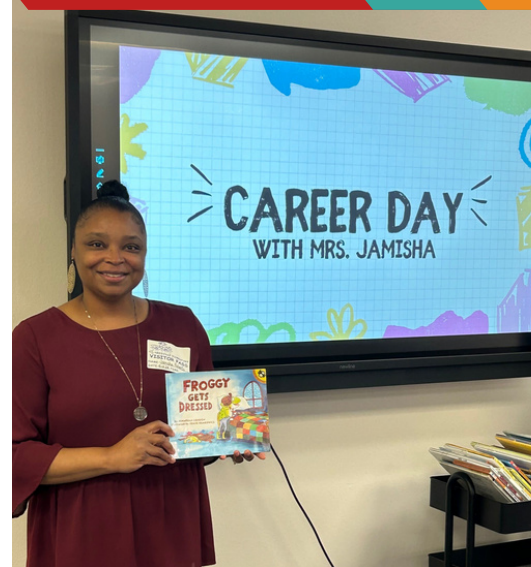




DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2024



FORT BEND COUNTY
LIBRARIES

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HIGHLIGHTS

Warming Centers

County officials announced that all library locations would be open as warming centers for the community. Hours and services remained the same during this time frame. Library staff welcomed new visitors who were not regular library users, and we hope they join us again soon!

Albert George Branch in Needville

Staff at the Albert George Branch Library in Needville hosted a **Holiday Fest** and invited the community to share in the festive cheer. Crafts, games, music, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Jamisha Roberts was invited to be a presenter at Needville Elementary School's annual **Career Day**. She spoke to a class of 3rd-grade students about careers in the library world. She also shared information about Homework Help, youth programs, and other library resources.

Cinco Ranch Branch

To kick off the winter break, Youth Services staff hosted a performance of "**Sleeping Beauty and the Handsome Prince**," by Jean Kuecher's Marionette Playhouse.

They also hosted a festive **New Year's at Noon Party**, where families could count down to 12:00 noon instead of midnight with crafts, refreshments, and fun.

First Colony Branch

The First Colony Branch Library offered a variety of programs and events across different age groups to engage and support the community during the winter season.

For Adult Services, the library partnered with the **YMCA** for a program on **U.S. Citizenship**. The presentation was designed to show individuals how to navigate the naturalization process and prepare for the U.S. citizenship test. To kick off the holiday season, the library hosted a **Winter Open House** with refreshments and festive activities for all ages. Additionally, the library offered "**Cooking Extras for the Winter Season**," a class focused on providing participants with ideas to spruce up their meals during the holidays.

The Youth Services staff celebrated with a festive **New Year's at Noon Party**, where families could count down to 12:00 noon instead of midnight with activities, crafts, refreshments, and fun. A **Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament** offered youth (grades 4-8) the opportunity to engage in friendly competition and showcase their gaming skills in a dynamic and exciting environment.

HIGHLIGHTS

Fulshear Branch

The Adult Services staff presented an adult craft class on “**Light-Up Holiday Cards.**” Incorporating STEM core concepts, participants created LED greeting cards for the holidays. The **Young Adult Advisory Council** teens participated in a focus-group study for FBCL’s website-refresh project, and they provided some very insightful feedback.

The Youth Services staff hosted a **Board-Game Night** for students in grades 4-8. The theme for the activity was “**Tasty Games.**” Youth staff also presented their innovative “**Imagination Stations**” program in which children (ages 3-6) and their caregivers immerse themselves in an hour of imaginative play, rotating through a variety of dramatic play stations; this month’s program included a farmer’s market, a campground, a carpenter’s shop, and a veterinarian’s office.

George Memorial Library in Richmond

George Memorial Library (Richmond) kicked off the holiday season with a **Winter Celebration**, featuring **Young Audiences of Houston** harpist Hope Cowan, craft activities, refreshments, and a photo booth.

Teens were invited to a “**Hogwarts Study Hall,**” a designated time/place where they could devote their attention to studying for finals. Themed music, reference materials, and snacks were provided.

The Youth Services staff focused their attention on specially planned activities during the winter break. A “**Build It**” **After-School Break** encouraged students (grades K-5) to put their creativity and engineering skills to work with LEGO and other building materials. An End-of-the-Year **Dance Party with DJ Jeffrey** featured activities, songs, games, and contests for the entire family. A “**New Year’s at Noon**” countdown celebration provided family-friendly fun, light refreshments, crafts, and games while everyone anticipated the countdown to 12 noon, when bubbles and excitement filled the air.

Mamie George Branch in Stafford

The Mamie George Branch Library (Stafford) continued its monthly **Dungeons and Dragons** program for teens (grades 9-12). Staff also provided an ongoing **coloring activity** throughout the month.

Mission Bend Branch

The Mission Bend Branch Library has been featuring a monthly **College Prep mini-series** for teens. The December topic was “**Scholarships.**” Students and their parents received guidance on completing the **FAFSA**, heard about different avenues for finding third-party scholarships, and got tips on ways to make college more affordable.

Families were treated to a relaxing “**Drive-In Movie Day**” to escape the hustle and bustle of the holidays. They spent the afternoon designing their own cardboard “cars” while watching some Pixar short films from the past. The Youth Services staff concluded the year with a “**Rockin’ in the New Year**” celebration, with crafts and a dance party while everyone waited to countdown to 12 noon.

HIGHLIGHTS

Missouri City Branch

The Missouri City Branch Library's monthly "**Teen Tuesday**" series featured an "**Escape the New Year's Ball**" in December. A fun-filled escape-room experience challenged teens to collaborate and solve tricky puzzles and unravel hidden mysteries so that they could "escape" in time for the New Year.

Sienna Branch

The Sienna Branch Library hosted a **performance by an ensemble of area high school musicians**. The performance featured two saxophone quartets, who entertained library visitors while gaining experience performing in front of an audience.

The Youth Services department hosted a **New Year's Eve Party at Noon**, featuring **DJ Jeffrey**, for families with children of all ages. The event included games, music, and dancing.

