



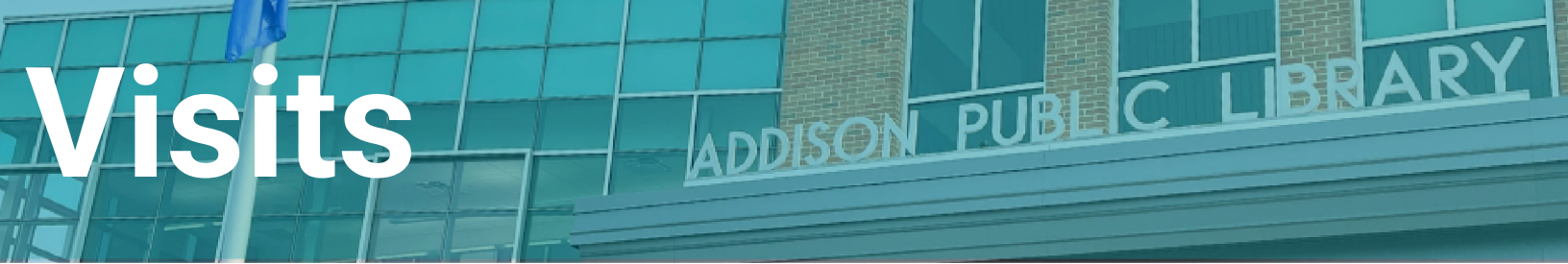
**ADDISON**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Annual Report

**Fiscal Year 2024-2025**







# Visits

# 164,041

people visited the library this year!



In October, we welcomed **16,869 visitors**—our busiest month since February 2020!

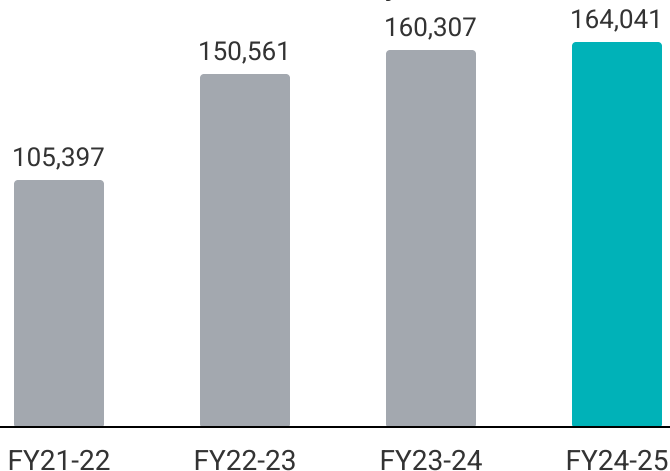


Patrons asked **7,791 reference questions**.

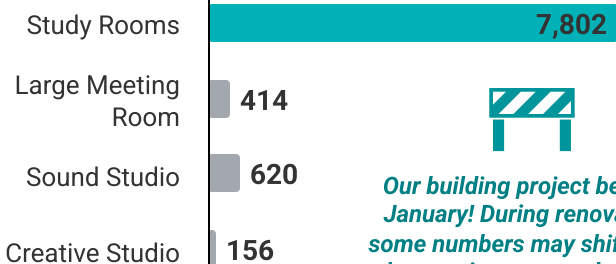


Staff held **1,730 1-on-1 appointments** to assist patrons. That's **up nearly 20% from last year!** 45% of our appointments were with Social Services staff.

Door Count by Year

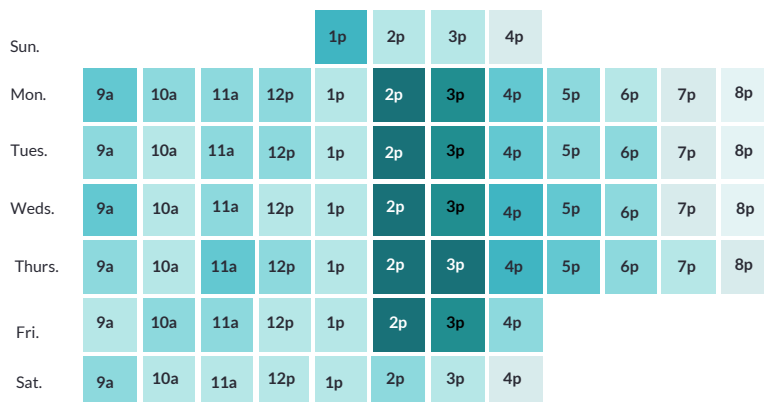


Room Bookings by Space



*Our building project began in January! During renovations, some numbers may shift due to changes in space and services.*

Busiest Hours Per Week



## Technology Use



**23,144** computer logins



**11,776** wi-fi sessions



**1,233** laptop checkouts



**179** 3D prints completed



A DIY success story! Rose used the Creative Studio's Cricut to make a custom gasket and saved her blender—no replacement part needed!



# Circulation

Cardholders borrowed  
**217,291**  
items this year.

