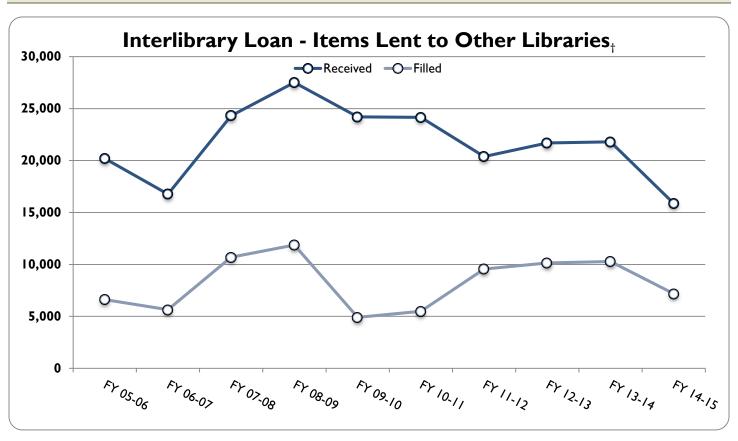


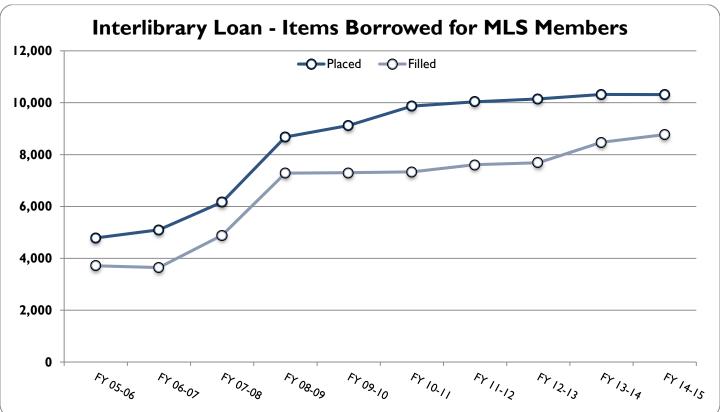
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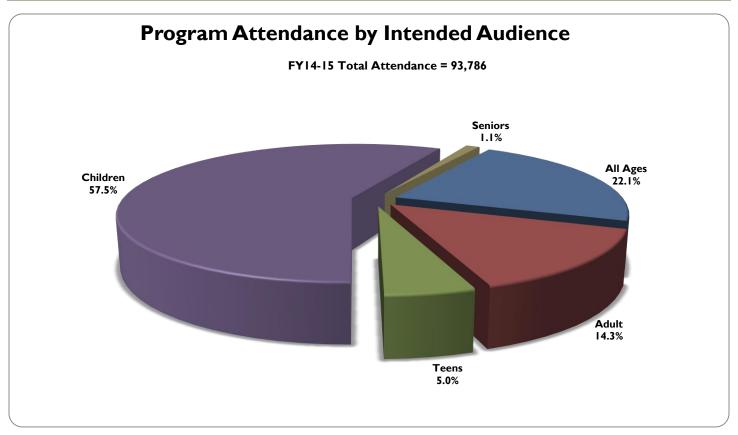


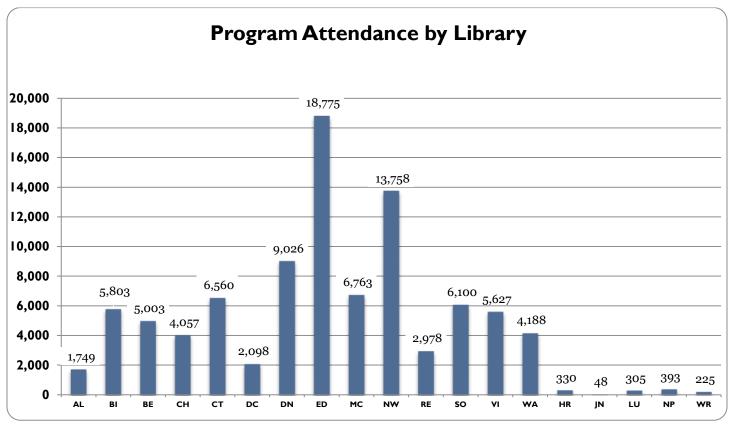


†ODL's Agent ILL system was discontinued in 2009, which eliminated many duplicate requests. ILL lending was also suspended for two months during the move to the service center.

