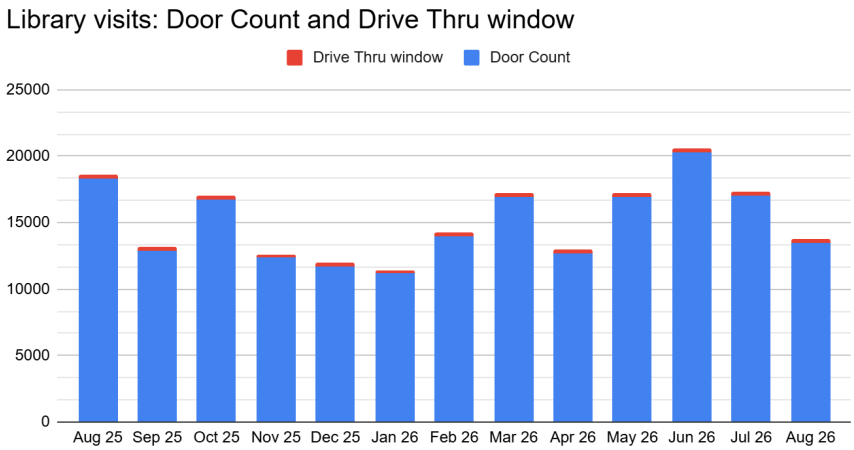
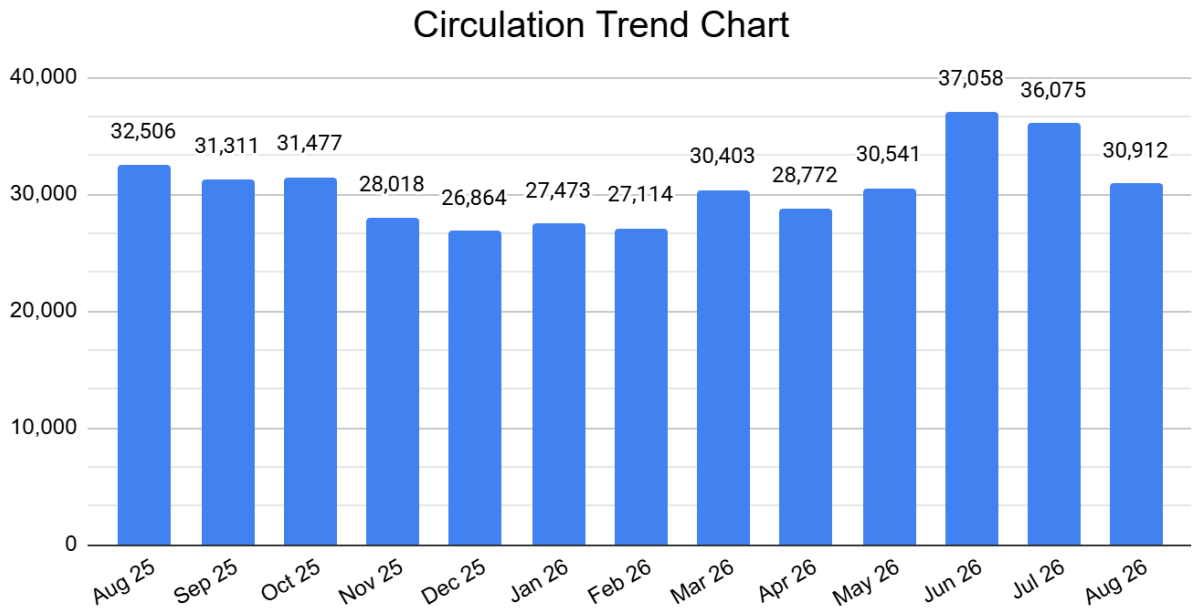
Mammen Family Public Library
Monthly Report – August 2026 Activities

Circulation Team Report

- Number of Visitors to the Library: 13,742
- Total Items Circulated: 30,912
- New Cards Issued: 248
- Number of Active Cardholders: 9,726
- Total Volunteers: 89
- Total Volunteer Hours: 560
- Patron Internet Use: 1,545
- Collection Size: 63,465



	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26
Door Count	18292	12860	16687	12376	11730	11178	13970	16907	12733	16960	20311	17054	13456.5
Drive Thru window	315	353	316	246	241	262	253	291	289	251	285	313	286



