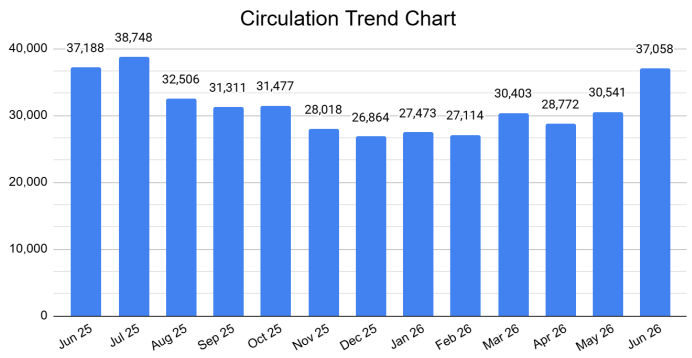
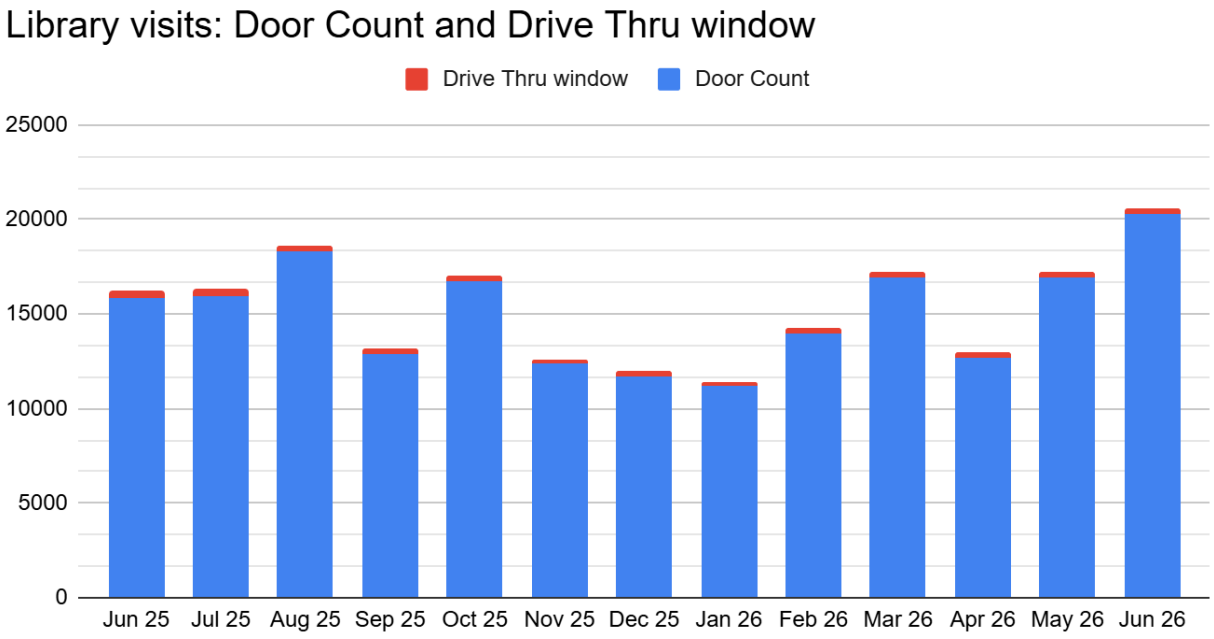
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Monthly Report – June 2026 Activities