That is equal to patrons borrowing  
about **617 items each day** we're open!



***The Women* by Kristin Hannah** was our most checked out fiction book (adult collection)



***The Fall Guy*** was our most checked out movie (adult collection)

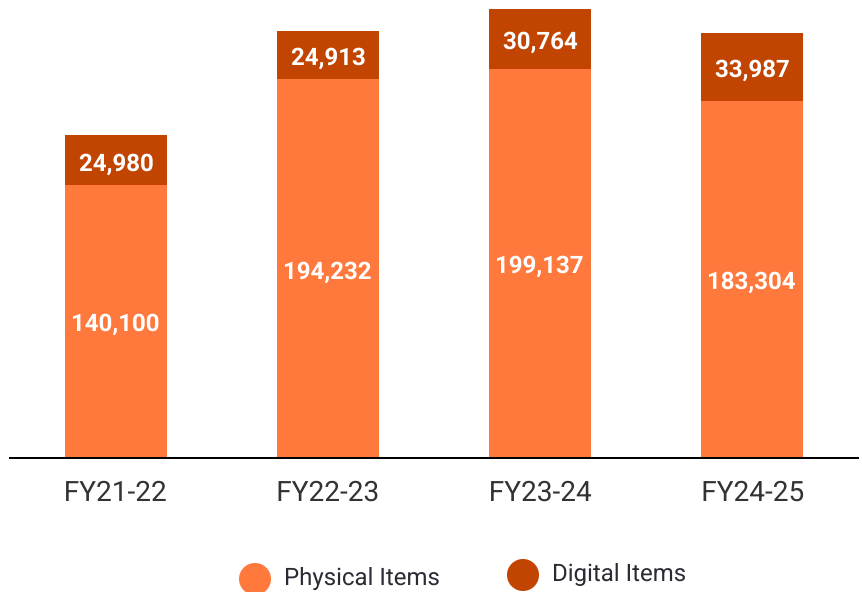


***The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese** was our most checked out audiobook



***Kung Fu Panda 4*** was our most checked out movie (kids collection)

Total Circulation by Year



**49%**

of digital checkouts  
were eAudiobooks.



**30%**

of all borrows were  
self-checkouts.

## We added Sensory Kits to our collection!

Sensory kits are now a part of our Library of Things! These kits come in a variety of themes and they support a range of needs, including stress relief, Braille learning, and low vision accessibility.

Located near the Adult Services desk, these kits are available to Addison Public Library cardholders.



The Library of Things is our collection of non-traditional items that you can check out! We have things like WiFi hotspots, microphones, puzzles, Legos, tool sets, and more.

Learn more at  
[addisonlibrary.org/library-of-things](http://addisonlibrary.org/library-of-things)



# Programs & Outreach

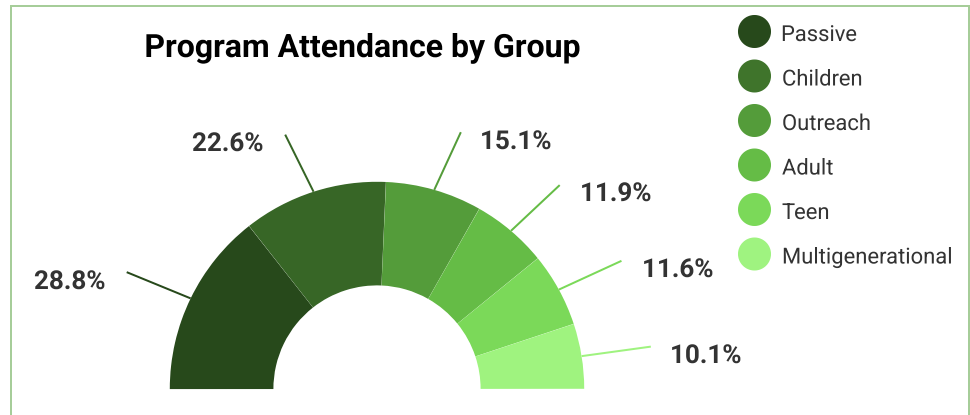
This year, we hosted

**40,536**

patrons at **1,614** programs.



Our program attendance increased nearly 8% this year!



We had **11,679** participants in passive programs, almost 29% of our total program attendees! Passive programs include live-streamed events on social media, take-home craft kits, and more.



## Science, Art, and Fun Collide at STEAM Fest

July 2024

We hosted our first STEAM Fest, a celebration of science, technology, engineering, art, and math through hands-on activities. Local organizations and community members shared demos, games, crafts, and resources to inspire STEAM learning and play.

We connected with

**6,107**

community members at **115** outreach events.



The book bike made **12** visits around Addison!



We made **67** home deliveries to members of the community.



We love seeing you around town at community events!