Sugar Land Branch

The Sugar Land Branch Library hosted a fascinating program about **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, presented by **Houston Community College professor Dr. Fidelis Ngang**. Those who attended learned more about **ChatGPT** and how AI can be used.

Teens (grades 9-12) found a relaxing outlet for stress from exams by learning the soothing effects of folding tiny **origami stars**.

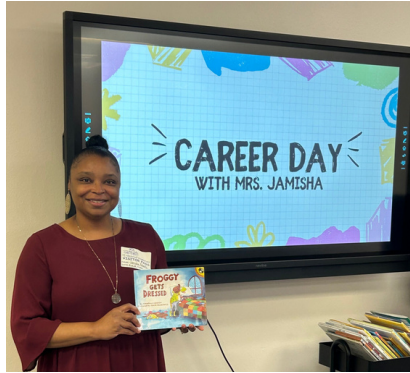
Elementary school-aged students (grades K-5) were treated to an **After-School Break featuring "Spy Training"** activities. During the **Tech Tuesday** program, students in grades 3-8 sharpened their **coding** skills.

University Branch in Sugar Land

The University Branch Library (Sugar Land) hosted a fun **Holiday Cookie Party**, where visitors were treated to a variety of festive treats.

PHOTO GALLERY

Albert George Branch in Needville



Library Displays at Sugar Land Branch



PHOTO GALLERY

Cinco Ranch Branch Marionette Playhouse Program, December 18, 2024



Sienna Branch New Year's at Noon Party, December 31, 2024



Santa Visits Library Branches



FACILITIES UPDATE

Administration Building in Richmond

Updates:

- The Administration building was built in 2014, so the existing air-conditioning system is more than 10 years old and needs replacement. Installation of the new air-conditioning unit will be completed in January 2025. The new system allows digital, remote access and will run more efficiently.

George Memorial Library

Updates:

- Repairs to basement gate Temperature Adjustment
- Rodent Removal

Albert George Branch in Needville

Updates:

- Carpet was slightly wet near the emergency exit door in the Meeting Room. There is a thin opening at the bottom of the door. Due to heavy rain on December 27, 2024, water was able to enter through the opening under the door.
- Maintenance repaired the bottom of the exterior door in Meeting Room.

Cinco Ranch Branch

Updates:

- Water fountain in Youth Services had a part break causing flooding in the Youth Services area.

Mission Bend Branch

Updates:

- Staff continue to monitor roof leaks: 1) above Circulation service desk, 2) above Circulation workroom desk, 3) above staff PC in Adult/Circulation workroom, and 4) in public area above Friends of the Library bookshelf. There was not additional leaking noticed during the month of December.

FACILITIES UPDATE

First Colony Branch

Updates:

- Leak near light fixture in Adult Services
- Leak near light fixture in Circulation workroom above rolling shelves 9 and 10
- Leak in Children's near juvenile book spinners has spread
- Leak in adult fiction above the FIC STA section
- Leak above ANF 900 section
- Leak in study room 6
- Roof repair occurred Dec 30 - Jan 3
- Suppression release system in outside book drop needs to be repaired

Missouri City Branch

Updates:

- The exterior lights to the building are not operational. A repair was made to the timer, but this did not fix the issue.
- The A/C in the main Network Closet is still not working, so the door is kept propped open and a fan on.

Sienna Branch

Updates:

- Moved all the hanging signs relating the collection being shifted and the Friends of the Library books being moved to the first floor.

Sugar Land Branch

Updates:

- Replaced the battery in the emergency exit door in the Youth department.

University Branch

Updates:

- (Texas Air) Repaired two chillers and the MDF/IDF cooling systems
- Ongoing elevator issues: A new motherboard is needed, but the board is no longer being manufactured. We are purchasing a new upgraded board. Elevator is still out of service.

