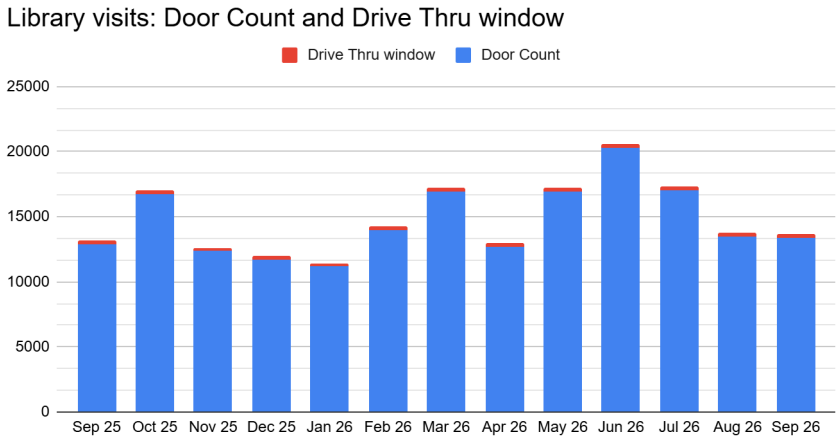
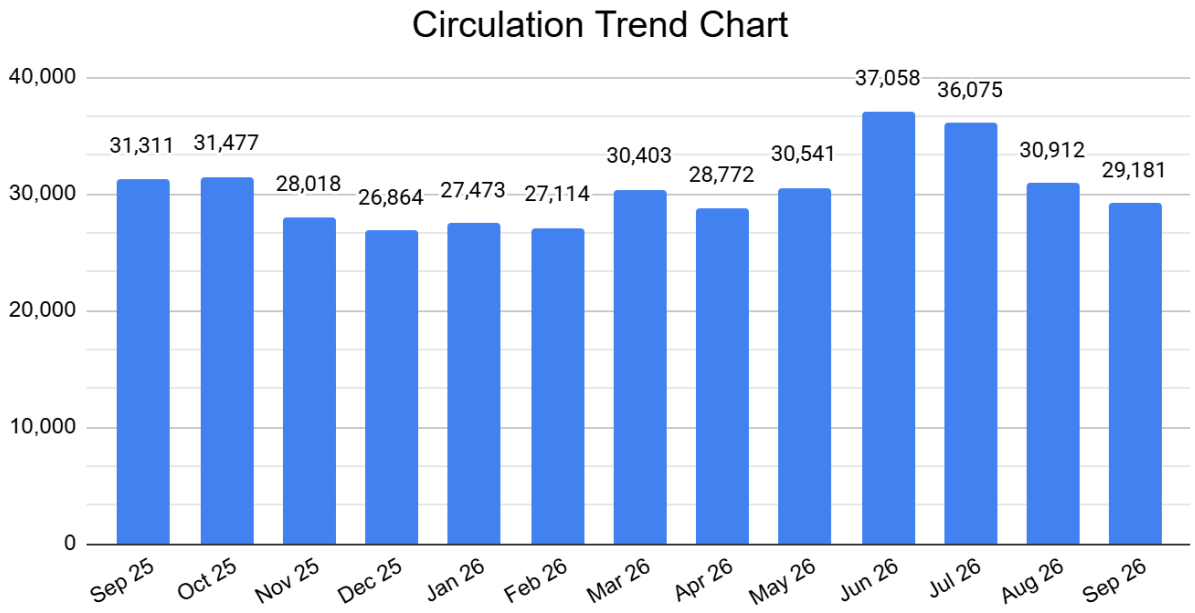
Mammen Family Public Library
Monthly Report – September 2026 Activities

Circulation Team Report

- Number of Visitors to the Library: 13,649
- Total Items Circulated: 29,181
- New Cards Issued: 239
- Number of Active Cardholders: 9,814
- Total Volunteers: 98
- Total Volunteer Hours: 573
- Patron Internet Use: 1779
- Collection Size: 63,207