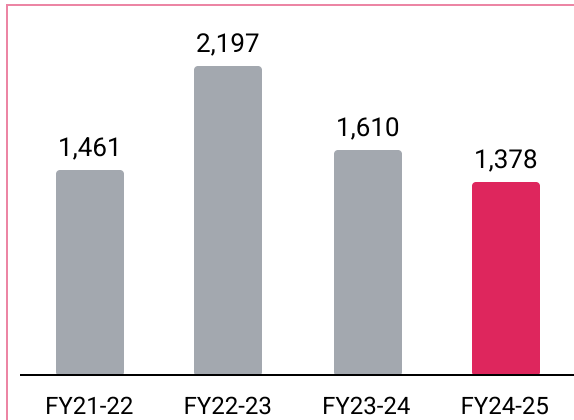




# Library Cards

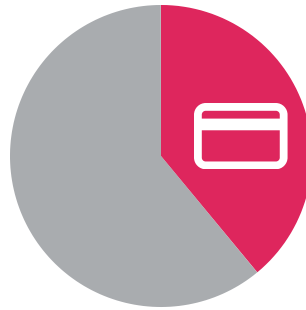
# 1,378

**new library cards  
were issued this year!**



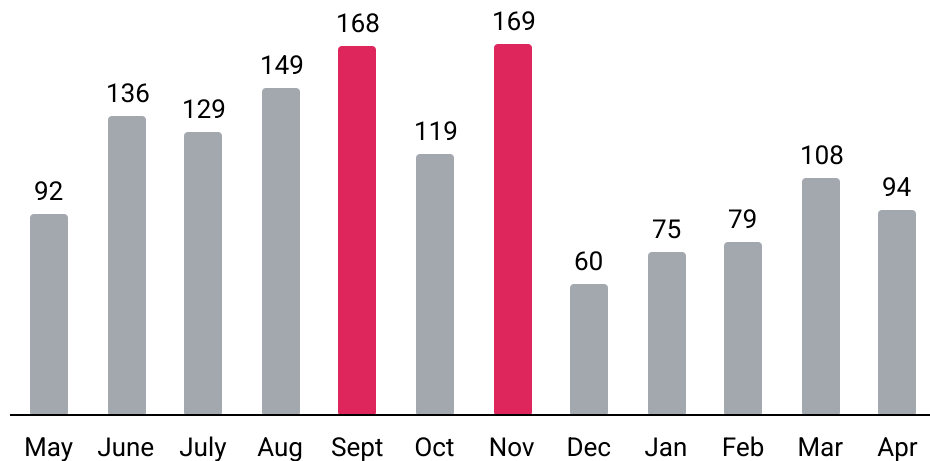
Of all the new library cards created,

- **68% were adults**
- **26% were children and teens**
- **4% were reciprocal borrowers**
- **2% were nonresidents**



As of April 30, 2025,  
**39% of Addison has  
a library card!**

**September and November** were our two  
highest months for new library cards!



**Start on a new path with your library card.**

**Congratulations to the Class of 2024 Career Online High School (COHS) graduates!**

The Addison Public Library, in collaboration with COHS, offers adults the opportunity to complete their high school education and earn a diploma from home. The library has a limited number of scholarships for adults who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education at no cost. More at [addisonlibrary.org/diploma](https://addisonlibrary.org/diploma)



Learn more about how to get a library card and pre-register  
at: [addisonlibrary.org/get-a-card](https://addisonlibrary.org/get-a-card)



# Highlights

## May

We had an amazing time at our Summer Reading party—featuring the Addison Fire Protection District, Kona Ice, and the magician Jaime Aponte!



## June

Summer is peak season for outreach and community engagement! We visited Rock N' Wheels, Addison parks, Clarendale Senior Living, and more. Look for the book bike around town!

## July

We teamed up with the Addison Fire Protection District to offer a hands-on Stop the Bleed course, giving Addison residents the tools and confidence to perform lifesaving skills.

## August

Local author Claudia Guadalupe Martinez joined us at the Addison Park District for a reading of her book *Not A Bean*, which was featured as one of our seasonal Trail Tale titles at the park!



## September

Autobots, roll out... September was Library Card Sign Up Month! 168 new cardholders received their choice of a library-branded prize for signing up.

## October

We kicked off our membership in Illinois Libraries Present—a statewide collaboration of public libraries offering high-quality virtual events—with a virtual visit from Erika Sánchez.

## November

We hosted our Building Project Open House, a showcase and information session highlighting the exciting changes coming with our renovation project. We also launched our brand new website!

## December

Thank you to our community for another successful Small Business Saturday campaign!



## January

Our building project officially started! Work began on the third floor, where we cleared out everything, even the walls, to completely transform the space.

## February

Our Genealogy Club took a field trip to the Addison Historical Museum! We went on a tour, viewing the archives filled with newspapers, documents, maps, photographs, and more.

## March

The Consolidated Election Candidate Forum was held at Village Hall and moderated by Missy Mouritsen, Political Science Professor from the College of DuPage. 11 candidates participated and 77 patrons attended in person!

## April

Participants in our Pathways to Success program learned English pronunciation and built job search skills like resume writing and interviews.