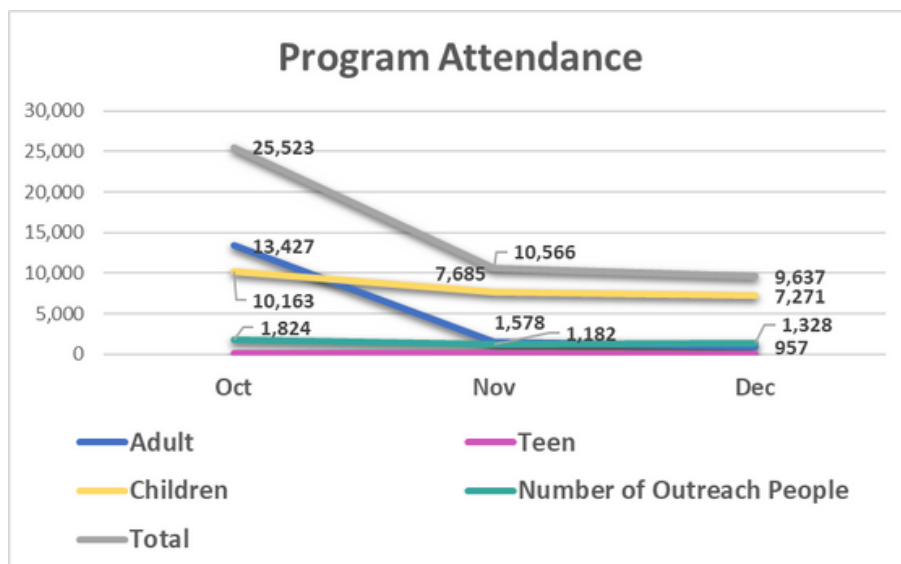
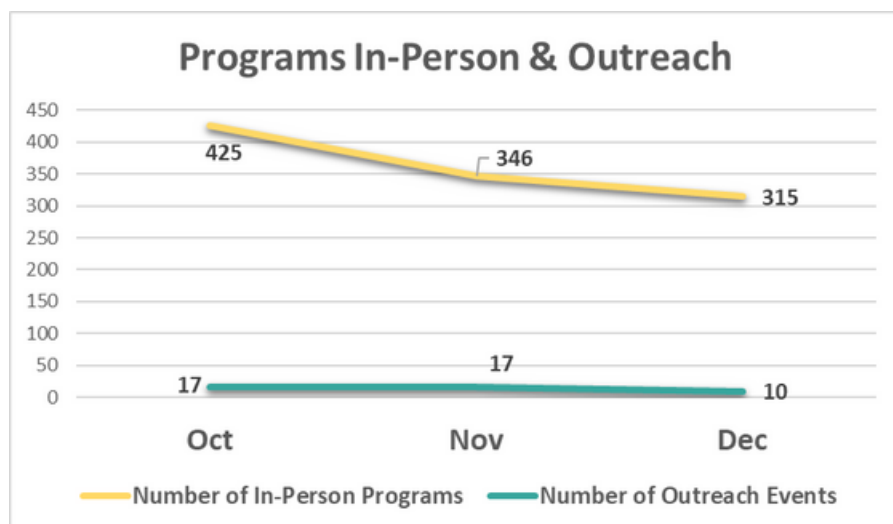
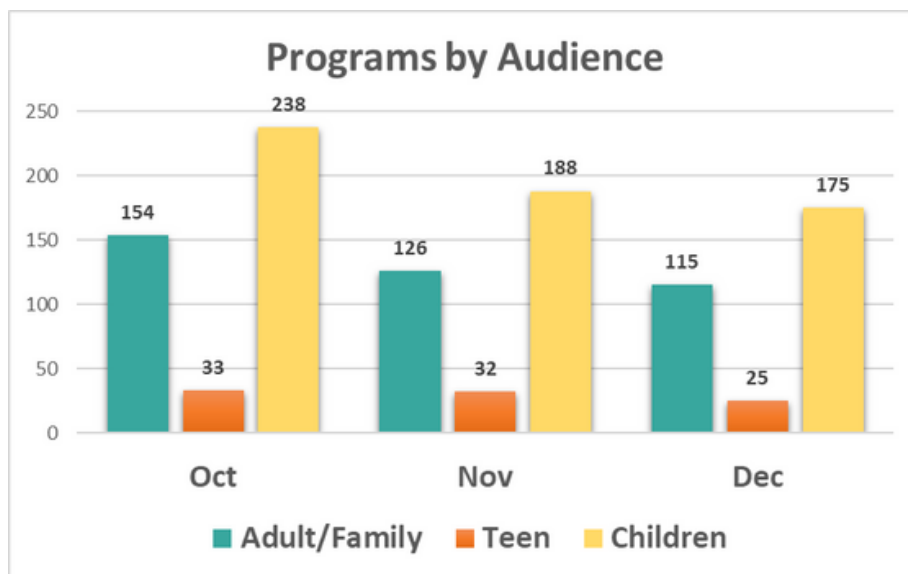
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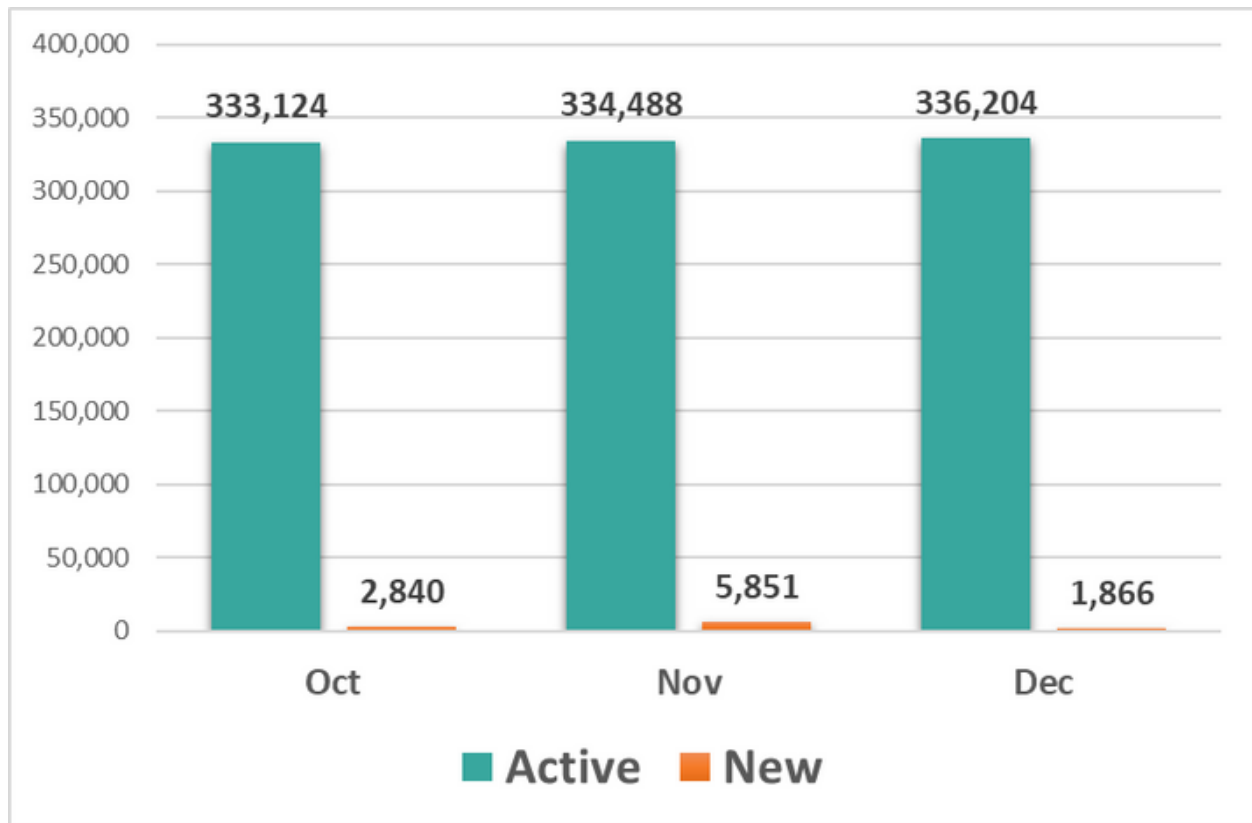


