



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JUNE 2025



FORT BEND COUNTY
LIBRARIES

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HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Challenge is in full swing. At the end of June, there were 7,050 youth registered and 1,217 middle school students registered. The youth have read a total of 96,703 books and the middle graders have read for 10,161 hours. Additionally, there were 1,908 kids participating at outreach locations. Incentives and 1,547 books from the outreach collection have been sent to participating locations. Our numbers are down slightly from last year, but there is time to catch up. Programs at all locations remain popular. We have had bubbles, magic, and baby animals throughout the system.

Fulshear Branch had more than 2,100 visitors attend 37 programs, **Missouri City Branch** had 651 visitors attend 19 programs, **Sienna Branch** had 2,274 attend 31 programs, **Mission Bend Branch** had 757 in 23 programs, and **First Colony Branch** had 1,806 people attend 30 programs. The end of June marks the halfway point of the Summer Reading Challenge.

Albert George Branch in Needville

Albert George Branch (Needville) invited special guests and offered many fun programs for youth and middle grades, including:

- Brazos Bend State Park's "All About Alligators"
- Monty the Magician's "Magic That Makes Me Smile"
- Shelly McBubbles from the Texas Bubblers

The **Youth Services** department also offered a Craft Carnival for participants in grades K-5, a Button Makerstation program for students in grades 4-8 to create personalized pinback buttons, and a canvas painting party where attendees had the opportunity to learn how to paint various objects, including birds, flowers, cacti, rainbows, watermelon, and more.

The **Adult Services** department offered a Craft and Chat program where crafters shared projects and techniques during a fun and creative session.

Teens had a blast at the Board-Game Cafe, enjoying games like Tetris, Strike, Aggravation, Marvel United, UpWords, Skip-Bo, and Monopoly.

Cinco Ranch Branch

Youth programs in June included: an Art Fest, a Magical Balloon Show with Monty the Magician, and live animals with the Creature Teacher. Our Creative Connections programs for grades 4-8 had full registrations for all events in June. Middle Grade youth participated in a variety of art-themed projects including Faux Stained Glass, Fantasy Watercolors, and a Young Audiences of Houston "Recycled Art" program presented by artist Charles Washington.

Teen programs offered in the month of June included: Color Our World: Journey Through Global Art Forms for Teens (Van Gogh's still life "Vase with Irises Against a Yellow Background."), Avocado Keychains for Teens, Art Trivia Night for Teens, and Teen Chop-Chop Club: Make Your Own Dips.

Some **Adult** programs offered this month include: Literary Lunch League and The Butler Did It Mystery Book Clubs, Chess Day, ESL Conversation Circle, Prose Pros Writing Group, Basic Cross-Stitch Craft, Inside the Lines (coloring club), DIY a Terrarium in a Jar, Memory Disco for Seniors program that combines music with other sensory elements like movement and interaction to engage participants, Plant Swap program, Friday Afternoon Board Games, Chair Yoga, Summer Films Series, and more!

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First Colony Branch

Youth Services programs: Staff created four sets of 150 crafts for June that were handed out in the weekly Story Time programs. Youth programs in June included: A "Magical Balloon Show," presented by Robb Holladay; The Creature Teacher; a musical puppet show with Mr. Leo; "Drawing Academy," with Artist Farren; a science show with Mad Science Houston; Art Explorers; Cartoons & Crafts; and Painting with Watercolor Pencils, presented by Young Audiences of Houston.

Adult Services programs in June: ESL Conversation Circles; Air-Dry Clay Plaques; Novel Expectations Book Club; Junk Journaling; Canva Basics; Hand-Coloring Photographs; Ramen and Anime Hour; DIY Mini Terrariums; Photocard Decorating & Trading; Effective Communication Strategies: Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia; Crafty Stitches; and DIY Rainbow Pins.

Fulshear Branch

Adult Services programs: ESL Conversation Circle, Writer's Workshop, Adult Coloring Hour, The Day Readers Book Club, Nifty Needlers, and Documentary Viewing.

Teen programs: Dungeons and Dragons program, Teens Learn to Crochet.

Youth programs offered include: Mother Goose Time, Toddler Time, Preschool Story Time, Pajama Night Story Time, Collaborative Art Day, Tom's Fun Band "Science of Sound" program, Carnival Game Day, Family Color Hour, Glow Party, "Bad Art" program, and Saturday Morning Movie Throwback.

George Memorial in Richmond

Adult Services scheduled a variety of programs in June, including: four ESL Conversation Circles, Story Spinners Writing Club, Book Break book club, craft studio, Chess Community Club, board-game club, a presentation on aquaponics, an art program from Unite and Inspire, a henna program, and an assortment of computer classes.

For **teens**, we offered a summer snack series, resumé-building class, volunteer fair, and four sessions of "Color our World Art Talk and Creation" for Summer Reading.

Youth Services was involved in a total of 27 programs or outreach events which reached 1,896 people. The Family Games & Jigsaw Puzzles come-and-go option saw 579 visitors (401 children and 178 adults) take advantage of the game room during the month. Youth Programs in June included a Sensory-Friendly Story Time, School-Age Programs with a "Build It!" program, a Creative Connections program titled "Game Day: Free-Play Edition," a "Craft Carnival" School-Age Program, a "Book Connections" book club for grades 4-8, The Creature Teacher presented a "Wildlife Education" School-Age Program, a Creative Connections program titled "Beaded-Lizard Keychains," a Game Day School-Age Program, and a Book Connections: Suspense/Mystery program for grades 4-8.