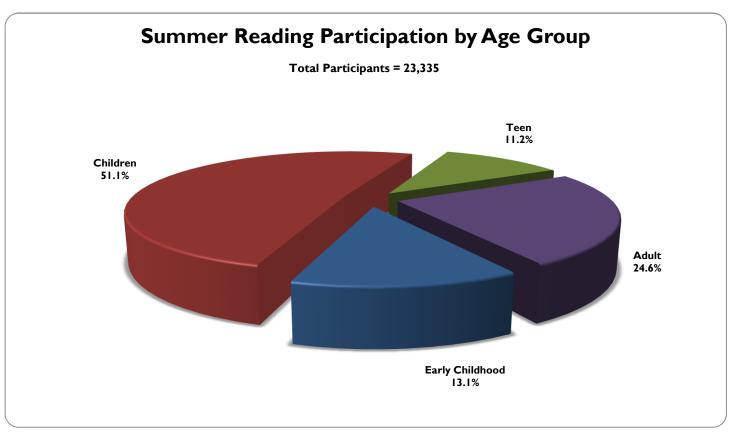
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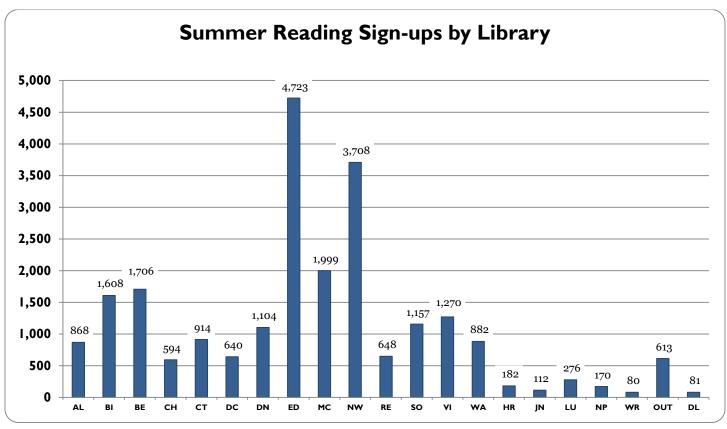
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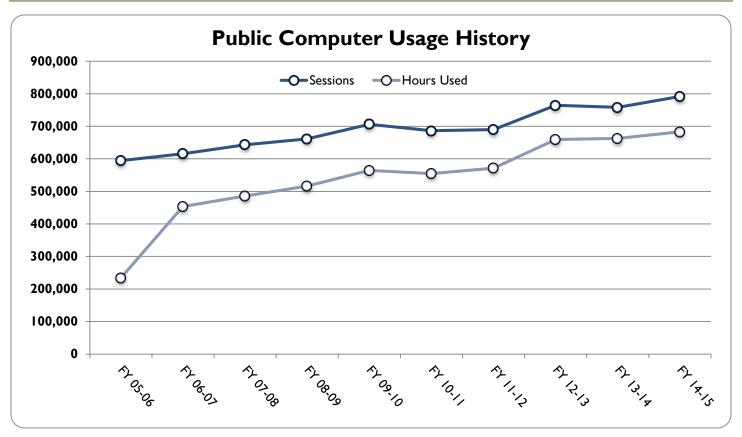