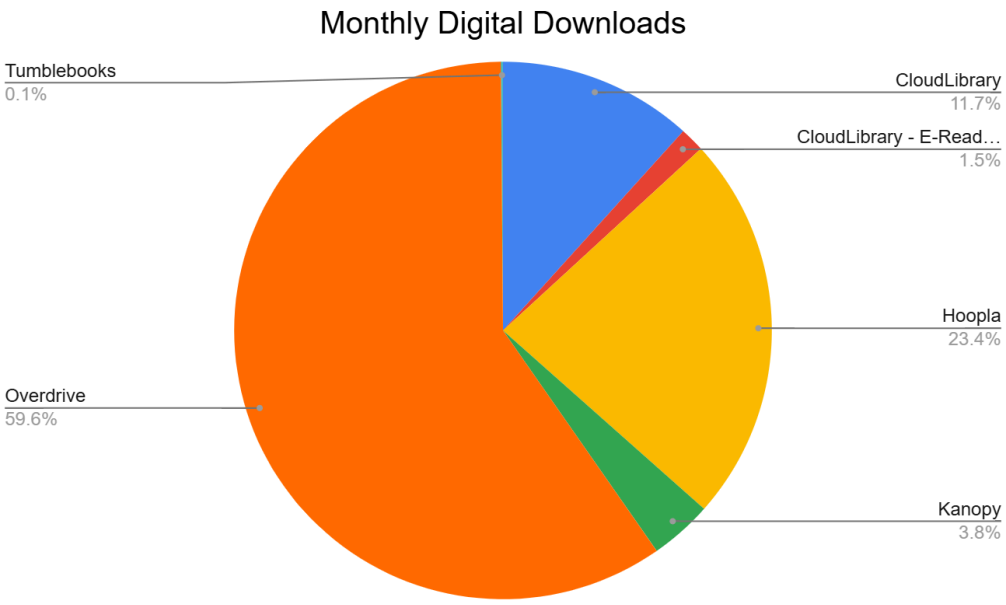
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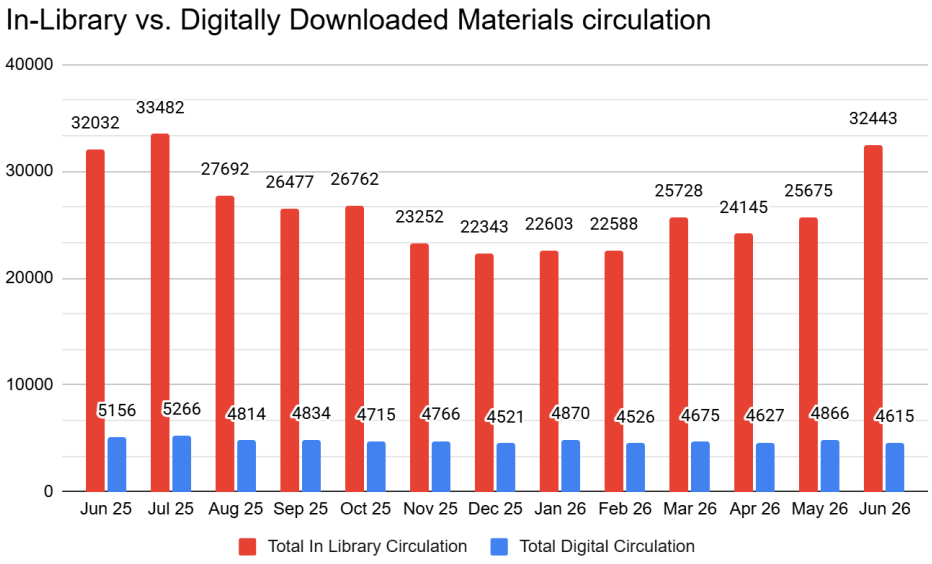
- Number of Visitors to the Library: 20,596
- Total Items Circulated: 37,058
- New Cards Issued: 380
- Number of Active Cardholders: 9,744
- Total Volunteers: 186
- Total Volunteer Hours: 1,346
- Patron Internet Use: 1,592
- Collection Size: 64,146



	Jun 25	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26
Door Count	15882	15958	18292	12860	16687	12376	11730	11178	13970	16907	12733	16960	20311
Drive Thru window	314	334	315	353	316	246	241	262	253	291	289	251	285







Programming and Outreach

Adult Programs (Maizie Valdez, Beth Wolfe)



Adult Programs in June began the busy summer season with a mix of returning favorites and new offerings. The Rain Bees came back with their Water Conservation series, John Coers from the Comal County Historical Commission educated patrons on the geology, paleontology, and archaeology beneath Canyon Lake, and Crafty Tuesday for Adults returned with a new line-up of crafts. Cooking with Javier returned for one afternoon only as Mocktails with Javier, presenting non-alcoholic recipes for summer celebrations. We also tested out new game programming with

Board Game Night and LEGO for Grownups, and collaborated with Youth Services on a Rapid Team Trivia night.



Patrons also enjoyed Introduction to Origami, which was offered as a standalone class this month and may reappear in the Fall. Chair Yoga and Slow Flow Yoga also drew a number of participants new to yoga at the library. During the summer, though, adults welcome the opportunity to craft, an activity patrons mentioned is usually reserved for their children and grandchildren. This observation prompted us to add more crafting for adults into our Fall schedule.