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Mission Bend Branch

Adult Services programs offered in June include the bi-weekly English Conversation Circle, the monthly book club, and the monthly writing club. In addition to these regular monthly programs, staff also offered a movie night featuring *The Wizard of Oz* and a Dungeons and Dragons painting program. Staff-led computer classes offered this month included "Microsoft 2016 Word Basics" and "Computer Safety."

For **teens**, staff hosted a "Bob Ross Painting Hour" and a "Slime Contest." Additionally, staff continue to train and supervise a full roster of high school volunteers, who always work hard checking the condition and proper shelving order of our collection.

Youth Services kicked off the Summer Reading Challenge, offering multiple programs each week. Programs included both regularly scheduled programs such as Mother Goose Time, Toddler Time, and Pre-school Story Time, as well as special Middle Grade and family programs. A presentation about birds from the Texas Master Naturalists was offered for families, a "Three Nasty Gnarlies" Books Alive! Program, a Middle Grades Adventures in Color: Giant Game Day program, a Tote-ally Colorful Creations program, a Color Your World Coaster Fun program, Splatter Paint & Fun program, and a Summer Blockbuster Bash.

Missouri City Branch

Youth programs in June include: Family Story Time, Pajama Night Story Time, Pop-Up Game Day, a family Color Your Library program, a special Monty the Magician program, and a "Living in Space" program presented by Space Center Houston

Adult Services programs in June include: a special Father's Day celebration, Urban Wildlife: Career Pathways, Microsoft Excel Basics computer class, Sip & Craft: Kawaii Designs, Crafty Creators: DIY Pride Tote Bags, Urban Wildlife: Teen Career Pathways, Super Smash Bros Tournament, Juneteenth Program: Freedom Gardens, Talk Back Book Club, Digital Declutter, Popcorn and a Movie, Glow-in-the-Dark Art Night, Grim Readers Book Club, Active Adult Series: DIY Bath Bombs, and The Skin I'm In Book Club.

Mamie George Branch in Stafford

Family programs this month include: Build Club, Family Craft: Paper-plate Kite program, and Family Craft: S'mores program.

Teen programs include: Dungeons and Dragons and Art Jam: Fantasy Landscapes program.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sugar Land Branch

All morning story times for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers had a steady turnout during the month of June. Other **Youth Services** programs include: Mr. Leo's Puppet and Magic Show, Science Heroes, storytelling program from Joy Saxton who brought her picture book to life with a performance of "Joy Goes to Mexico," conservation and wild-bird habitats with Mary Anne Morris, Middle Grade Art Around the World program (Africa and Asia), and a Screen-Printing Workshop presented by Young Audiences of Houston teaching artist Danny Russo.

Adult Services programs in June include: B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your Own Craft) program, MS PowerPoint Basics and Intermediate, Drop-In Tech Help, ESL Conversation Circles, Sugar Land Book Break, and the Swoon Society Book Club,

Teen programs include: Mario Party Afternoon, Bob Ross painting session, a Wild Bird Adventures program with Mary Anne Morris, and a Teen Board-Game Club.

Sienna Branch

During June, staff presented 31 **Youth** programs, with 2,274 total attendees, and 27 programs were home-grown. Creative Connections has been very popular with the middle school group, all Story Times have been packed, Family Movies are popular, and the hired performers have been very well received.

Adult Services programs: Our most popular program this month was the Color our World program. Also very well attended this month was the Booked on Crime Book Club.

Teen programs this month include Video-Game Night and Keychain Crafting.

University Branch

Adult Services programs in June include: University Branch Book Club, Culinary Club, Craft Squad: 3D Flower Art, Craft Squad Socials, Senior Series: The Truth About Home Care, and Tabletop Society board-gaming club. We also hosted another Color Our World: Journey Through Global Art Forms art history and painting class, an informational lecture about Alzheimer's Disease, and our 2nd-Annual Homemade Ice-Cream Competition.

During June, **Youth Services** staff presented a total of 30 Children's programs and two Middle Grade Programs. These programs include: Toddler Time, Preschool Story Time, Mother Goose Time, Pajama Night Story Time, Rise & Shine Story Time; "Amazing Animals," presented by Creature Teacher; "Minute-to-Win-It," presented by DJ Jeffery; "Magic That Makes You Smile," presented by Monty the Magician; "Bubble-ology," presented by Shelly McBubbles; "Adventure of the Missing Color," presented by Science Heroes; Building Club, Game Day, Knick-Knack Know-How, and more.

PHOTO GALLERY

Sugar Land Branch Summer Youth and Middle Grade Programs



PHOTO GALLERY

University Branch Summer Youth Programs



SUMMER



PHOTO GALLERY

Cinco Ranch Branch Summer Programs



PHOTO GALLERY

Cinco Ranch Branch Summer Programs Cont.



FACILITIES UPDATE

Administration / George Memorial Library

A metal awning was installed between the Administration Building and George Memorial Library.

Albert George Branch in Needville

Maintenance personnel installed replacement flags and new halyard on the flagpole in front of the building.

First Colony Branch

MAINTENANCE: Roof repair occurred Dec 30- Jan 3: Currently no leaks for previous leaking areas; staff will continue to monitor. The suppression-release system in the outside book drop was repaired in June. Dead bushes near the entrance have been removed; maintenance is working to remove remaining dead bushes around branch.

