

Support & Public Services Report to the Mead Library Board of Trustees

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Staffing:

- Interviews for the Library Assistant – Technical Services position were held and we hope to announce the successful candidate soon.
- New Library Assistant has started on the First Floor Circulation Department!

Programming/Exhibit/Outreach Highlights:

- Working with the Case Manager and Therapists employed through Catholic Charities on having informational tables in regard to community resources and mental health help as well as future programs around parenting, mental health, housing, etc.
- If you visit Bookworm Gardens, you may notice Mead's GO BIG: Wild Wisconsin Reading Lists throughout the area. They contain staff-recommended lists of children's books that help them explore Wisconsin's natural wonders.
- Upcoming programs:
 - Aug. 17th: Carnivorous Plants 101 (adult)
 - Aug. 18th: Preschool Playshop: School Readiness
 - Aug. 20th:
 - Bottle Cap Mural Building (part of STEMist in Residence program) (all ages)
 - Build Your Own 3D Printed Dragon (kids & tweens)
 - Food Preservation (teen & adult)
 - Aug 21st: Ballroom Dance – Waltz (teen & adult)
 - Aug. 27th: Seed Saving (teen & adult)
 - Aug. 28th: Sheboygan County Memory Cafe (adult)
 - Aug. 31: Autumn Gardening (adult)
 - Sept: return of kids' storytimes, now including a **sensory storytime** for those who find traditional storytimes overwhelming.

- Preliminary Summer Reading Program Stats:

Children's Stats

Registered- 843

Readers who have logged minutes- 712

Mins read total: 707,151

Teen's Stats

Registered- 658

Readers who have logged minutes - 269
Mins read total: 366,711

Adults' Stats

Registered- 538
Readers who logged minutes - 436
Mins read total: 777,183

All SRP mins read: 1,851,045

Children's Math Challenge Stats

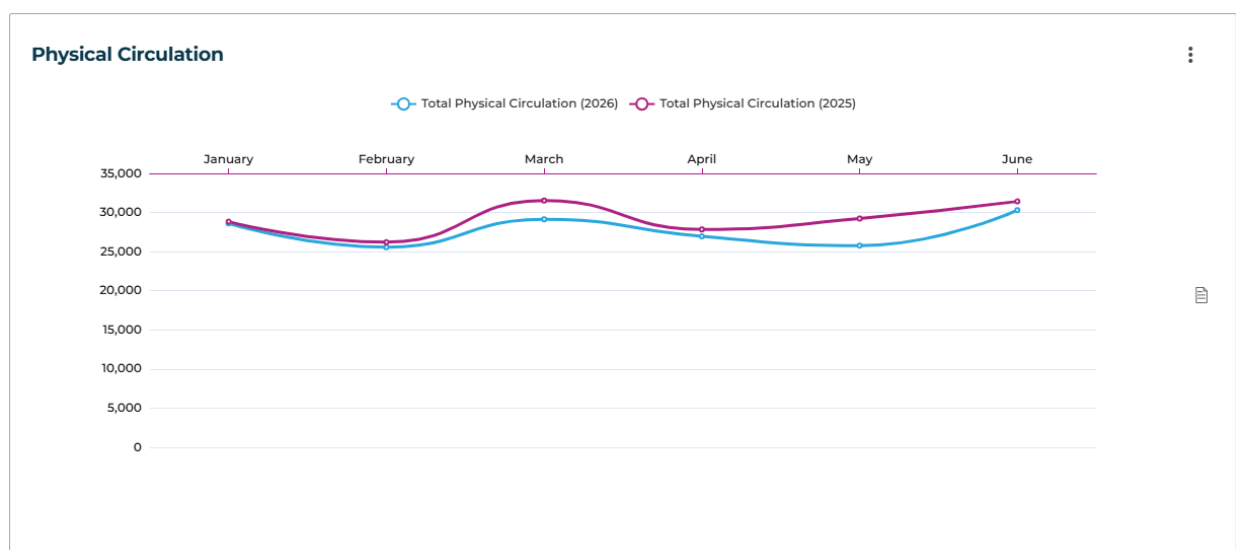
Registered- 404
Kids who completed activities- 61

Patron Services:

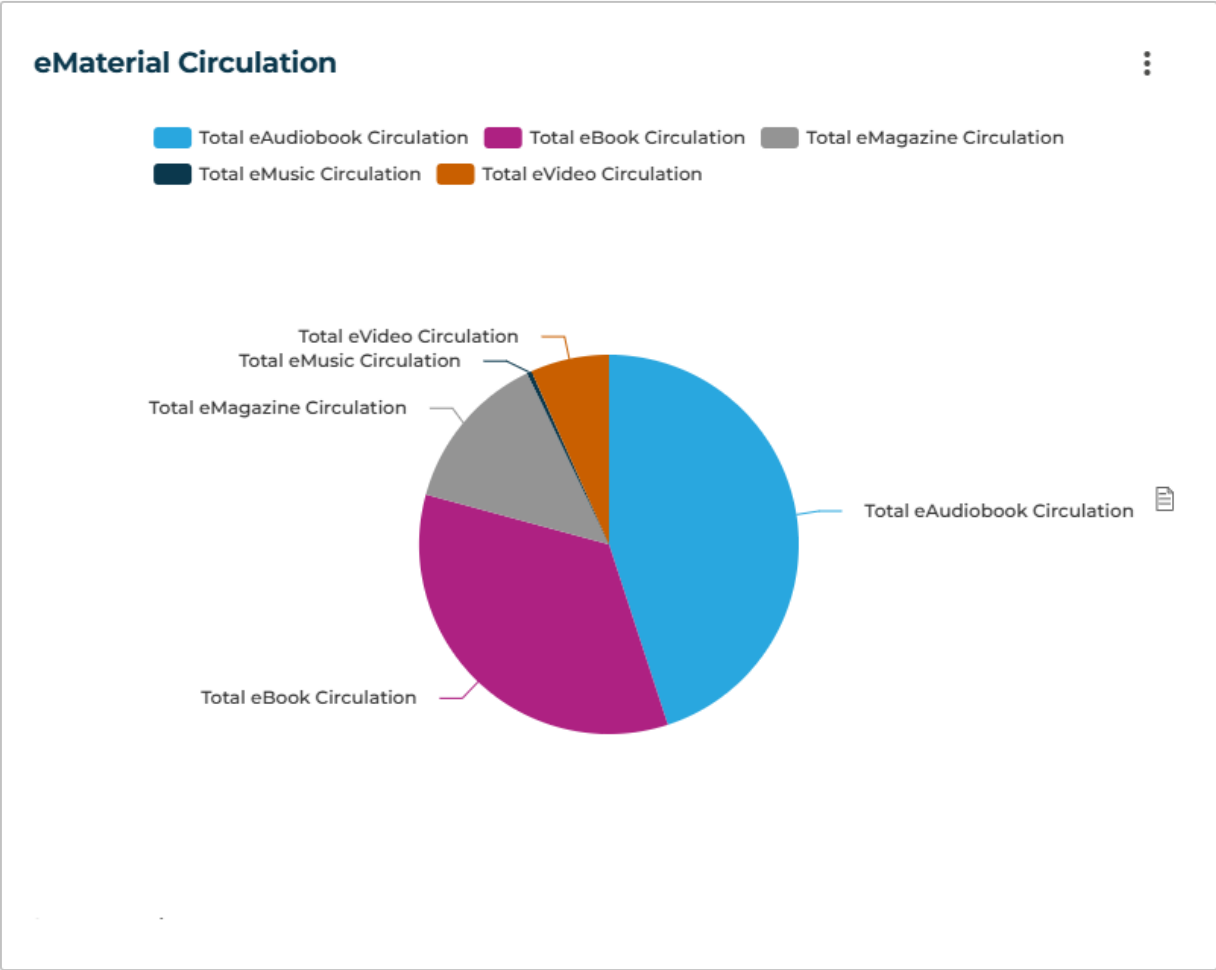
- A slow rollout of the Bags, Backpacks & Personal Items and the no sleeping portion of the updated Code of Conduct began on Aug. 3rd with full enforcement going into effect the week of Aug. 10.
- We are holding off on enforcing the cart/wagon portion of the Code of Conduct, as some issues were discovered during the slow rollout. Our Safety and Welcoming group will be meeting to discuss.

Collections:

- New Jan-June 2026 stats pulled from LibraryIQ:



(Books, AV, Kits, etc.)



(Hoopla, Kanopy, Libby)