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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
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Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for August 2026 are:

- 8,080 items were checked out. This is a 7.5% decrease from August 2025. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 5.9%.
- 29 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 60 new library cards have been issued.
- 64 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,837 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 249 hours and 545 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 509 hours and 1,033 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 944 sessions, 850 visits, and 377 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 2,273 sessions, 1,991 visits, and 862 unique users.
- There were 6,725 library visits.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the September events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of activities planned for October. Some of the events scheduled include a two-part class on creating a floral art journal, a stuffed animal storytime and sleepover, a partnership with Brew and Brew to celebrate National and International Coffee Day, the Kids Can Cook fall sessions, and a 10-week series on dementia prevention. The JKPL Book Bike will be visiting various locations and the Pop-up Library will be at the Downtown Market. The JKPL will also be hosting activities for Banned Books Week, and several Halloween themed programs including the Books for Treats event. The Craft-it-up Fundraiser has started and the Fundraising Committee is busy planning fall and winter events. Our goal is to offer activities for all ages and abilities.

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