Fulshear Branch

Work was done on the HVAC between the Meeting and Multipurpose Rooms on June 19. There is a strong chemical smell in the Meeting Room and Multipurpose Room. The Meeting Room has water leaking from the ceiling and the floor. The blinds in the Conference Room still need to be removed. We have an increase in the frequency of ceiling tiles becoming loose. The HVAC system continues to need weekly tweaking, especially during hot weather. The terrace is still unavailable due to damage from Hurricane Beryl. The list of issues was updated to include enhanced importance on the HVAC, ceiling tiles, and the Meeting Room.

George Memorial Library in Richmond

Public Men & Women's toilets repaired; Temperature adjustments made; Ceiling tiles removed; Rain receptacles emptied; Repairs made to outside handicap button; Repairs made to front doors; Awning installed at staff entrance.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Mission Bend Branch

Around June 23, the sensor on the outermost set of automatic front doors at Mission Bend stopped working. Maintenance has ordered a new sensor and is waiting for it to arrive. At present, staff are leaving the outermost set of doors open during our open-to-the-public hours.

Missouri City Branch

The sink faucets in the staff restrooms were replaced.

Mamie George Branch in Stafford

The roof has a leak. One of the panel lights had to be removed, and we have a bucket to catch dripping water. With the panel light removed, the water has somewhere to go now, and no other spots have formed. It's possible the leak is coming from the HVAC because it seems to drip less when it is raining, but drips more when the AC is running frequently and the weather is hotter outside. We are waiting for someone to come inspect the roof/HVAC.

Sugar Land Branch

This month, maintenance staff replaced some sprinkler heads, worked on the sprinkler timer, replaced filters, and addressed a leak in the air handler. The leak over the juvenile NF 900s section did leak again during one of the storms this month.

University Branch

On June 27, the library and the University of Houston - Sugar Land Campus had a planned power outage due to construction work. The planned outage by CenterPoint Energy started at 8:00 am and ended around 4:00 pm. Though library staff attempted to reopen on Saturday, June 28, the power outage had sweeping effects on building functionality. The HVAC system and elevator services were malfunctioning, and full service could not be restored. It was determined that an HVAC vendor would need to address the cooling issue on Monday, and Kone Elevator would need to address the elevator problem. On Monday, July 1, the cooling system was restored and the elevator resumed functioning. Kone Elevator discovered that the emergency telephone was no longer working, and a repair ticket was submitted to address the communication issue.