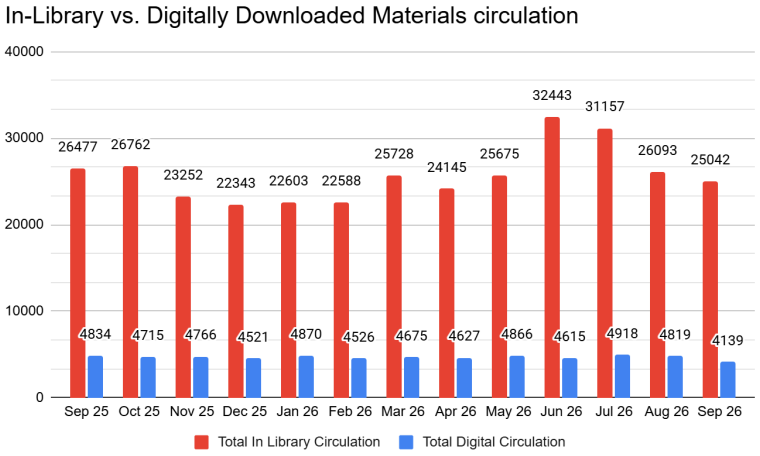
	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26	Sep 26
Door Count	12860	16687	12376	11730	11178	13970	16907	12733	16960	20311	17054	13456.5	13383
Drive Thru window	353	316	246	241	262	253	291	289	251	285	313	286	266

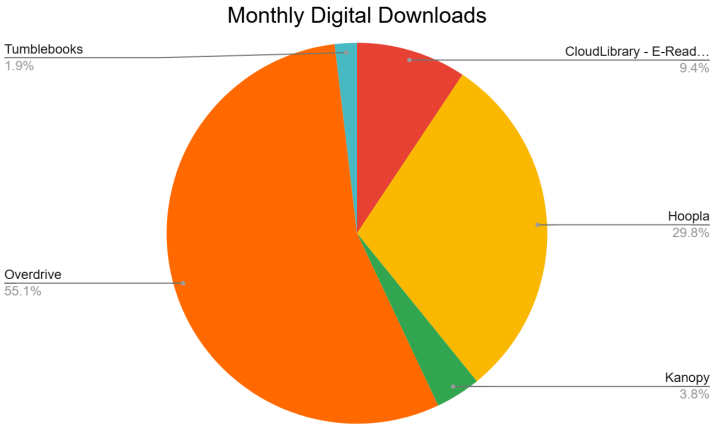


Programming and Outreach

Adult Programs (Maizie Valdez, Beth Wolfe)

Throughout the month, 1,220 adults attended 97 programs at the library. Adult programs provided opportunities for residents to connect with local resources, participate in activities, and engage with others. With collaboration, we shared information, resources and even supplies within the community.





Over 3 days, the League of Women Voters connected with 158 people in our library to share information about the upcoming election, check their voter registration status, and help our community be informed and active citizens.

The Community Health Resource Fair was the largest event of the month, bringing eight organizations and 30 community members together. This event provided an opportunity for community members to learn about available health resources and connect with organizations offering support and services. This is the first year hosting it, and we hope to grow each year with more organizations and participation.



Additionally, the Craft Supply Swap attracted 28 participants who came together to share resources and rehome supplies they no longer needed. It provided an opportunity for veterans to trim down their collection and new

hobbyists to gain access to supplies for free.

As always, the languages are maintaining consistent attendance with the Italian program averaging 23 participants weekly and Spanish averaging 21 participants weekly. Both classes are on a waitlist and maintain full classes. With the implementation of the new attendance tracking system, more people are changing statuses, communication between patrons and the library is improving, and absenteeism is down. September was the first month trying this process and the adult programming team is listening to the community on ways to improve so that we can start off on the best foot in the new year.

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

Children's: We kicked off children's programming with storytimes resuming after a short break to get some special projects completed as well as prepare a detailed game plan for Fall programming. Our very first storytime Tuesday back, we had 140 attendees across three storytimes! We also brought back Miss Amber and her weekly Baby & Me: Music Around the World series which has proven to be extremely popular with our baby and toddler age group.



Our kids' video game tournament was a "smashing" success, with nearly double the amount of registered attendees showing up to test their skills (23 registrants)! Other events for our young tech whizzes included Minecraft Club, which continues to have consistently full registration, and our Discover Scratch Coding class for ages 10+.



But our single most-attended program besides storytime was our LEGO Builders Club, which brought in 83 patrons across two sessions! This month, kids were challenged to build zoo animals and put them on display in the Children's section!





In tween club this month, we made paper squishies, duck tape wallets, and motorized

toothbrush robots! The tweens had an absolute blast putting their robots to the test.

Teens: Teen programming was back in full swing in September! One new thing we added was a teen art class during teen thursday. Our wonderful art teacher Tracy Fortune is leading this class once a month. The most well attended teen program this month was Teen Thursday, where seven teens painted planter pots and planted herbs for a home garden. We also started the fall semester of the teen volunteer program. This fall we have 35 active teen volunteers!

September also marked the return of Manga Book Club, which has a consistent group of 5-6 manga fans attending and discussing their favorite Japanese graphic novels! This month they drew self-portraits after discussing *The Summer Hikaru Died*. Finally, this month featured a special character design class just for teens, taught by a professional illustrator from the community!