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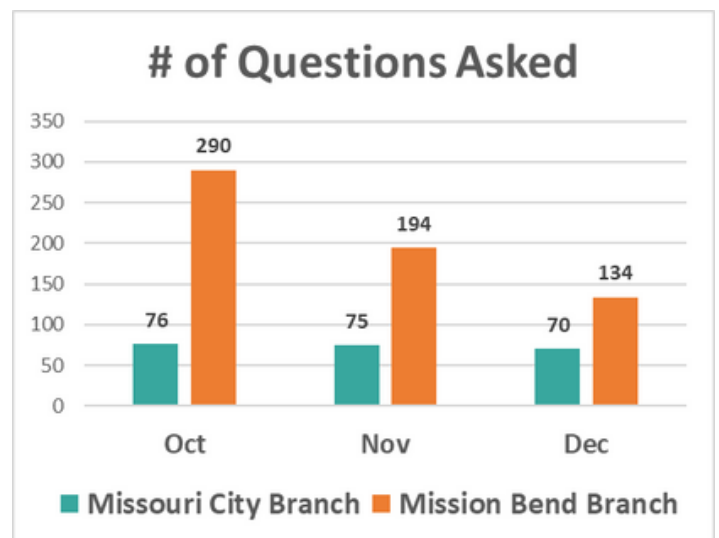
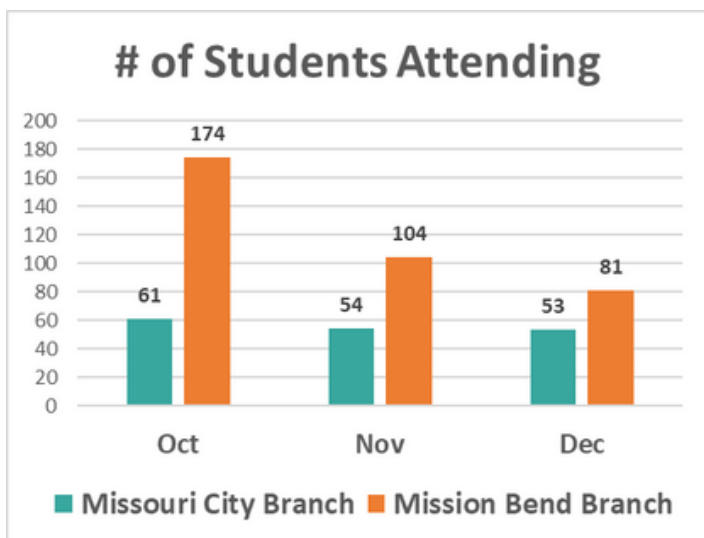
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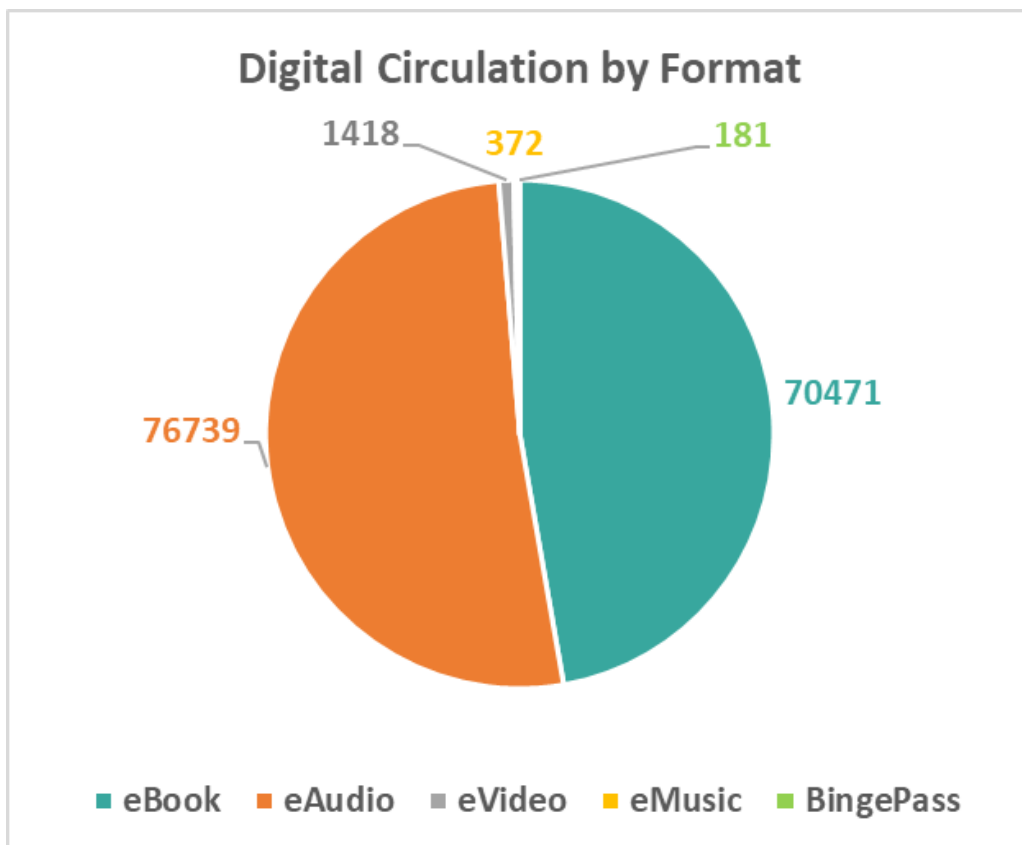
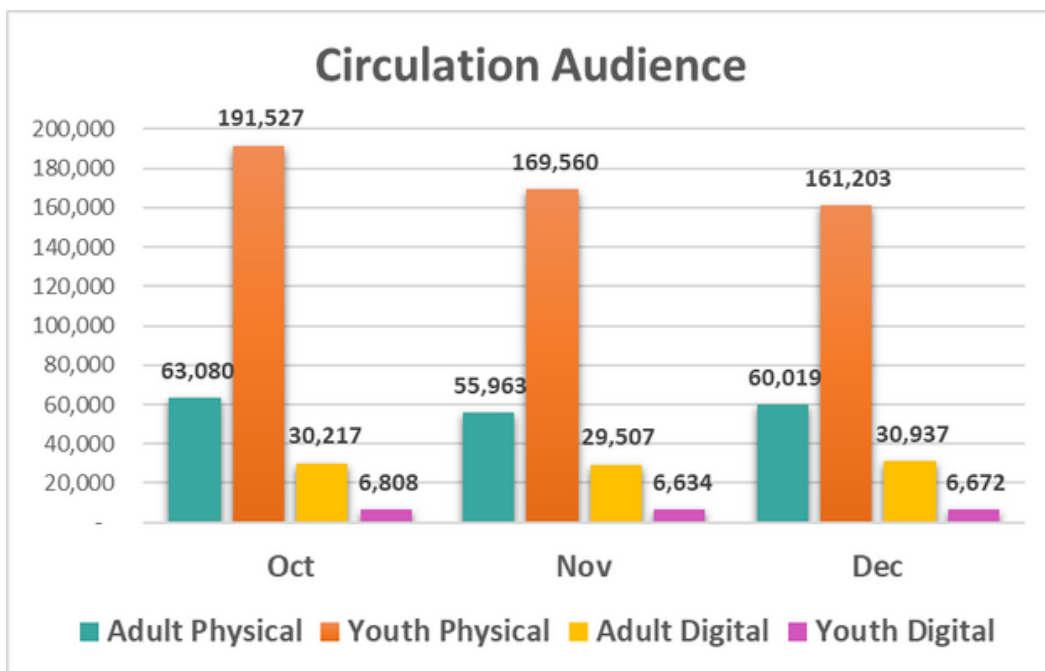