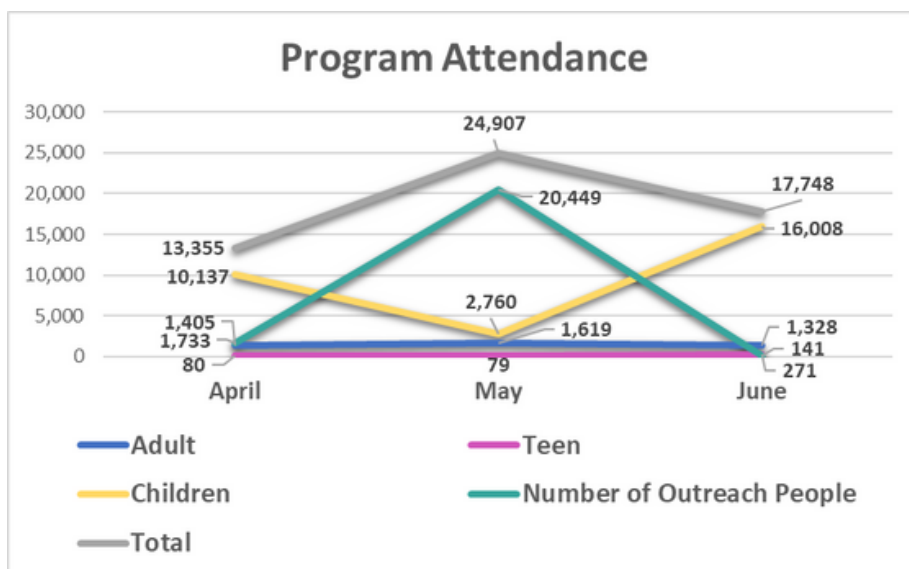
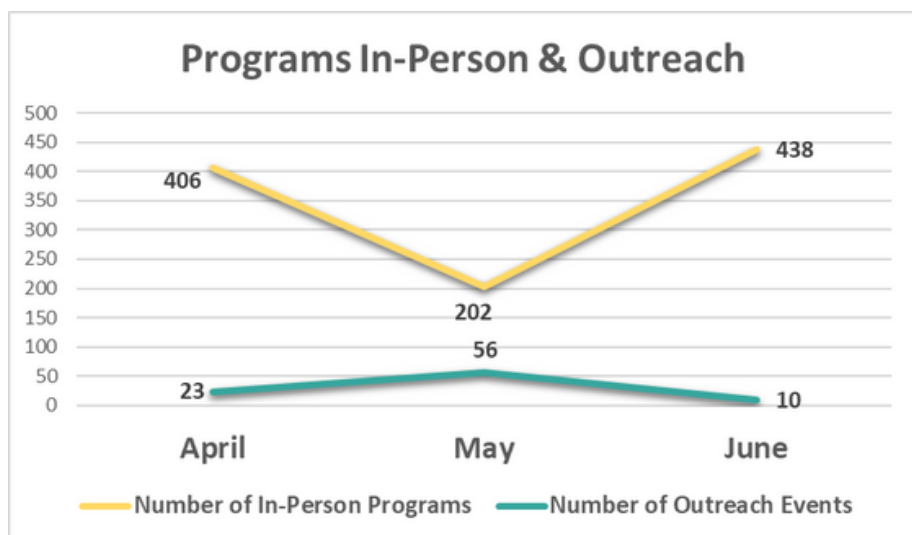
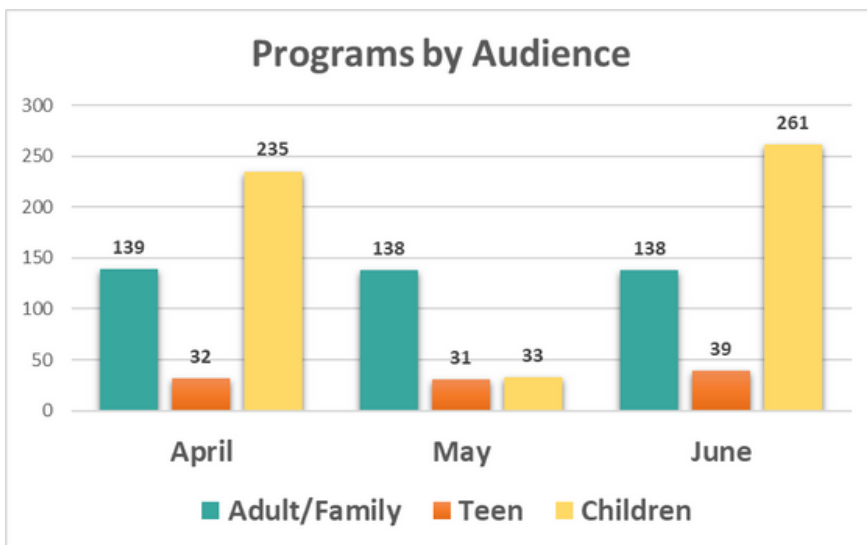
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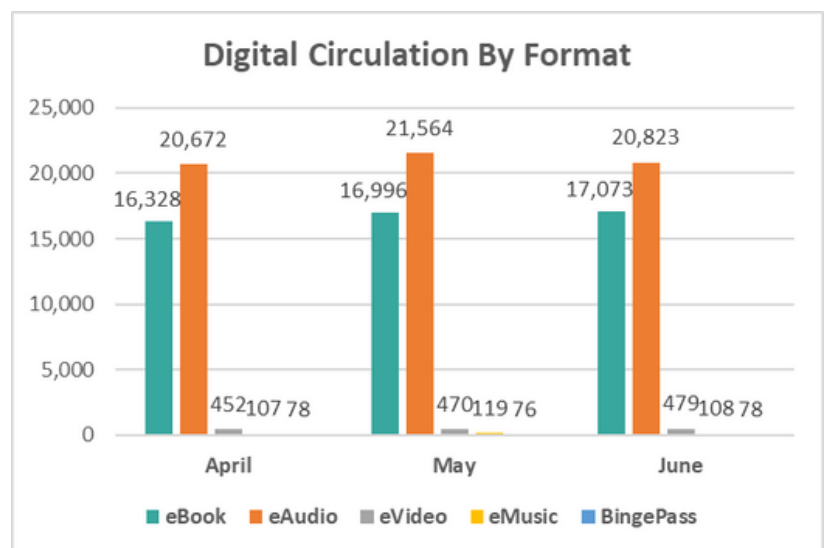
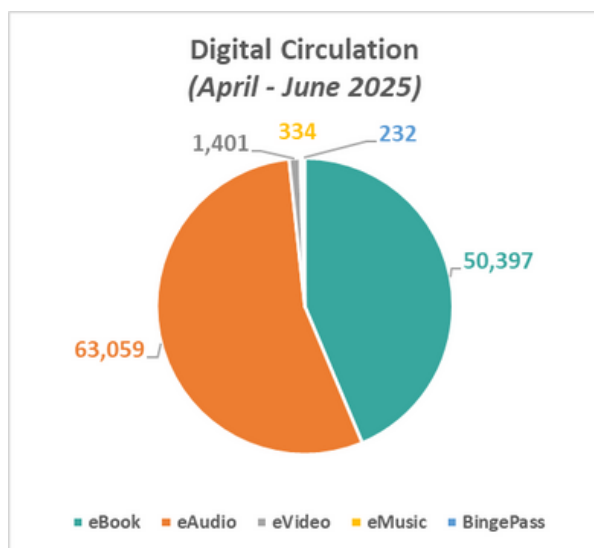
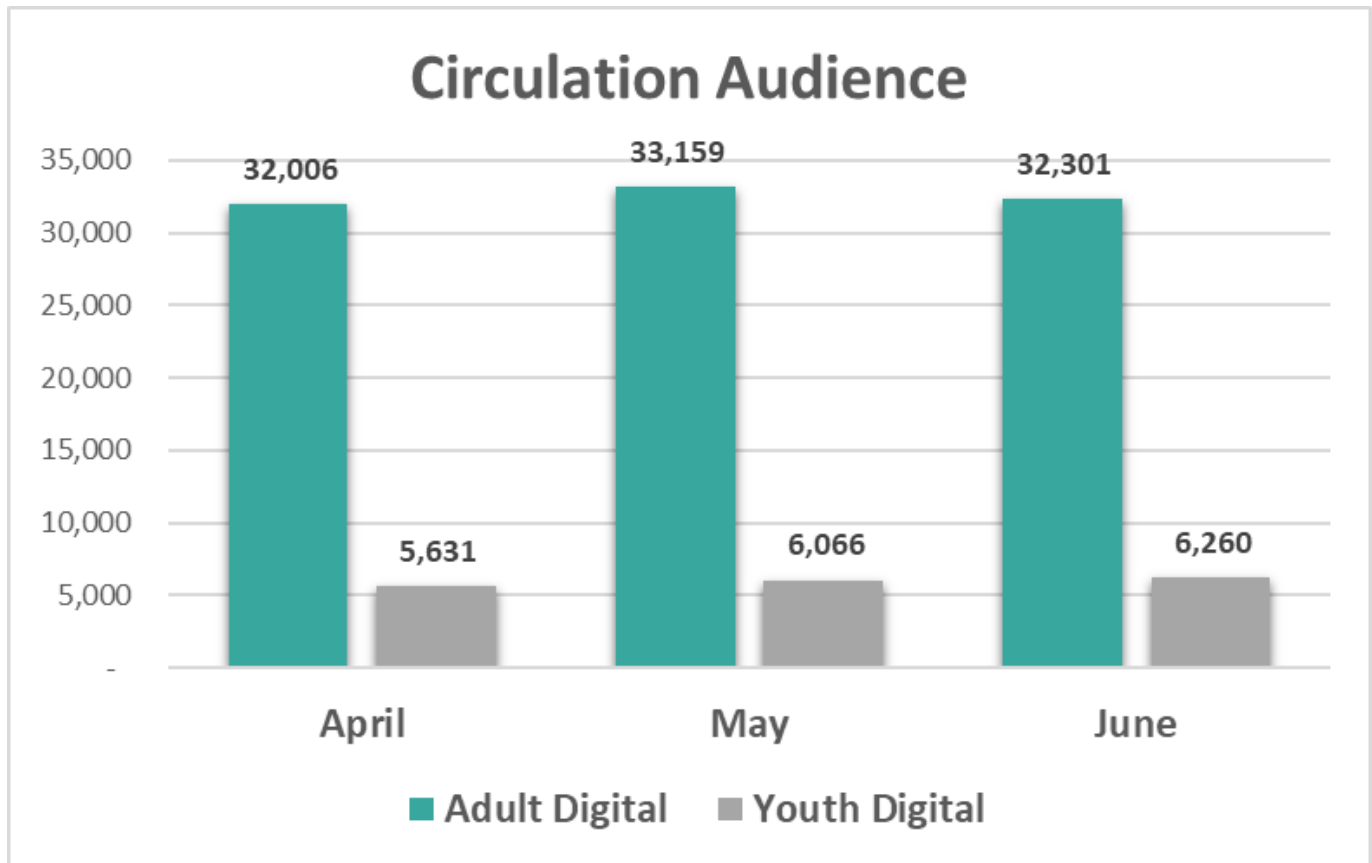


