

Adult Services Librarian Report January 2025

Programming

Taste of Central and South America

Yenny took patrons to Venezuela via her presentation during January's Taste of Central and South America program. Her presentation covered Venezuela's culture, climate, history, landmarks, political strife, and gastronomy. She also prepared fresh arepas stuffed with a fresh Venezuelans salad complete with avocados, as well as papelon con limon, which is a drink made with sugar cane and lemons. Patrons noted Yenny's expertise in the country and nearly everyone in attendance told me how much they enjoy the program!



Yenny serving an arepa during Taste of Central and South America (left). The salad stuffing and fresh arepas (right).

Beading Circle

Kim started a new program this semester that has patrons come in to collectively work on beading projects together. Instructions and supplies are provided, and patrons can take projects home to work on later. Turnout was good for a first-time program at 4 patrons!



Kim teaching patrons how to bead, complete with video tutorial and supplies.

Make and Mingle

Jenny has continued to hold make and mingle craft programs in December and January. Attendance fell in December but picked back up to its usual fantastic attendance in January. In December, patrons drew Zen Doodles and in January they made cute tiny terrariums. Natural materials were used to create mini landscapes in small, corked vials for the terrariums.



A modest but enthusiastic December attendance (left). A patron's tiny terrarium with a fish inside (right).

Games at the Library

Gavin has continued to host Library Trivia monthly. Attendance is as good as ever, drawing more than 20 patrons each time. John also continues to hold Dungeons and Dragons events that are primarily attended by children and teens, as well as a board game night on certain Tuesdays, and sheephead and scrabble games on alternating Fridays. Both Friday games have drawn a small but loyal player base.

Collection Development and Other Projects

At the end of December I completed our first collection cleanup, with help from Dafina. We started in our Sci-Fi/Fantasy collection. She identified items in series that were missing and changed the stickers on the spines to match our new stickering style. I then evaluated each item to determine its circulation rate, popularity, existing items in a series owned in our collection, and correct call number among other criteria. I then weeded the books that failed the criteria and placed orders on books to ensure we have the complete series for each series we own in the collection. In total I weeded 194 items and ordered 254. I spread the orders for the materials throughout the year so we have the budget to order new materials alongside the materials that will complete our well circulating series that are already in the collection. By the end of the year, we should have a Sci-Fi/Fantasy series that has no series gaps! I plan on working on our romance section next.

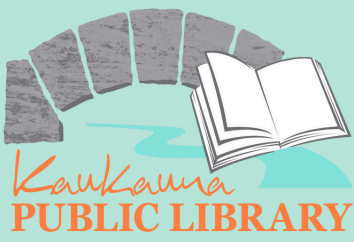
I also completed a draft of an RFP for our future automatic material handling system that was given to Ashley for final review. I am also working on an Artificial Intelligence library policy, and I completed our 2024 circulation statistics that you will find attached to this report.

Circulation Statistics 2024

The attached circulation statistics directly inform the amount allocated to each collection's budget throughout the year. We roughly order materials based on the percent of each collection's circulation for the year. Of course, we don't simply plug the percentages into a spreadsheet but discuss them each year to identify trends or outlier in the data. This allows us to use data driven justification for the amount allocated to each collection.

Observation Summary

- We are most pleased with our overall circulation increase of 7% for physical materials and Hoopla, and 14% for Overdrive. This continues a positive trend of an 11% increase in physical materials last year.
- Adult Nonfiction and Children Graphic Novels entered spots 4 and 5 of our top 5 circulating in house collections. This is the first time there has been a change since I started collecting these statistics in 2022.
- Our Adult Nonfiction and Western collections could use weeding, as less than half of the materials owned circulated last year for both collections.



2024 KPL CIRC STATS

In House Subject/ Total In House Circulation



Top 5 Circulating In House Collections

Picture Books - 11.8% (13964)
Child Nonfiction - 10.8% (12830)
Bin Books - 7.9% (9328)
Adult Nonfiction - 6.1% (7194)
Children Graphic Novels - 5.3% (6336)
(Adult Nonfiction and Children Graphic Novels replaced Early Readers and Early Chapter Books since last year)

In House Subject/ Total In House Circulation



Bottom 5 Circulating In House Collections

Teen Magazine - 0.0% (7)
Big Books - 0.1% (42)
Children Magazines- 0.1% (47)
Teen Audiobooks - 0.1% (64)
Children BluRay- 0.1% (81)

Holds Filled Subject / Total Holds Filled



Top 5 Holds Filled Collections

Adult Nonfiction - 12% (3019)
Child Nonfiction - 10.4% (2611)
Adult DVD - 9.2% (2314)
Adult NEW - 9.1% (2286)
Child Picture - 7.4% (1864)

Holds Filled Subject/ Total Holds Filled



Bottom 5 Holds Filled Collections

Teen Audiobooks - 0.1% (15)
Child BluRay - 0.1% (17)
Big Books- 0.1% (18)
Child Music- 0.2% (45)
Adult Magazines- 0.2% (48)

