

State of the Library - 2014

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- The McKinney Public Library System experienced a record breaking number of visits (up 18,522) and a slight drop (down 7,389) in circulation transactions in fiscal year 2013/2014:

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| ▪ Patron visits | 2013 – 409,884 | 2014 – 428,406 |
| ▪ Checkouts | 2013 – 1,205,789 | 2014 – 1,198,400 |

- Overall, circulation at the John and Judy Gay Library (JJGL) was 56% of the total for the Library System, up from 52% in FY13. Youth materials made up 45% of all circulations for the library system and 62% of all circulations at the John and Judy Gay Library (JJGL). For the first time, patron visits at JJGL surpassed those at Hall, with 52% of all visitors.
- Total volumes in the Library System number 237,964 up from 232,814 in FY13. Of this number, approximately 4,400 are downloadable books and audio. Both libraries are near capacity for library volumes, requiring heavy weeding of materials in order to add new items. Library staff purchased 22,169 items and weeded 16,005 over the year.
- Downloadable audio and eBooks usage increased marginally with 41,248 circulation transactions (up from 36,503 transactions in FY13). This figure represents 3% of total circulation transactions, the same as in FY13.
- The Library System cannot own all items, so patrons are given the option to Interlibrary Loan items from other libraries throughout the country. Patrons requested 2,417 interlibrary loan items in FY13 and the MPLS loaned 1,451 items to other libraries.
- Many items weeded from MPLS still have value to others so staff works to offer them out to other libraries, the Senior Center, and, those items with potential monetary value are consigned to the company Texas Book Consignments. TBC lists our withdrawn items on Amazon for resale and last year our items earned \$3,634 for the library. With TBC doing all the work, this is more cost effective than a library book sale.
- The McKinney Public Library System budget for FY15 totals \$3,363,685. Recognizing the importance of youth services in the library system, a new full-time Library Technician was added in the Youth Services department, allowing for expanded programming options. Youth programs continue to focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) and a Little Explorers STEAM program for pre-school children was added this year.

- In December JJGL will celebrate its fifth anniversary. Due to the demand for service at JJGL - at times patrons must sit on the floor because all work areas are occupied - library administration has continued to encourage City Council to consider the need to add the phase 2 portion of the JJGL building, which would double available space. This would require a bond election for funding.
- Adult programming became a focus this year at the Hall Library and the library hosted programs including Genealogy Sources, Earth-Kind Landscaping Principles, Investment Fraud Prevention, and Backyard Chickens.
- The Read Across McKinney Steering Committee hosted a stand-alone author luncheon featuring Kathleen Kent (2011 Read Across McKinney featured author) who discussed her new book *The Outcasts*. The author for the 2015 RAM events has been chosen and will be announced in April 2015, with events planned for October 2015.
- For the tenth straight year, the McKinney Public Library System received the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.