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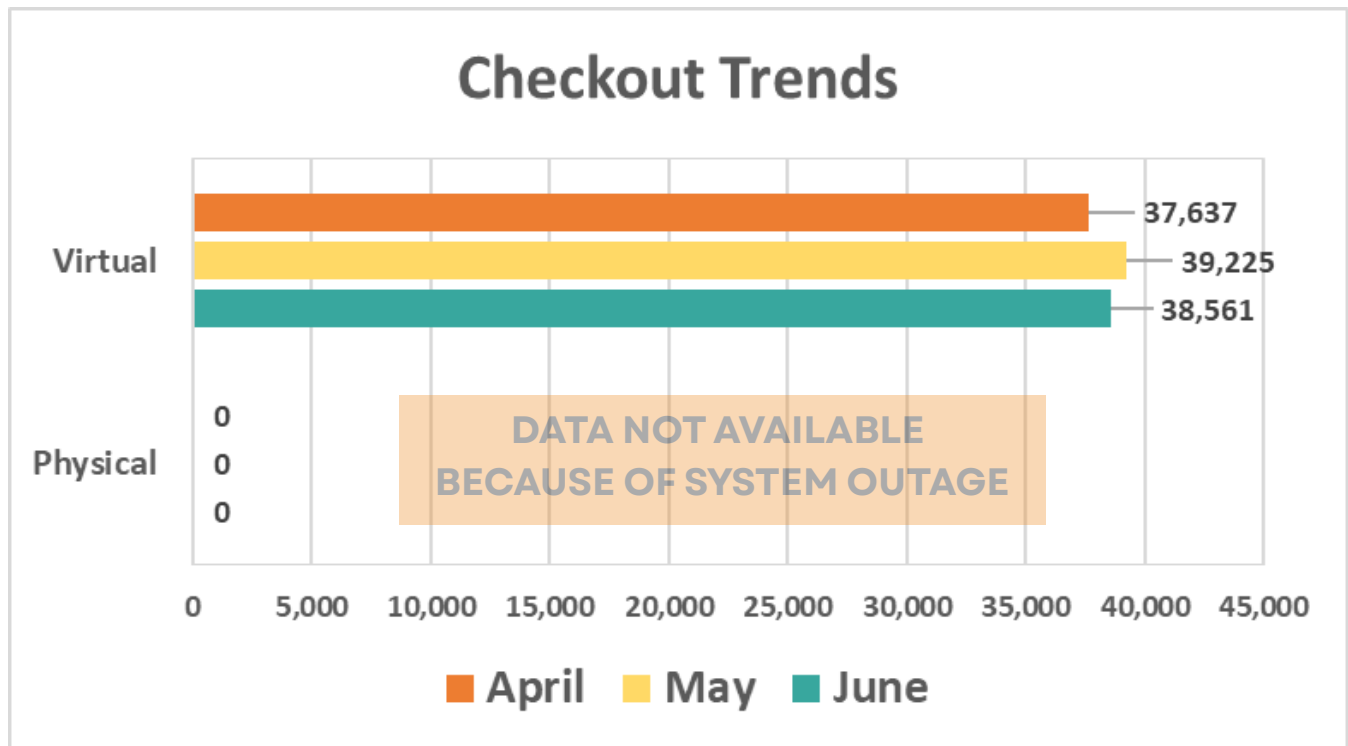
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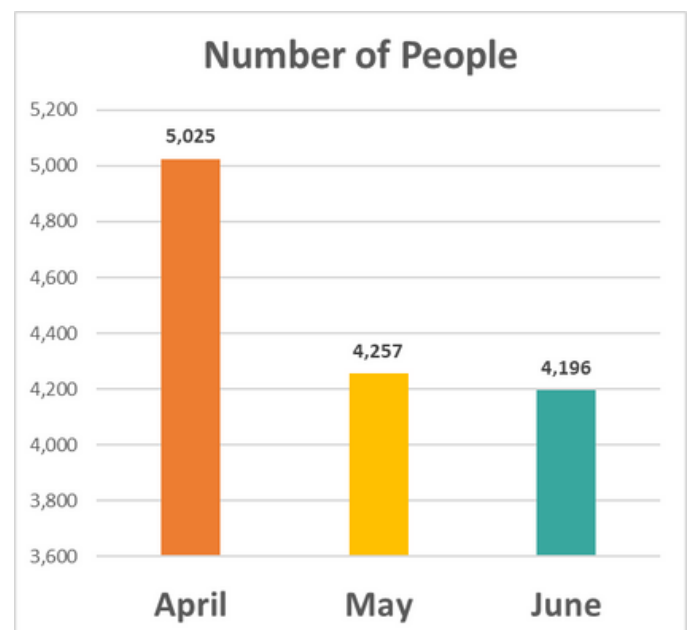
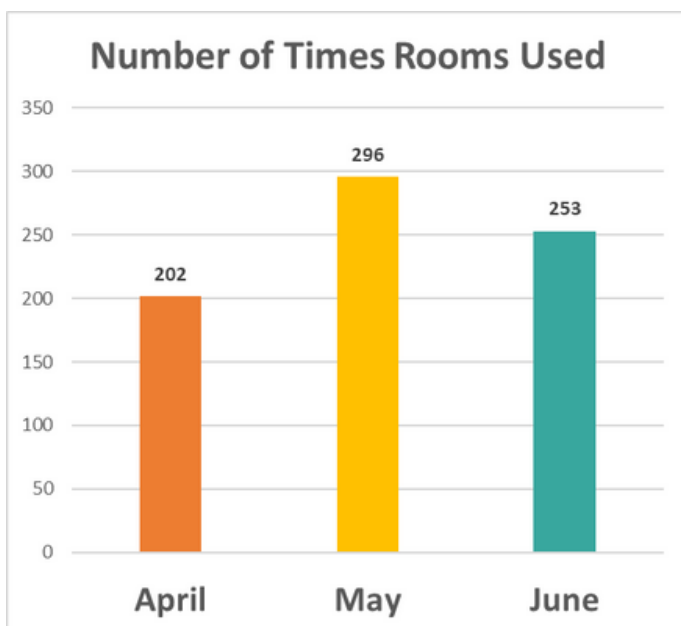
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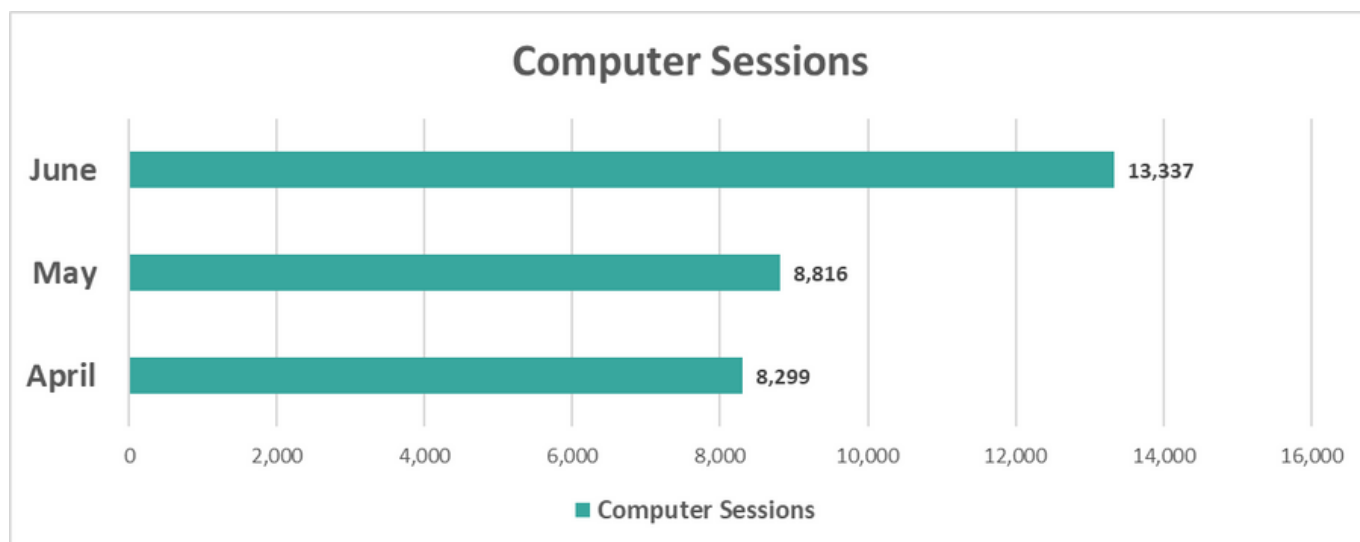
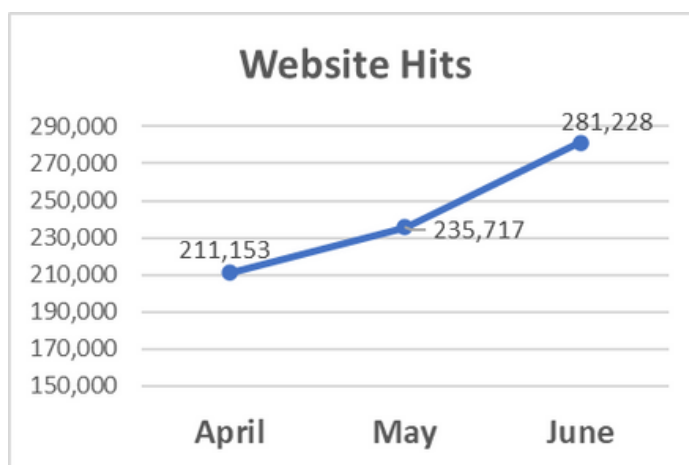
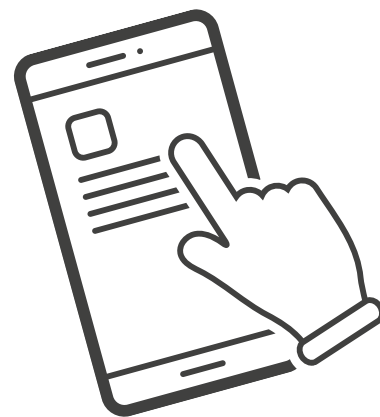
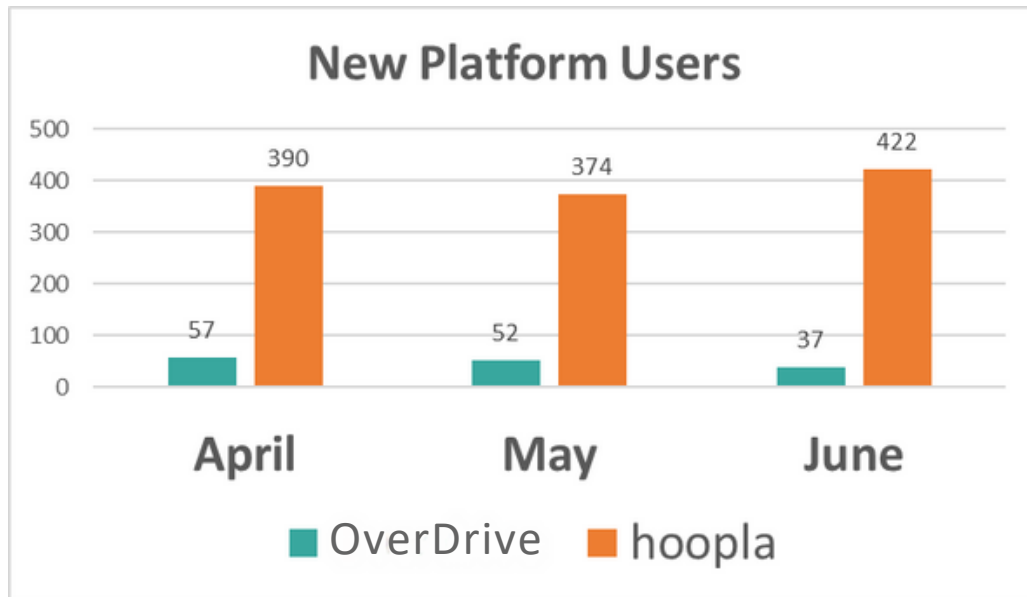
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MEETING-ROOM RESERVATIONS