The fine arts maintained their customary place in our schedule as well. Our adult art classes, including Acrylics, Watercolor, and Artistic Encounters, are always well-attended. The Hill Country Plein Air Painters displayed their work in our Artist Hallway and hosted a reception where patrons met the artists.

As we move into July, our upcoming programming highlights include a Constitution Crash Course, just in time for the 250th anniversary of the United States; a lecture on Rockhounding in Mexico; the return of the July Dance Series; crochet classes; ESL conversation; and shark-themed arts and crafts.

Youth Programs (Ben Gonzalez, Emma Ramos, Kansas Terry)

We started the month of June off with a ROAR! at our summer reading kick off on Saturday, June 6th with 826 people in attendance to register for the summer reading program, collect their t-shirts, play games and create their own pasta-saurus!



Children's: Children's programming has been in full swing since we resumed for the summer with both our normal programming picking back up (but with more people!) and new programs introduced by both Ben and Kansas! Ben started Young Explorers Club on Monday afternoons where he reads a book about someone who made an important

discovery, invented something cool, or an explorer and then he and the attendees participate in an activity related to the person and their “discovery.” It has had full registration every week for both sessions and rave reviews from the kids and grown-ups in attendance! Some of the explorers covered in June include Mary Anning and Jacques Cousteau so the activities ranged from fossils to fishing.



Kansas introduced a new program for the summer called Nature Quest where she is encouraging kids to explore different aspects of nature through nature based activities that one wouldn’t normally think of or do on their own! This program is another one that spots fill up immediately and the kids (and grown-ups!) clamoring to get in and find out what we’ll learn about each week! The first week we made our very own wormeries and learned all about how worms live underground and some of the special features worms have that humans don’t. Another week, we decorated tote bags by collecting flowers (carefully) from around the property and using the nature dyes within the plans to make imprints!



We also hosted a family program on Saturday, June 27th called “Dino-Mite Family Bash” where we encouraged families with kids of all ages to come in on a Saturday afternoon to participate in various fun dinosaur themed activities. We had 125 people attend in just one hour!





Teens: We have brought back our Teen Tuesday craft program this summer! In the month of June we decorated the teen room window, colored book pages, played board games, and battled it out in team trivia. Teen movie night is also happening this summer, and the teens have enjoyed getting out of the Texas heat to watch a movie with their friends. Mr. Ben also hosted Manga Book Club in June, where they played fun games related to the book.





We have over 80 active teen volunteers participating in our summer volunteer program! Not only do they help distribute summer reading prizes at the beanstack table, but they also assist the youth services team during

programs.They have been such a help to the youth services team, we could not do the summer library program without them!

Makerspace (Marc Dunlap, Lindy Hargrave)






Hello Summer Makerspace Camps! We ran our first installment of Embroidery Camp using the new embroidery machine and add-on to Inkscape to create custom embroidered patches. The few patrons who attended seemed excited, but have yet to return and make a patch. The second installment in July shows more promise. Conversely, the first installment of the [Maker] Space Camp held 8 students–moslty parents and their teens which is a fun group to teach. While it's a lot of work to prepare for and set-up, the patrons seem to enjoy the projects and learn a lot. In keeping with our summer theme we got to 3D print a “stego-storage” for their USB drives.

Marc also ran a first ever CNC and Thread camp exploring an introductory project for the CNC machine and software. Patrons then used colorful thread through their wooden milled pieces to make abstract art!

Speaking of art, Marc, Gina, Lindy and Alisia have been working on completing the giant wall clock showcasing Makerspace capabilities. Specifically, we are wrapping up the coup de gras– the number 12 shadow box replicating the famous Sesame Street pinball counting song and video. If you remember it, you’re welcome for the delightfully nostalgic earworm.

Outreach (Javier Gonzalez, Gina Mejia)

In June, the Outreach Department directly engaged with 407 patrons throughout the library district via pop-ups, school visits, homebound deliveries and community events. Highlights for this month include weekly visits to Arlon Seay Elementary and Movies in the Park. Javier and Kansas prepared storytime and activities for Arlon Seay’s ESL summer program. We had a total of 70 students for each visit! Javier also hosted a pop-up library at Bulverde Community Park the evening of Movies in the Park. The

weather was in full cooperation this time around for families to come by and watch Disney/Pixar's Elio! Kids enjoyed some sensory activities, Elio coloring pages and crafts.