Makerspace (Marc Dunlap, Lindy Hargrave)

In September we joined up with the youth services and adult programs teams as well as Kaci with the Library of Things to soft launch a new Creative Studios programming effort. Over the summer we re-evaluated how these teams present creative programming for the library and came up with more collaborative and unified solutions. We got new patrons signed up for the Library of Things–a new requirement for attending Open Studio programs for self-directed learning and creating. We featured a







couple bead projects and the first of monthly Take & Make kits. We're excited to see where it all leads!

Outreach (Javier Gonzalez, Gina Mejia)

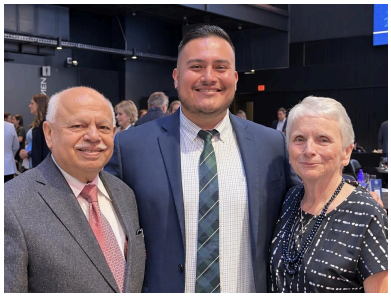
In September, the Outreach Department directly engaged with 367 patrons throughout the library district via pop-ups, homebound deliveries and community events. The library was invited to the 2026 San Antonio Aviation & Aerospace Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony. Javier joined Sam and Lori Mammen at the event which featured notable speakers in engineering and aerospace. There were also very impressive robotics projects from STEM students all around the San Antonio area.

Book Club: This month, Books & Bites Book Club read ***The Murder at the Vicarage*** by Agatha Christie. When the universally disliked Colonel Lucius Protheroe is found shot dead in the study of St. Mary Mead's vicarage, several villagers, including his wife and her lover, falsely confess to protect each other. It falls to the sharp-eyed amateur sleuth Miss Marple to untangle the web of alibis and expose the real killers. Readers enjoyed the book and had a lively discussion led by Gina.

Adult Outreach: Gina and Javier delivered a total of 26 books this month to homebound patrons at Highlander Senior Village and 2 residences.

Youth Outreach: We hosted a total of 7 pop-up libraries this month with a total attendance of about 240 children and adults! Outreach partnered with The Screaming Goat Yard and Tap to host a pop-up library and storytime. We had a great turnout with about 12 families joining us for the event. Families got to feed the goats after storytime and a craft! Javier also attended Night of Hope at Riverside Community Church this month. He talked about upcoming library events and programs and had a fun craft for children to make.

Outreach Collection: The Youth Trekker collection has been organized! The yellow carts in the workroom are now labeled and all books are shelved in order. The carts are located next to the Large Print Trekker collection. Juvenile paperbacks (picture books and easy readers) and board books now live in the Trekker! Javier has designated bins on the Trekker shelves for easier browsing.







Collections

Adults (Kristin Bowman)

We loaned 4 items to and borrowed 79 items from other libraries in the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system. We proctored 1 exam in September. This month I weeded the biography collection and in October I will focus on inventorying this section.
1 adult was emailed a personalized reading list in September. Kristin and Alisa continue to fix the series information in the catalog and on spine labels.

Youth (Martina Spangrud, Kansas Terry)

YA: 16 items were replaced due to poor condition, damage, or being reported missing, and 10 requested items were purchased for the collection.
Juvenile: 22 items were replaced due to poor condition, damage, or being reported missing, and 18 requested items were purchased for the collection.

We deleted items for the following reasons:

- Weeded: 276
- Vanished (due to inventory): 3
- Lost and Unpaid For (sent to collections): 7
- Lost and Paid For: 4
- Claims Returned: 0
- Claims Never Had: 0

Digital (Martina Spangrud)

TSLAC Resources: In September, our library fully transitioned to the E-Read Texas collection in CloudLibrary, providing patrons with access to more than 24,465 titles, with new titles added weekly. Materials previously purchased by our library through CloudLibrary have been moved to the same collection and are now available exclusively to our patrons. Going forward, we will no longer purchase materials through CloudLibrary and will instead focus on acquiring new titles through Libby.

Our library also became a demonstration site for the Texas Talking Book Program (TBP) in September! This partnership will allow us to raise awareness of the program through equipment demonstrations, promotional materials, and word of mouth. We will also be able to help eligible patrons who are interested in the program with the application process. TBP will be introduced during staff training in October.

Marketing and Public Relations

(Hanna Tamez)

Website: In September I met with Kaci to get the Library of Things webpage refreshed and updated with accurate policy and borrowing information. As more items are added I

will add more images to highlight the diverse collection of items. I also worked with Martina to create a Talking Book Program page on our website that will be live on October 1st for the public to learn more about this new service.