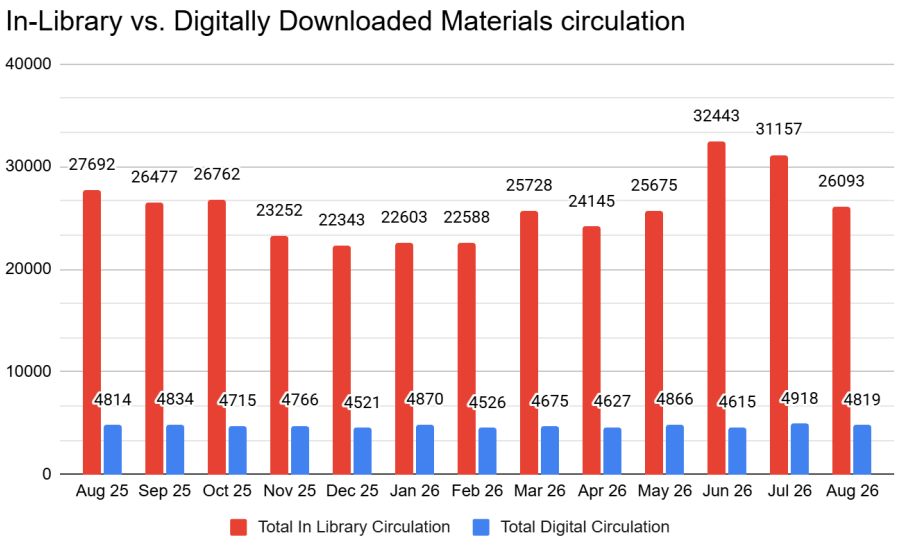
Programming and Outreach

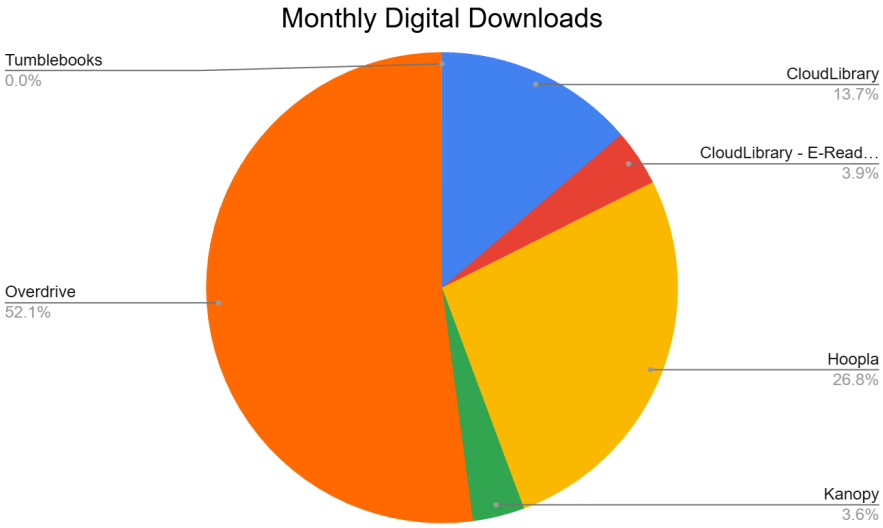
Adult Programs

(Maizie Valdez, Beth Wolfe)

August was another active month of adult programming at the library, with a diverse range of educational, supportive, and recreational opportunities for community members of a wide variety of ages.

The Summer Water Conservation Series is coming to a close. In August, the series welcomed 71 attendees in total and provided community members with practical information and opportunities to learn more about the natural world around us.





We were pleased to continue our American History programming with Richard Caldecott, who returned to present Amendments August. Over three programs, he explored the Amendments through a legal lens. We are grateful that Richard was willing to continue sharing his knowledge and expertise with our community.



The library also hosted the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for an important program designed for parents and caregivers of teens. The program focused on recognizing signs that a teen may be struggling and providing guidance on how adults can offer support. We appreciate the

opportunity to bring this valuable community resource to the library and provide families with information that can help them better support the young people in their lives.

Mahjong continues to grow in popularity at the library! Due to the enthusiastic response from the community, we have expanded Mahjong Monday to two sessions. Participants can now choose between American-style Mahjong in the morning and Hong Kong-style Mahjong in the afternoon. The program has become a wonderful opportunity for community members to learn, play, socialize, and build connections.



Our MineCRAFT and LEGO programs offered adults a chance to reconnect with their inner child and embrace a little whimsy! These programs, alongside our other Creative Studios programs demonstrate that the library can provide opportunities not only for learning, but also for creativity, play, relaxation, and social connection. Both programs helped create a welcoming environment where adults could step away from their everyday routines and simply have fun.