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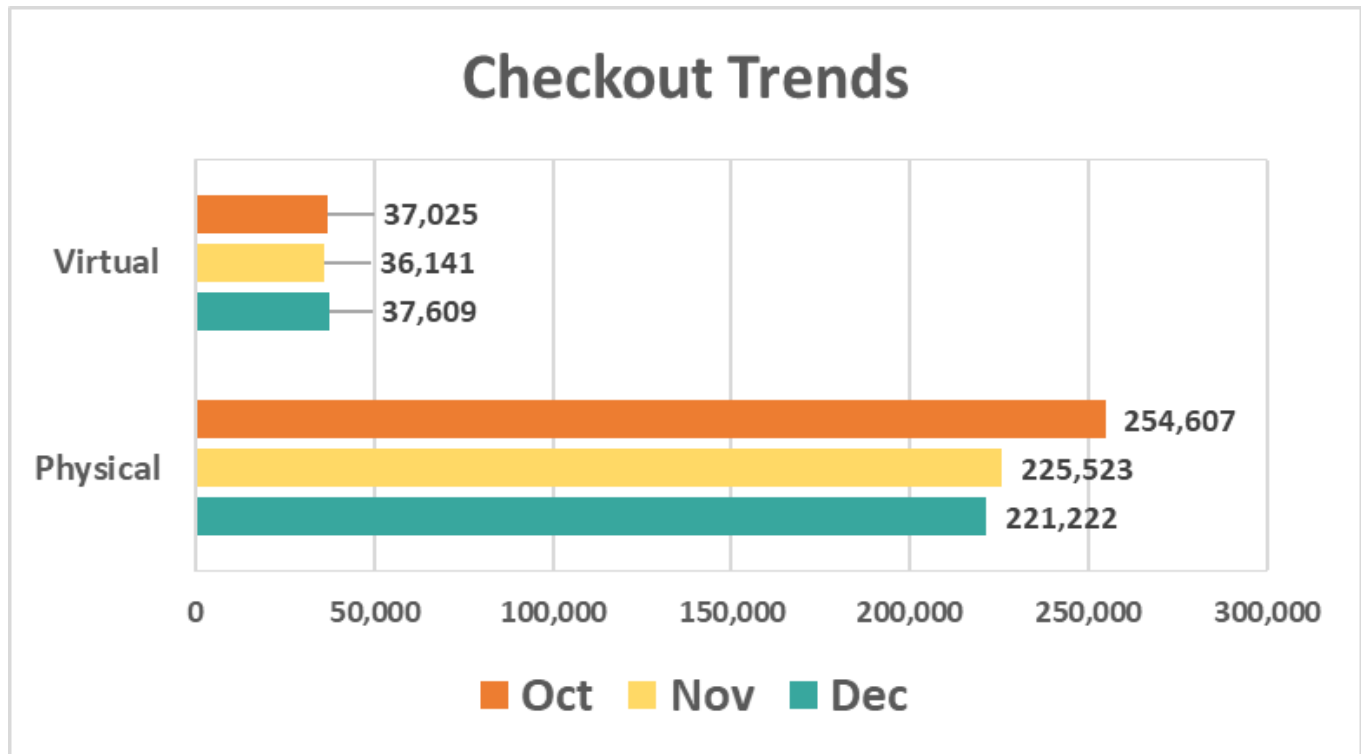
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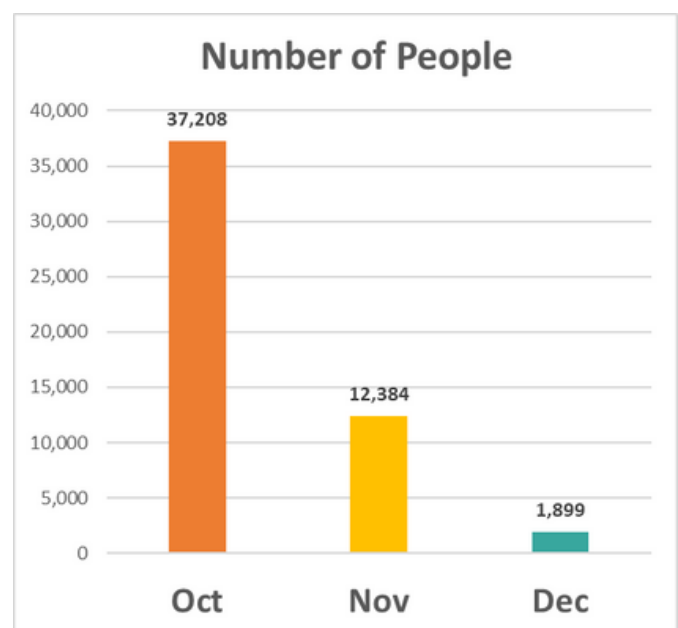
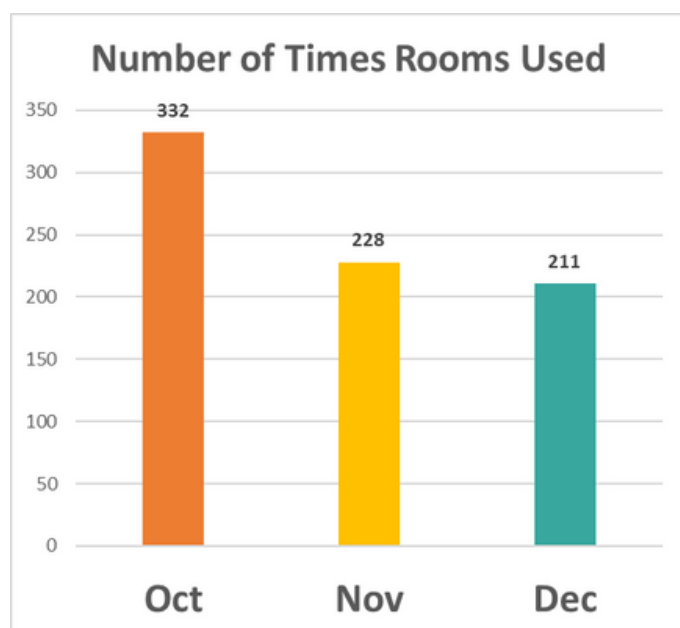
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