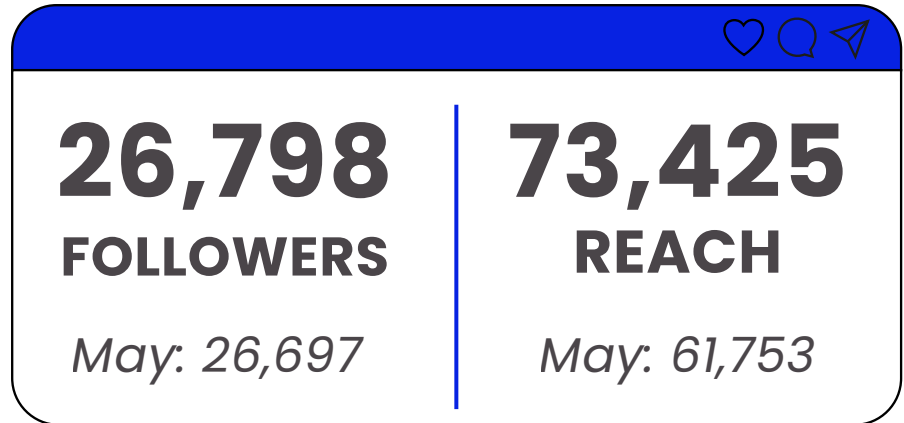
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SOCIAL MEDIA