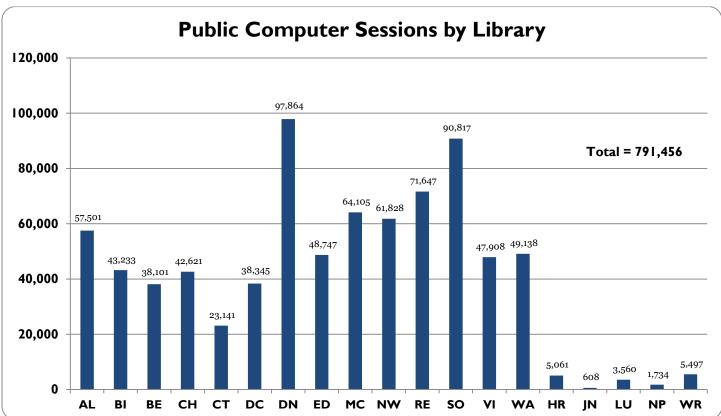
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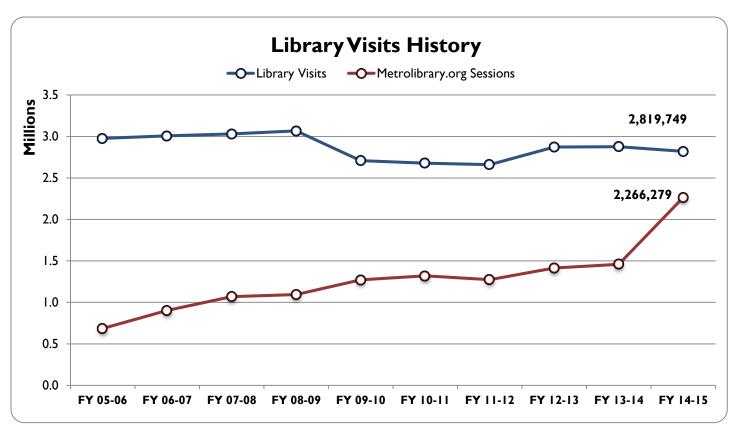
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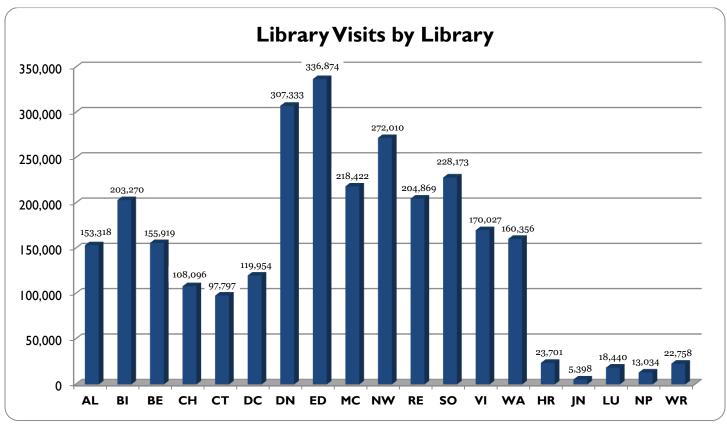




[†] Public computer usage does not reflect usage of children's computers.

LIBRARY VISITS





CONCLUSION

The Metropolitan Library System continues to expand in its ability to facilitate the free flow of information and ideas in new and exciting ways. Facilities improvements, increased materials holdings and additional media content continue to represent a few of the many ongoing projects designed to provide increased value to our community now and for years to come.

The launch of the Carl•X integrated library system exemplifies the magnitude of the many undertakings that have reshaped the way in which the Metropolitan Library System serves the community. Usage of library materials and services during the 2014-2015 fiscal year are due in part to transformations such as this. Software functionality has an effect on daily operations as well as library policy. Given the scope of change required to implement the many software migrations taking place during the last fiscal year, these necessary modifications have affected the comparability of data from new and legacy systems. Therefore, it is difficult within this context to distinguish between real and apparent differences in demand for associated materials and services.

Data collected during the 2014-2015 fiscal year continue to demonstrate the commitment held by the Metropolitan Library System to innovation and adaptability in providing library services to the citizens of Oklahoma County. System-wide circulation totaled 6,018,467 items borrowed or renewed, a quantity equivalent to 7.85 transactions for each resident of Oklahoma County.

The eMedia collection continues to grow in popularity, with circulation at the Digital Library increasing by 25.1% to 899,552 transactions during FY15.

Additionally, Summer Reading participation increased overall by 9.1% in 2015 or 1,939 participants, due to an 11.0% increase in children's participation and a 24.6% increase for adults, or 1,181 and 1,134 participants, respectively.

Finally, FY2014-2015 in-library computer use totaled 791,456 sessions or 683,081 hours systemwide, a length of time equivalent to more than 77 years of continuous processing, while maintaining a system-wide average wait time of less than 5 minutes.

As has been clearly demonstrated through data collected during fiscal year 2014-2015, the Metropolitan Library System continues to provide library services to the citizens of Oklahoma County in the variety of ways and formats in which they prefer. In the coming years, the Metropolitan Library System will continue to upgrade and expand its facilities, materials, and services in order to grow alongside the evolving needs of our community.

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