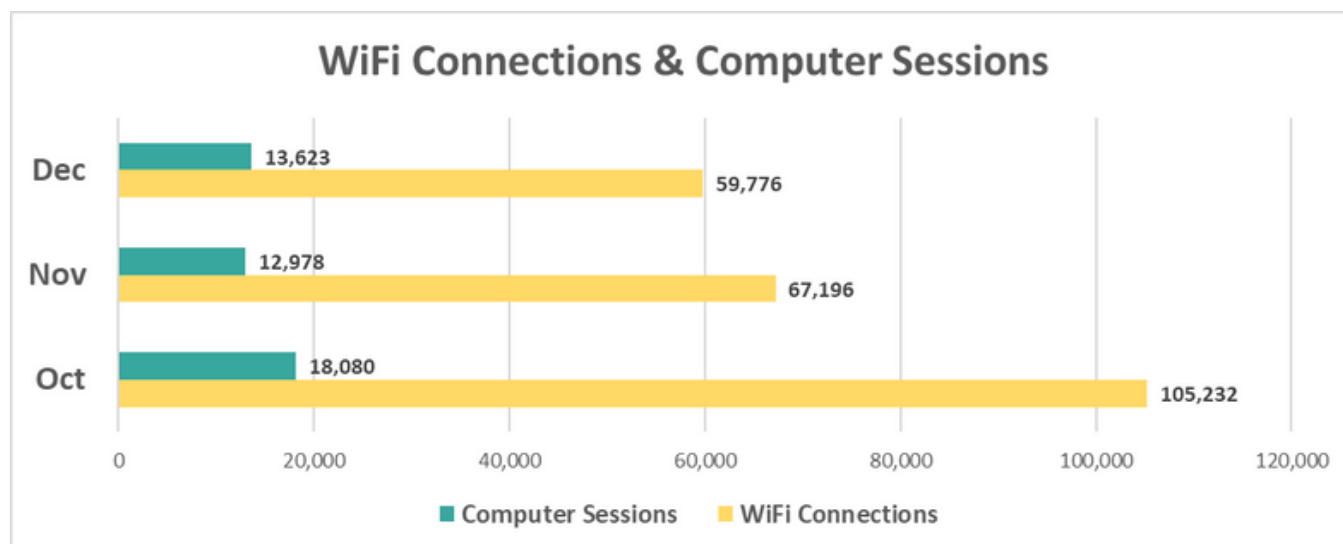
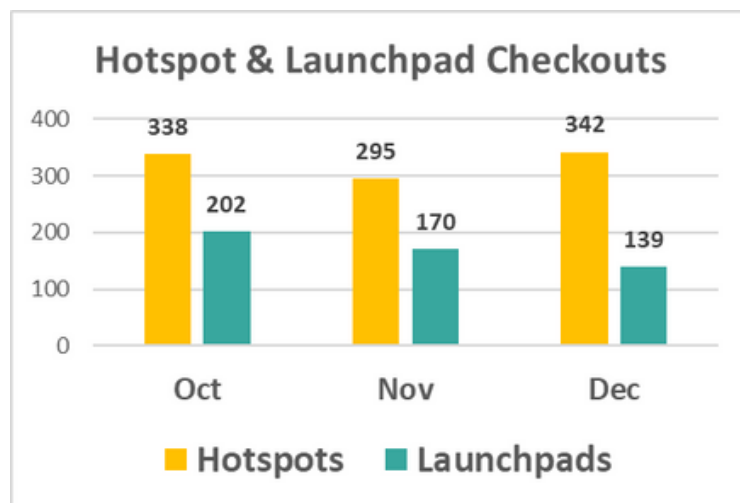
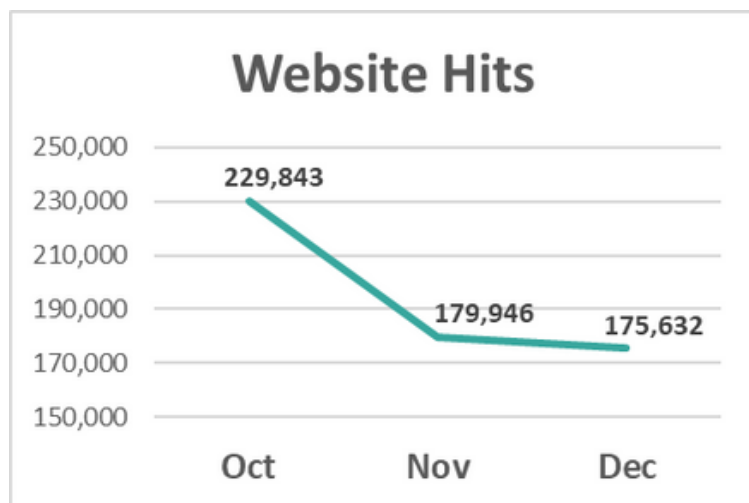
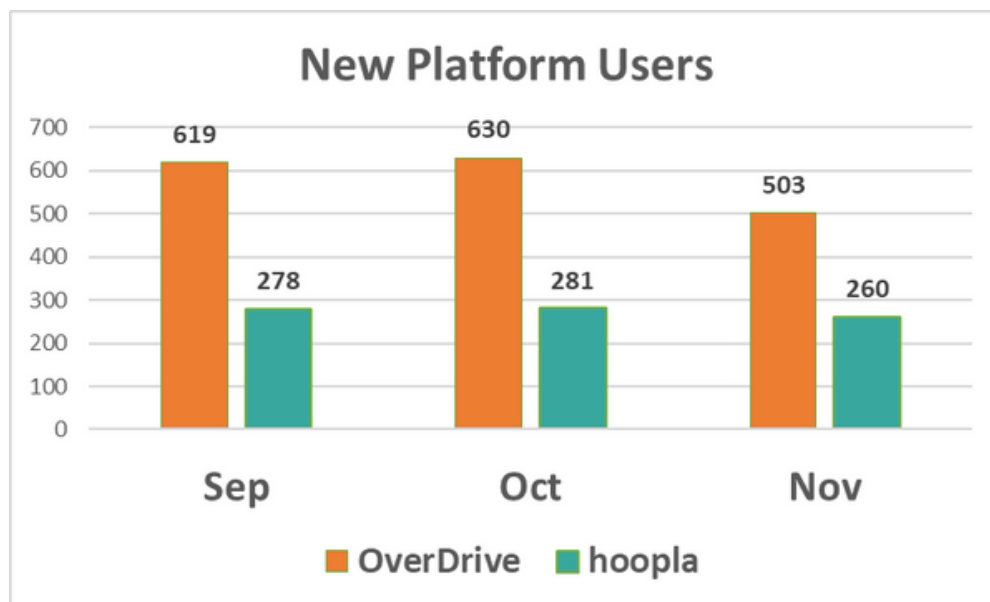
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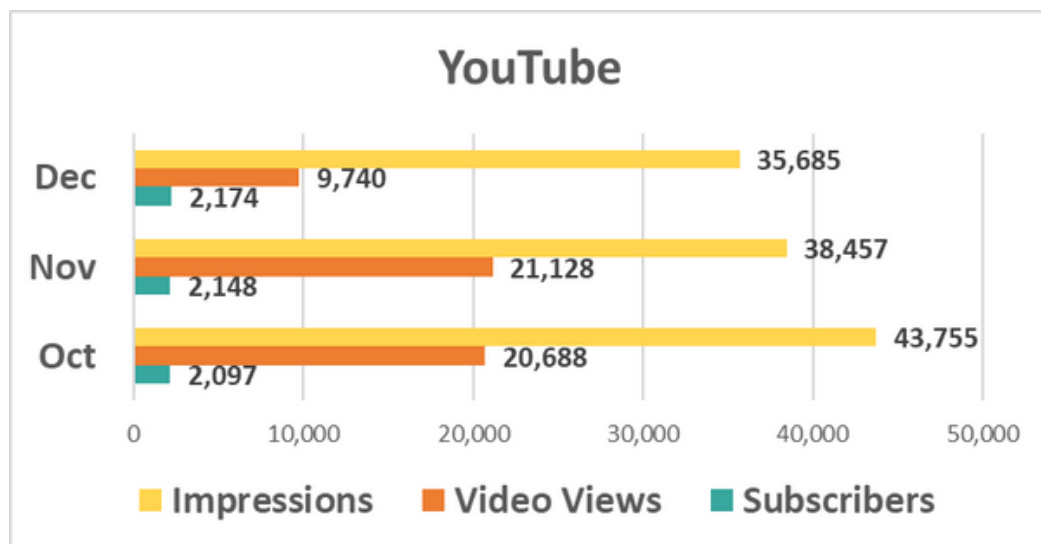