(Absolute Value of In House - Holds) / In House + Holds



Largest Ratio Of In House/ Filled Holds Difference

Bin Books - 9099/229
Adult Magazines - 1033/48
Early Readers - 5825/346
Board Books - 4020/304
Kits - 743/83

(Absolute Value of In House - Holds) / In House + Holds



Smallest Ratio Of In House/ Filled Holds Difference

Science Fiction/Fantasy- 551/507
Adult NEW - 2005/2286
Adult Music - 461/371
Teen Videogame - 141/106
Big Books- 24/18

(Total Subject - Unique Checkout 2023) /Total Subject



Top 5 Utilized Collections 2023 (Unique Checkouts)

Bin Book - 100%
Board Books - 100%
Kits - 98%
Child Videogames - 97%
Child Graphic Novels - 89%

(Total Subject - Unique Checkout 2023) /Total Subject



Bottom 5 Utilized Collections 2023 (Unique Checkouts)

Teen Magazines - 22%
Teen Nonfiction - 38%
Westerns - 41%
Adult Nonfiction - 44%
Adult BluRay - 47%

2022 to 2024 Physical Collection Circulation Change				
Adult	2022	2023	2024	% Change from 23
Fiction	10,281	12,093	13,667	13%
Nonfiction	5,835	6,125	7,194	18%
Adult NEW	2,833	4,554	4,344	-5%
Graphic Novels	248	336	488	45%
Video Games	66	121	194	60%
DVD & BluRays	5,292	5,314	6,459	22%
Audiobooks	1,076	1,028	1,224	19%
Lucky Day	522	868	1,364	57%
Magazines	1,244	1,023	1,081	6%
Child				
Picture Books	13,311	13,636	13964	2%
Nonfiction	12,140	12,416	12,830	3%
Graphic Novels	3,512	5,061	6,336	25%
Child NEW	1,882	2,473	1,492	-40%
Fiction	3,843	4,572	4,873	7%
Early Reader	6,289	6,301	6,171	-2%
Early Chapter	5,568	5,649	5,926	5%
Board Books	4,575	4,324	4,367	1%
Bin Books	6,696	8356	9,328	12%
Video Games	742	914	1,237	35%
Teen				
Graphic Novels	1,559	1,797	3,075	71%
Fiction	2,088	2,450	2,539	4%
Nonfiction	376	400	403	1%
Total Circs	99,100	110,029	117,415	7%
(Some Small Collections Not Represented Above)				

Top 5 Collections by Circulation Change	
2023	2024
Adult Video Games 83%	Teen Graphic Novels 71%
Lucky Day 66%	Adult Video Games 60%
Adult NEW 61%	Adult Lucky Day 57%
Child Graphic 44%	Adult Graphic Novels 45%
Adult Graphic 35%	Child Video Games 35%

Bottom 5 Collections by Circulation Change	
2023	2024
Adult Magazines -17%	Child NEW -40%
Board Books -5%	Adult NEW -5% (Lucky Day Increased)
Adult Audiobooks -4%	Early Reader -2%
Early Reader 0.19%	Teen Nonfiction 1%
Adult DVD's/BluRays 0.41%	Board Books 1%

2022 to 2024

E-Resource Circulation Change

Overdrive	2022	2023	2024	% Change from 23
Adult Fiction Audiobook	7,950	8,262	10,003	21%
Adult Fiction E-book	9,181	9,417	9,795	4%
Adult Non-Fiction Audiobook	1,698	1,814	2,060	14%
Adult Non-Fiction E-book	1,280	1,347	1,599	19%
Child Fiction Audiobook	1,414	1,555	1,707	10%
Child Fiction E-Book	1,462	1,642	1,673	2%
Child Non-Fiction Audiobook	55	32	63	96%
Child Non-Fiction E-Book	176	135	174	29%

Hoopla

Adult Fiction Audiobook	1,088	2,527	2,885	14%
Adult Fiction E-book	564	790	782	-1%
Adult Non-Fiction Audiobook	397	610	588	-4%
Adult Non-Fiction E-book	145	238	211	-11%
Child Fiction Audiobook	157	227	320	41%
Child Fiction E-Book	116	106	168	58%
Child Non-Fiction Audiobook	11	21	20	-5%
Child Non-Fiction E-Book	14	14	13	-7%

Total Circs

(Children and Teen are combined)

Overdrive	23,765	25,895	29,516	14%
Hoopla	2,914	4,988	5,355	7%

Top 5 Collections by Circulation Change

- Overdrive Child Non-Fiction Audiobook 96%
- Hoopla Child Fiction E-Book 58%
- Hoopla Child Fiction Audiobook 41%
- Overdrive Child Non-Fiction E-Book 29%
- Overdrive Adult Fiction Audiobook 21%

Bottom 5 Collections by Circulation Change

- Hoopla Adult Non-Fiction E-book -11%
- Hoopla Child Non-Fiction E-Book -7%
- Hoopla Child Non-Fiction Audiobook -5%
- Hoopla Adult Non-Fiction Audiobook -4%
- Hoopla Adult Fiction E-book -1%