Book Club: This month, Books & Bites Book Club read ***The Secret, Book & Scone Society*** by Ellery Adams. In this first volume of the series, four emotionally scarred women in a small North Carolina town form an amateur investigative club to solve a suspicious murder. By sharing their darkest secrets, they build a deep sisterhood that helps them expose local corruption and heal their own past trauma. Readers enjoyed the book and had a lively discussion led by Gina.

Adult Outreach: Gina and Javier delivered a total of 52 books this month to homebound patrons at Highlander Senior Village and 2 residences.

Youth Outreach: We hosted a total of 5 pop-up libraries this month with a total attendance of about 187 children and adults! Javier also visited the Sanctuary of Hope campus this month to lead a storytime and sensory activity.






Collections

Adults (Kristin Bowman)

We loaned 4 items to and borrowed 70 items from other libraries in the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system. We worked one-on-one with 7 members to teach them how to use our electronic resources. This month I weeded the audiobooks and in July I will focus on inventorying the audiobooks. One adult was emailed a personalized reading list in June. We are continuing to fix the series information in the catalog while Alisa is adding the series info to the spines. I also moved the local author section to the end of Texana, and the Spanish collection to the display shelves by the information desk to make space for the Library of Things.

Youth (Martina Spangrud, Kansas Terry)

Children's: We fulfilled 17 requests for juvenile materials in the month of June. Kellie and Kansas continue to make progress on removing materials from the juvenile collection that are in poor condition/extreme disrepair while reordering copies of these materials that are still popular. Emma also placed a large Vox book order before her departure and Ben has been working diligently to get these books into circulation as quickly as possible. The VFW Women's Auxiliary also donated a number of different books in honor of America's 250th birthday and Flag Day that are now a part of the juvenile collection.

YA: We fulfilled 2 requests for YA materials in June. Our relabelling and genrefying project is still going strong and we've made it a quarter of the way through the collection! We're very grateful for our processing team for all of their hard work.

Digital (Martina Spangrud)

Programming: In June, two Senior Planet classes, *Tips for Being News Savvy Online* and *Is That AI?*, were held, with two attendees each. Three additional classes were scheduled and cancelled due to no registrations. New promotional language is being developed for Senior Planet to broaden its appeal and emphasize technology education for all adults, rather than focusing primarily on older adults.

Library Catalog: Multiple updates were made to the library catalog to improve patron discovery and the overall user experience. Hoopla records are now visible and searchable in the catalog (excluding BingePasses), and the MFPL logo was added to the catalog crawl. "E-Read Texas" was added to one of the two CloudLibrary media

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Hoopla Music: Harold And Maude [Original Motion Picture Soundtrack / Deluxe]

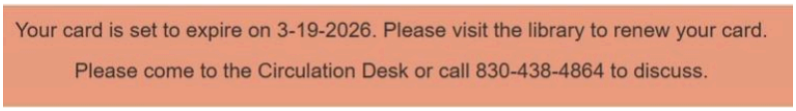
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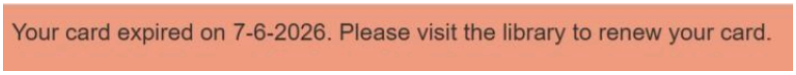
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types to distinguish which collection a record belongs to. Lastly, library card expiration notices were revised to clarify the renewal process.

OLD:



NEW:



A tertiary member type was enabled, and a new material type was added to support the continued growth of the Library of Things collection.

We deleted items for the following reasons:

- Weeded: 836
- Vanished: 0 (due to inventory)
- Lost and Unpaid For: 37 (sent to collections)
- Lost and Paid For: 9
- Claim Never Had: 0
- Claims Returned: 0

Marketing and Public Relations

(Hanna Tamez)

This month was all about Summer! Social media and email marketing focused on special summer programs and the reading challenge on Beanstack!

Digital Signage: This month the digital monitors around the library got a little bit of a redo! Our daily screen in the lobby now more clearly indicates when a program requires registration, and is now divided into two slides every day. One slide shares all youth programs, and one shares adult programs. These slides change every 15 seconds, enough time to read the screen but not too long that it feels like an eternity for it to change if you are waiting to see the other one.

External Marketing: Unfortunately, the BeLocal magazine we were set to advertise in beginning in June has been cancelled. To replace this I will be looking for other marketing avenues to better reach new residents of the area. Beginning in June, we also began advertising monthly in the Bulverde Spring Branch Highlights magazine. A monthly article is also published in Front Porch News each month.