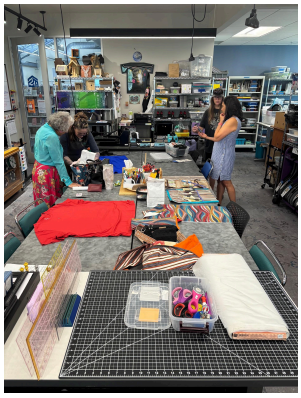
Youth Programs (Ben Gonzalez, Briana Gonzalez, Kansas Terry)

Children's: At the start of the month, we wrapped up our Summer Library Program with Library Minigolf, which drew over 260 attendees! The rest of August was primarily focused on resetting and re-organizing for the fall semester with the help of some stellar teen volunteers, who made our August programming break especially productive. The only other program we hosted was our art showcase, which gave families a chance to view their children's work from the library's Art for Kids program. Their work stayed on display in the artist hallway for the whole month!

Teens: To celebrate the end of the summer teen volunteer program, we had an appreciation party at the beginning of August! The teens had the special opportunity to be in the library after hours and play Capture the Flag, eat pizza,and make crafts. We wanted to celebrate their hard work, because we couldn't have had a successful summer reading program without them. We finished off the summer with 71 active volunteers who together earned a total of 1,323 hours!

Makerspace (Marc Dunlap, Lindy Hargrave)

We took a programming break in August to regroup and reorganize! The Makerspace is a whole new room now, housing crafting supplies from around the library in one shared space. It was a lot of work, but the space looks and feels more like a creative studio. We have been working with the Adult Programming and Youth Services teams all summer to reimagine how we present creative programming as a whole–an exciting new venture for the arts supported by the library.



Due to the programming break, Gina's following of seamstresses revolted and we added more Open Fiber Arts times to keep the peace. We also continued to hold Open Maker Hours and had a few neat projects come through. One patron introduced us to Aviva Wholesale in San Antonio where she found a better option for sublimating onto dark fabrics without sacrificing breathability. We love learning new things from patrons!

Outreach (Javier Gonzalez, Gina Mejia)



In August, the Outreach Department directly engaged with 410 patrons throughout the library district via pop-ups, homebound deliveries and community events. With the Summer Library Program wrapping up in early August, Outreach kept busy with continued pop-ups and special community events throughout the month. Ben, Javier and Hanna represented the library at this year's Comal U conference for educators in Comal ISD. The three-day conference took place at Davenport High School located in the Garden Ridge area. Our team met with about 90 educators and provided them information about library services/programs in addition to some fun giveaways. This event was a great opportunity for our library staff to meet directly with faculty from potential school partners! Javier also organized the Outreach work area and made a new 8-legged friend!







Book Club: This month, Books & Bites Book Club read ***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*** by Kim Mechel Richardson. Set in 1930s Kentucky, the novel follows Cussy Mary Carter, a 19-year-old woman with rare blue skin who works as a heroic packhorse librarian. Despite facing severe prejudice and hardship in the Appalachian Mountains, she bravely delivers books and hope to isolated communities.. Readers enjoyed the book and had a lively discussion led by Gina.

Adult Outreach: Gina and Javier delivered a total of 35 books this month to homebound patrons at Highlander Senior Village and 2 residences.

Youth Outreach: We hosted a total of 6 pop-up libraries this month with a total attendance of about 247 children and adults! This month we hosted a special Pop-Up Library at Copper Canyon. Families joined us for a relaxing walk outside to enjoy a story walk of ***A Good Place*** by Lucy Cousins.

Outreach Collection: 44 new titles were ordered for the Youth Outreach collection this month.

Collections

Adults (Kristin Bowman)

We loaned 6 items to and borrowed 67 items from other libraries in the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system. We worked one-on-one with 9 members to teach them how to use our electronic resources. This month I inventoried and weeded the local author section and in September I will focus on weeding the biography collection. Four adults were emailed a personalized reading list in August.
This month I also moved the African Art Collection to the end of the nonfiction and reference area to make room for the Library of Things items on shelving, submitted the annual TexShare Card survey to TSLAC, and continued to fix the series information in the catalog while Alisa is adding series info to the spines

Youth (Martina Spangrud, Kansas Terry)

Juvenile Collection: As items continued trickling back in from being checked out all summer, we continued our evaluation of materials being returned in poor condition from years of circulation. In the month of August, 445 juvenile materials were weeded due to condition, damage, lack of circulation, and unnecessary duplicate copies. By weeding these materials, it's allowing us to order newer materials as well as space the shelves out for easier browsing.