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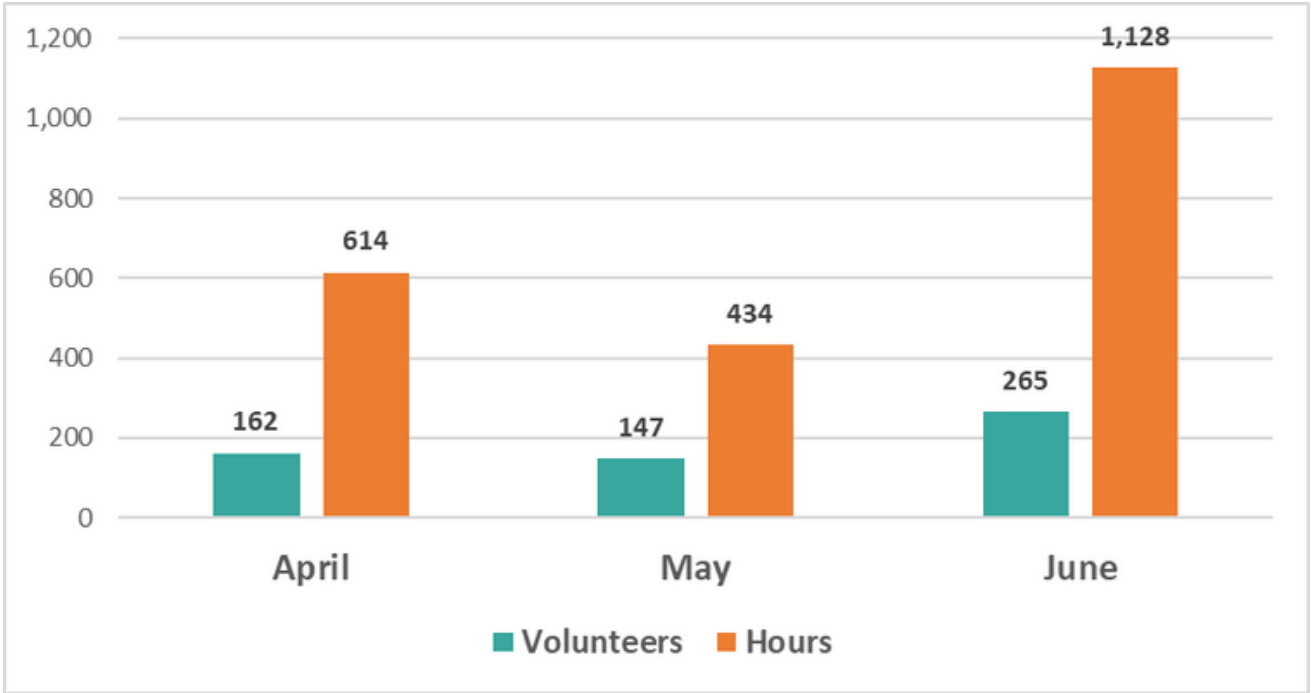
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VOLUNTEERS



BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

FBCL	June 2025 - 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	\$49,641.21
Fines, Copiers, 3D prints, etc.	\$63,460.12

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

“I wanted to give a compliment to Alex in the kids section (Sienna Branch). The System was down and she was able to help us locate books my son wanted and recommended some titles he might like. She did an awesome job.”



“My daughter loves your kids programs! So excited for Summer Reading Challenge and special programs!”

“We attended the Creature Teacher activity. The children enjoyed new things! What a great way to keep kids entertained in summer!! Thank you!”

“I just had Excel Beginner with Emily and Excel Intermediate Class with Laura (George Memorial). They are very helpful. We can understand very well. They are patient to teach us so that we can learn and understand well.”

“Ms. Bobbie makes a great Mother Goose program (Sugar Land Branch). You can feel she loves engaging with the kids. All week I look forward for this program.”

“The staff was very knowledgable in helping me find a book, and when it was found, sent email regarding it; was very pleased in the outgoing help.”



“It has always been a great experience visiting this branch of the Fort Bend library (First Colony). The holdings are sufficient to cover some traditional library books and some newer releases. My children always rely on this library as a part of their summer enrichment. We enjoyed spending some time in the reading area just reading together as well. The staff members are always very friendly at the front desk, and in other areas. We are very happy with this library and its services at this location.”

“I've been coming to this library (Missouri City) since I was in high school. Now I take my children to this library as well. It also has great after-school programs. I love the children's area. The Librarians are very nice, sweet, and very helpful.”