

State of the Library - At a Glance
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- The McKinney Public Library System experienced a record breaking number of visits and check-outs in fiscal year 2011/2012:
 - **Patron visits** 2011 – 358,914 2012 – 374,473
 - **Checkouts** 2011 – 1,095,739 2012 – 1,179,539

- The John and Judy Gay Library will complete its third year of service in December 2012. The ten JJGL staff members checked out close to 49% of all library materials while being open just 40 hours per week (567,368 out of 1,179,539). The McKinney City Council approved an FY 2013 budget which allows the Library System to hire seven more positions at JJGL, allowing it to be open 64 hours/7 days per week, the same schedule as Hall. This change is projected to begin in November or December, pending hiring and training of staff.

- Due to the demand for service at JJGL, the second phase parking for the building was constructed, prior to the expansion of the building. The second phase more than doubled the number of available spaces.

- The Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library celebrated its tenth anniversary in January 2012. The building was refreshed this year with new carpeting and new upholstery for the public lounge furniture. Additionally, the RFID equipment at both libraries was replaced, as the old equipment had reached its end of life.

- Youth Services programming was greatly expanded this year and a greater Youth Services presence at JJGL helped to increase participation numbers for all programs, including the Summer Reading Program which enrolled 3,764 children and teens.

- Downloadable audio and ebooks continue to gain in popularity with 31,935 circulation transactions this year (up from 12,971 transactions in FY11). The addition of service to Kindle users greatly impacted this number.

- The Read Across McKinney Steering Committee met throughout the year and participated in a selection process for the RAM 2013 title. An event revealing the title will take place in the spring and the event will be in October, 2013.

- For the seventh straight year, the McKinney Public Library System received the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.