We also fulfilled 43 purchase requests! We've been really encouraging our kids and families to put in purchase requests through the catalog to ensure that we are ordering materials that are relevant to our communities wants and needs.

YA: 27 items were replaced due to poor condition, damage, or being reported missing, and 6 requested items were purchased for the collection. Briana, Kellie, Hanna, and Martina worked together to develop a genre dot poster for the Teen Room featuring popular YA books and authors, along with genre definitions and popular tropes.

Unlike the genre dot posters used in the adult fiction and large print collections, the Teen Room poster does not include Westerns or women's fiction, as these genres are less common in YA publishing or do not apply to the collection's intended age group.

We deleted items for the following reasons:

- Weeded: 639
- Vanished (due to inventory): 74
- Lost and Unpaid For (sent to collections): 23
- Lost and Paid For: 34
- Claim Never Had: 1
- Claims Returned: 5

Digital (Martina Spangrud)

Programming: In August, two Senior Planet classes, *Passwords, Passkeys, and More* and *Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone*, were held, with two and four attendees, respectively. Two additional classes were scheduled but cancelled due to no registrations.

Library Catalog: Multiple updates were made to the back-end, or administrative interface, of the library catalog. Major updates include:

- A new problem location, "On Reorder," was added to simplify material reports.
- Items can now be added to Booklists using a title search instead of a barcode.
- Patrons can now opt in to receive the library's newsletter and Wowbrary when signing up for a library card at the library card sign-up kiosk.

Marketing and Public Relations

(Hanna Tamez)

August was a busy month! While programs had quieted down there was still plenty to do. I attended the Best of Bulverde Spring Branch awards ceremony with Kansas where the library won "Best Utility/Municipal Service" and "Best Non-Profit: Community

Development!" In addition to this I also met with Kellie, Martina, and Briana to develop a Genre poster for the Teen room as we have started adding genre dots to this collection.

Program Guides: With the launch of Creative Studios came adjustments to the names of programs, primarily for adults. Due to this change and wanting the printed program guide to have the same class titles as the online calendar to avoid confusion, the program guide got an overhaul. While the previous design still would have worked, getting everything to fit resulted in very very small text. With an older demographic that was not a viable option. The adult program guide is now being printed on 11x17 paper and folded in half like the June and July summer editions to allow for larger text and better readability.

Website: In August, I met with Lindy to create a Creative Studios webpage as an update to the Makerspace page. This new webpage is accessible under the "Programs" tab on the website. We also renamed the "Search" tab to "Resources" as a new title for the tab containing a link to the catalog, digital resources, and Library of Things. The Library of Things page will be getting redone at the beginning of September to reflect new policies and information.

Branding & Merch: This month I began working on a new brand guide. This brand guide will be a combination of what Marc and I have created. It will be very thorough and contain links to canva templates to make following the brand easy and simple for any staff member. I am hoping to have the brand guide complete before the holiday season. I also met with Marc to finalize a Creative Studios logo; in the coming months I will be working with the Creative Studios team to create a brochure.

I also attended the Friends of the Library Board meeting in August to show the FOL board members the design options for embroidered tote bags. They were all in agreement on the design and I ordered them with Dale. They should be arriving in the beginning of September.

Technology

(Marc Dunlap, Rob Lerner)

Tech Help Highlights:

- Almost every One-on-One Technology Help participant this month was New!
- No major "upsets" to users in the Public Computer Room
- The Public Computer Room had several days of what I would consider "heavy use," particularly Wednesday mornings

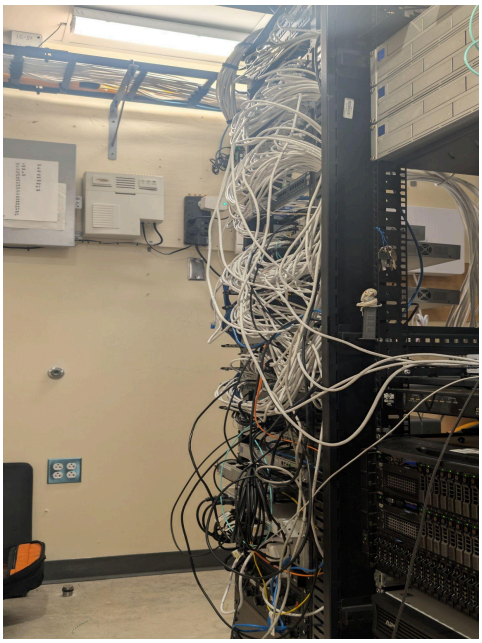
One-on-One Tech-Help: This month's One-on-One sessions had a 90% attendance rate with several of them being attended by couples. Even the two sessions I had to