Print Materials: I met with Montana and Martina to update the Digital Resource brochure prior to ordering more. We added indicators for if an app is available for that resource, removed Boundless, and specified E-Read Texas with CloudLibrary. These

brochures have been ordered and should be arriving in early July. With our in house large format printer no longer available I have been exploring other options for large print jobs. Based on my research and pricing quotes, it will vary where we order from depending on the item and the material we are wanting to print on.

Library Signage: This month, with the assistance of Rob and Warren, we were able to install new signage around the library property. This included new parking signs by the book drops, signage on the book drop, signs on the gate with exit instructions, and new hours on both the main front entrance door and the rear patio doors. Unfortunately we will have to reinstall this signage in July as it was taken down by an individual, thankfully none of the signage was damaged beyond repair and we will not have to order any replacement signs. In July I will be working with Kristin to replace some of the signs above the stacks and finding a better solution for on top of the carousels with new DVDs and Audiobooks; and with Rob to replace signage on the staff only building entrances.

Technology

(Marc Dunlap, Rob Lerner)

Tech Help Highlights: Despite the fluctuating temperatures, towards the end of the month, we saw a significant increase in PAC usage. Printers have been running smoothly, yet we still get a patron or two who remember the “old” system and/or talk about when the printers were over in the Reading Room…

One-on-One Tech-Help: Unfortunately, this month seemed a bit “hit-or-miss” – while most sessions were booked, and even a few waitlisted, there were quite a number of no-shows. I was able to reach out to several on the waiting list(s) and arrange for other session times they were agreeable to. Those that did come had a wide variety of questions/issues.

A standout visit was with an older gentleman who came in thinking he had “killed” his phone, to find out that he just hadn’t put back in the SIM card, and after we figured that out, we got him set up on Libby! Facebook seems to be on a few people’s minds these days, and in particular, wanting to know how to set up a FB-group. There are some obvious learning curves here, but a couple of patrons got the hang of it.

Technology: June’s rainy weather was a blessing and a curse. The Library got over 5 inches of rain, which the plants loved, but all the lightning wreaked havoc with the building’s electrical systems. We had multiple brownouts, short drops in voltage, that caused some systems to shut down and scramble others. A lot of these happened overnight, so when we would come into the library the only evidence was some of our computers would be off. The major issues were it created problems with the lighting and HVAC controls. We had to have Comfort Systems and Roman Electric out multiple

times to troubleshoot the issues. Unfortunately, there is not a lot we can do but hope PEC can fix whatever is causing the problem.

We did solve one long running problem in June. Our water feature in the Butterfly Garden had to have the pump replaced for the third time in 6 years. That is an abnormally high rate of replacement for water pumps. The issue was the original sump design led to a buildup of heavy muck around the pump, and even with frequent cleaning and water treatment, it would cause the pump to burn out. We asked Star State Plumbing to help us with a redesign and what they came up with is much cleaner and easier to access. While it now has a slower flow the water looks and smells better.

Facilities

(Warren Pichon)

Study Room Use: 780

Public Meeting Room Use: 178

- Cleaned drive up windows
- Treated Septic System with two gallons of bleach
- Treated Data Closet drip pan “Pan-Treat” tablet
- Daily walk around and pick up trash around property
- Cleaned 24 hour book drop boxes and book lockers
- Helped hang monthly quilts in reading room
- Rob and I put signs up at main and lower gates to assist exit and entrances
- Rob and I put sign up for 24 hour book drop location
- Comfort Systems worked on chiller on the 11th,15th, and 22nd of this month
- Roger with Roman Electric fixed light and replaced ballast in Lactation room
- HomeTeam Pest Defense treated in and outside the library
- Star State Plumbing redesigned water feature pump system
- Chabelo trimmed trees and hedges, weeded and cut grass on property
- Mark replaced water filter in the Lobby water fountain
- Master gardeners and Naturalists weeded and planted in butterfly garden
- Lindheimer Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas maintained handicap walkway garden

Administration

(Sophia Bard, Montana Rindahl)

June was a doozy! Between policy updates, HVAC repairs, the beginning of summer reading, and the departure of Emma from our Youth Services team, we stayed busy!! Montana spent most of June supporting the (mostly new) Programming Team, as well as updating and posting the job description for Youth Services. We will be hiring a Youth Services Specialist to join Ben and Kansas.