Branding: In September a lot of focus was on branding. I met with Montana, Marc, Rob, and Kristin throughout the month to create a brand guide that is accessible for the staff to use and hopefully makes staying on brand easier than it has been. I also updated the Canva brand guide with new secondary brand colors, and better organization of the different logos. I also created a Branding Google Drive where the Brand Guide will live as well as all the logos for staff to access if they are working outside of Canva. While I will be sharing this new Brand Guide with the staff in October I will continue to meet and work on the guide to refine it and really create a consistent brand image across all departments.

Merch: The embroidered totes bags finally arrived this month and we started selling with the Friend of the BARLD through Zeffy! In addition to these items are also selling the remaining SLP shirts, Lit Fest shirts, sunglasses, MFPL hats and hopefully in the future more items such as bumper stickers or magnets!





Technology

Tech Help Highlights: The Wednesday PAC update/reboot seems to have moved to Tuesdays now. There is a “Hack Club” now at the library, and so some of our ‘old-tech’ is now getting the chance to be useful again!

Programming: In September, four Senior Planet classes were held, with fifteen attendees total. Two additional classes were scheduled but cancelled due to no registrations.

One-on-One Tech-Help: This month we had all-new patrons attend the sessions, each with their own unique questions/issues! Surprisingly, two individuals were from outside the BARLD, having found us via the Senior Planet website!

Examples:

- An older lady came in from the Mission Hills Ranch area, southeast of us, because her all-in-one HP made a “rattling noise” when she turned it on one day. Thus, she promptly turned it off and went out to buy a laptop. But she quickly discovered that she no longer knew how to set up a computer and needed our assistance.
- One patron was looking for assistance setting up their trip to Ukraine! She is actually from there, but it will be the first time back in more than 15 years. So, I taught her how to use Google Maps to find things, and we researched the “safest” way to get to Kyiv (by way of Poland). We also discussed getting a temporary cell phone while there, and/or possibly getting a prepaid SIM card in Warsaw.

Technology: Joshua Rosenthal, our teen technology volunteer, has been working on a project that will allow us to stream live video from inside our Prusa 3D printer using a Raspberry Pi computer and a linux distro to run it. He has built the Pi, installed the distro, and demonstrated that it can push video to a monitor. When the Prusa isn’t in use, Joshua found a 3rd party site that will direct data from our Tempest weather station into a really nice dashboard. It is currently up and running in the computer room, so if you need to check the weather go take a look.
What wasn’t up and running was our digital signage server. For the second time a Java update wreaked havoc with our MagicInfo server.The last time this happened we ended up having to rebuild the entire system. This time we were determined to fix it. After two days of research, Ai prompts, and running powershell scripts to test every part of the software we found the culprit. The Java update couldn’t locate a Microsoft Visual C++ runtime dependency. Reinstalling the Visual C++ x64 redistributable fixed it. We also made a backup of the virtual server, so if it does happen again we can just revert to the stable version.

Facilities

(Warren Pichon)

Study Room Use: 736
Public Meeting Room Use: 385

- Treated water feature with algaeoff and and sludge away weekly
- Star State Plumbing repaired small urinal in men’s public restroom on the 1st
- Chabelo pressure washed entrances and patios on the 7th
- Treated septic system with 2 gallon of bleach on the 7th
- Treated data closet drain pan with Pan Treat on the 8th
- HomeTeam Pest Control treated the property inside and outside on the 15th
- Eoff Septic System inspected our septic system on the 15th
- Baker Septic pumped our septic system on the 16th

- Lindheimer Chapter of Native Plant Society of TX: Weeded and trimmed on the 17th
- Chabelo weeded, cut overgrown trees and edged walkup gate sidewalk on the 21st
- Master Gardeners weeded and trimmed in the butterfly garden area on the 24th
- Helped hand quilts in the Reading room for October on the 30th
- Did daily walk around property picking up trash and inspecting the facilities

Administration

(Sophia Bard, Montana Rindahl)

September was a very full month! Our newly revamped Library of Things launched on September 1st along with Creative Studios. Kaci continues to confirm patron sign ups and accounts, check items for all their components upon return, and troubleshoot/improve our containers. She is also adding new items every week! Our newest circulation clerk, Madison, also joined our team near the beginning of September. As a previous volunteer, she has fit in quickly and seamlessly! The bulk of the month for Montana consisted of progress meetings with the staff. I am still learning about all the details of each person's job and how much everyone is doing every day to keep the library running smoothly! A few other highlights include: meeting with the librarians to develop an addition to our Collection Development Policy in regards to AI, meeting with Robert Fagan to go over the Library's emergency procedures and consider some improvements, meeting with the election judges in preparation for the midterm election, and continuing to work with Hanna and Marc on a complete Branding Book. Lastly, in September our construction committee transitioned to new legal representation for the replat/parking lot project.