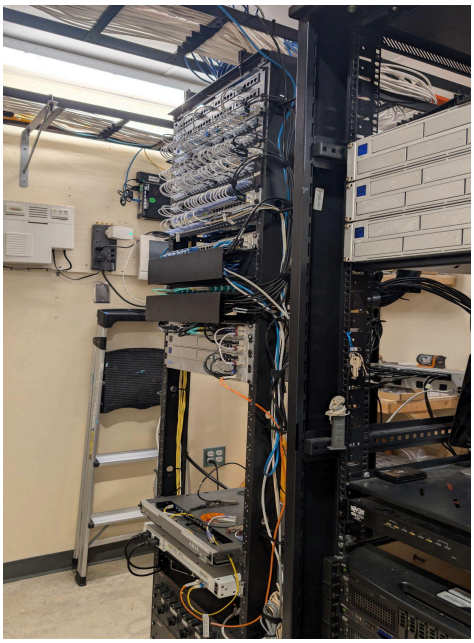
cancel due to special circumstances, I was able to “pick-up” as Ad-hoc sessions later in the month. Most were to discuss typical subjects while there were two that stood out:

- One couple came in due to their travel plans and sought to better understand what they might want to bring with them, as well as how to “best protect themselves” while overseas. We discussed plug-types, public Wi-Fi dangers, the practical use of VPNs, and the viability of using their personal mobile devices in-country.
- Another couple came in with a desire to learn how to best use “modern technology” to go about writing and eventually publishing a book. We looked up several programs that could help them stay organized and that would export their documents in several ‘print-ready’ formats. Then we discussed their knowledge of word processing programs, and whether they wanted to focus on digital publishing or physical publishing (or both).

Technology:

We spent several late nights in August working on upgrading our network switches and cabling. After seven years we had a spider’s nest of cabling that had become unmanageable,so when it came time to update the switches we decided to tackle the cables at the same time. We contracted with Tosuma to repunch and organize the network cable,so that we could organize the new switches in a way that would let us use short patch cables.There were a few hiccups. When we restarted the system after moving the new switches into place the Unifi controller wouldn’t recognize half of the new switches, even though they had been running for a week on the controller. We struggled until about 2am on Saturday, by which time we were pretty exhausted. We came back at 10am on Sunday, unplugged everything from the switches, and restarted the whole system. Magically it worked. By the time the library opened everything was up and running.





Facilities

(Warren Pichon)

Study Room Use: 680

Public Meeting Room Use: 309

- YCO Smith Welding repaired main gate that was off rollers on the 1st
- Helped hang quilts for the month of August in Reading Room on the 3rd
- City Wide Facility Solutions started work on repairing roof leaks on the 4th
- Treated water feature every Tuesday of this month
- Texas Air San Antonio changed HVAC filters throughout the building on the 7th
- Treated Data Closet drip pan with Pan-Treat on the 7th
- Repaired the ice machine that was not working properly on the 11th
- Sprayed weed killer in the butterfly garden on the 11th
- Society of Texas worked in lower garden area on the 12th
- Cleaning Crew 4U cleaned the tiles in the children's area on the 14th
- YCO Smith Welding adjusted the main gate that got stuck open on the 14th
- Chabelo weeded, trimmed trees, and cut grass on hill on the 17th
- Treated septic system with 2 gallons of bleach on the 17th
- HomeTeam Pest Control treated inside and outside the library on the 18th
- Roger our electrician worked on the Kiln on the 27th
- Hung quilts up in the reading room for the month of September on the 31st
- Did daily walk around property and picked up trash and inspected facilties

Administration

(Sophia Bard, Montana Rindahl)

There were two big and important firsts for Montana and Sophia in August! We attended the Texas Workforce Commission's Conference for Employers at the beginning of the month – two full days of learning and workshops about employment law, best practices, and resources available to employers. It was perfectly timed and desperately needed! The latter half of August was filled with work on the annual audit. We relied heavily on the auditor, our Payroll company, and prior documentation to ensure everything needed was submitted properly and by the August 31 deadline. The auditor will conduct his review in the last two weeks of September and have a report prepared in early October.