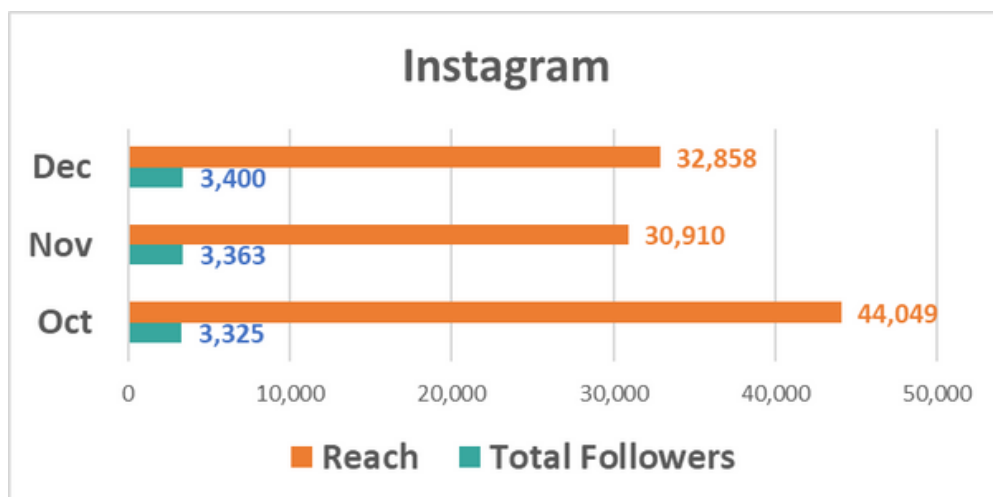
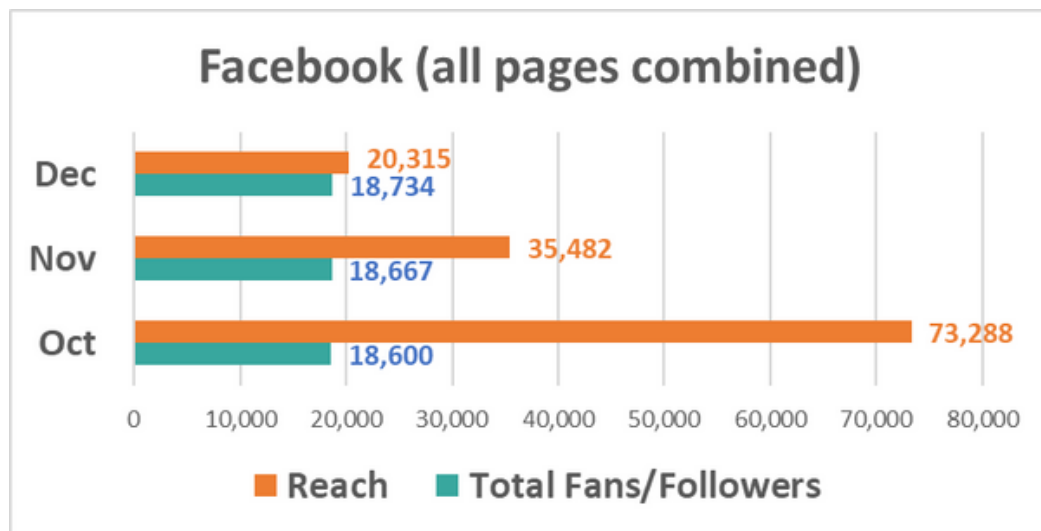
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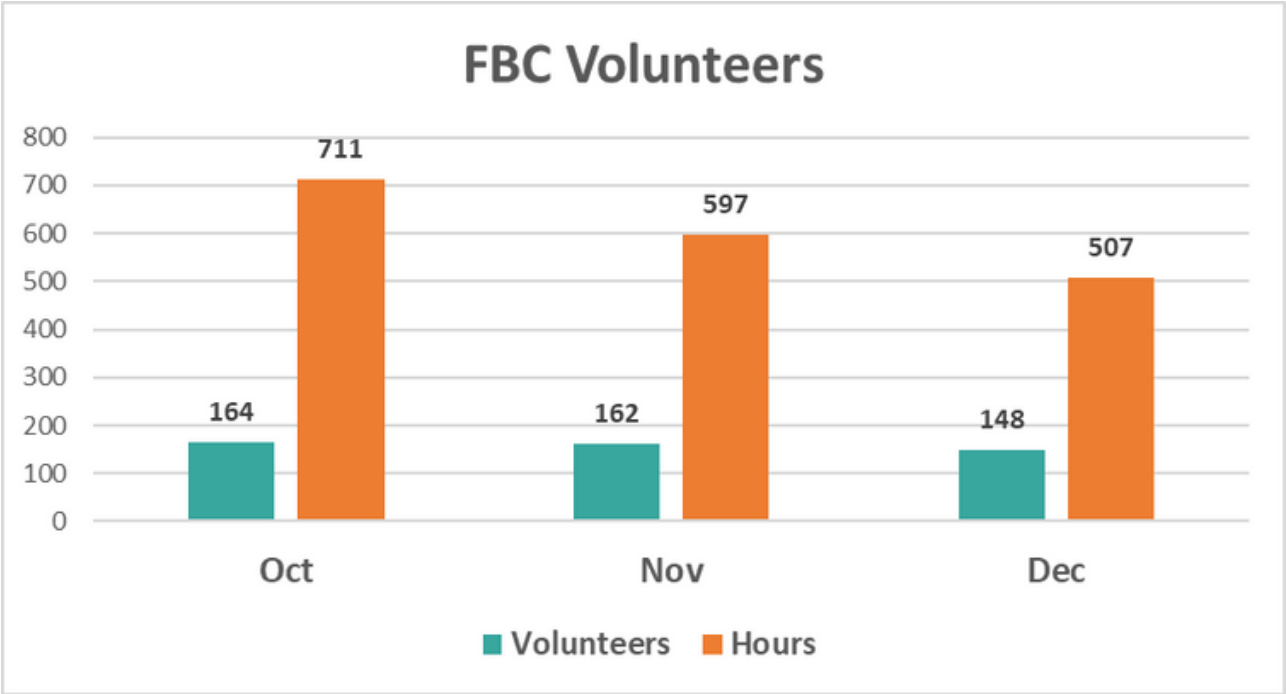
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BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

FBCL by the Numbers	
	December 2024 - Budget Report
	Fiscal Year 2025 (10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025)
Total Budget	\$ 23,939,555.00
FTE	267.50
Year-to-Date Revenues, as of 10/01/2024	
Donations	\$8,685.42
Fines, Copiers, 3D Prints, etc.	\$37,103.29