



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025



FORT BEND COUNTY
LIBRARIES

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HIGHLIGHTS

Albert George Branch in Needville

Adult Services: November 1, the branch held a Family Game Day in honor of National Gaming Month.

Youth Services: In November, Family Story Time was well attended. Each child in attendance received a take-home craft to remind them of the story they experienced, and to encourage them to retell the stories they heard with others. The branch hosted 120 attendees for Family Story Time this November. After-school break, participants were instructed on how to use watercolor paint to create their own Fall-themed artwork. Cutouts for tracing various leaf shapes were provided, and participants let their hearts guide their color choices.

Cinco Ranch Branch

The **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** program in November was well-attended with 11 teens participating.

Adult Services: Four computer classes were offered in November. Nineteen attendees joined one of two book clubs this month. Other Adult Services programs offered include, Chess Day, Coloring Club, Basic Drawing, Terrarium in a Jar, Afternoon Board Games, Introduction to Native American Genealogy, Native American Heritage Month Film Series: The New World, and the popular Plant Swap.

Youth Services: The Youth Department offered Special Family Programs in November, including Mindful Kids Yoga and Wild Bird Adventures, which had more than 150 in attendance. The Story Times, Pajama Night Story Times, Mother Goose Time were well- attended, as usual. The After-School Break and Middle Grades programs included Magnetic Slime-making and Buoyant Boats. The Creative Connections program offered students the opportunity to "Try Your Hand at Knitting."

First Colony Branch

Youth Services: We continued with our regular programs during the month of November; Pajama Night Story Time, Mother Goose, After-School Break, Creative Connections, Saturday Family Programs, and Building Club. ICODE Sugarland presented "STEM LAB: Robots," where children were able to learn a bit about the process of coding and robots. In "Art Explorers: Ancient Roman Art", the children learned about mosaic art and created their own pieces. The Creative Connections program for this month was "Jellyfish Bracelets & More" where guests made jellyfish bracelets, keychains, and necklaces.. The special family program for this month was "Danza Azteca Esplendor" presented by Houston Aztec Dance & Drum. They spoke about Aztec culture and upbringing and the struggles of Native American groups in history and the hardships that they continue to face today. The dancers then presented a few dances, and the program concluded with a rain dance. For the rain dance, every child was encouraged to come up to the front of the room and she taught them the dance step by step. This month we also had our second Homeschool Social Hour. This month we held "Tshirts & Totes Stamping."

Adult Services: Guests were invited to create fall-themed "paintings" on canvas using buttons and hot glue. The ESL Conversation Circle was held 3 times in November and saw more than 20 attendees. Other programs this month included, Watercolor 101: Greeting Cards, Cookbook Club, Screen Printing, Tea Blending & Tasting, Novel Expectations Book Club, and Roll to Read.

HIGHLIGHTS

Fulshear Branch

Adult Services programs in the month of November include: ESL Conversation Circles, Writers' Workshop, Adult Coloring Hour, Nifty Needlers, Day Readers Book Club, Fulshear Foodies, and Computer Basics.

The Dungeons and Dragons for **Teens program** was popular. Other teen programs include, Teen Anime Club, Perler Bead art, and College Expectations program. Our Teen Advisory Group held another meeting this month. Five students attended the meeting. We talked about how the library can best meet their digital needs.

Youth Services had a total of 24 programs with 1,043 patrons served. These programs include. Mother Goose Time, Toddler Time, Preschool Story Time, Pajama Night Story Time, After-School Break Stem Challenge, Art in the Afternoon, Family Color Hour, a STEM based program, Intro to Creative Writing, Imagination Stations, and a come-and-go Family Game Time program.

George Memorial in Richmond

Adult Services scheduled a variety of programs in November, including ESL Conversation Circles, Story Spinners Writing Club, Book Break book club, craft studio, Chess Community Club, board game club, tech help, writer's boost, and an assortment of computer classes.

For **teens**, we offered a Scribe Society, anime community club, craft corner, a program in financial literacy, formline art (for Native American Month), and a Wicked Singalong.

On November 15, we had our **annual Book Festival** event consisting of multiple 'mini programs': a kimono and yukata workshop, a presentation on Japanese war brides, a book lover raffle, Q&A with author Amanda Churchill, and a presentation by the Clements High School Yosakoi Dance Team.

The **Genealogy and Local History** Department presented a class on Beginning Genealogy, Beginning Native American Genealogy, and a talk on Japanese War Brides in the years after WWII.

Youth Services offered 18 programs or outreach events which reached 837 people. Programs in November include Family Story Times, Pajama Night Story Time, Mother Goose Time, Creative Connections, Family Games and Jigsaw Puzzles, Interactive Movie Night: A Minecraft Movie program, Adventures in Storyland with Dan Gordon, and "DIY: Thanksgiving Aprons" After-School Break.

Mamie George Branch in Stafford

The craft programs continue to be well-attended. Other programs offered include Board Game Night, Middle Grade Art Club, and Dungeons and Dragons.

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Mission Bend Branch

Adult Services staff continued to offer a variety of high-quality monthly programs, including a bi-monthly English Conversation Circle, monthly Writer's Block writers' club, and a monthly book club. Additional programs included an introduction to Microsoft Excel, a movie night featuring "Selena," and the third part in our college prep series "S.T.E.P. into College." Additionally, Ryan Gant, nutritionist, MPA, and Community Health Education Specialist with Fort Bend County Health and Human Services presented a program on diabetes prevention through lifestyle and nutrition. Staff also facilitated two teen craft programs "3D Sugar Skulls" and "Making Felt Bookmarks" which the teen patrons really enjoyed. For November, Adult Service staff created several new displays: Native American Heritage Month, Voice of Valor: Veterans in History and Fiction, National Novel Writing Month, Autumnal Atmosphere, featuring book with fall themes and settings, STEM-ulating Books and Stories, Cozy Mysteries, and Feast on Delicious Books.

In addition to the regularly scheduled story times, **Youth Services** staff offered several special programs: After-School Break, Creative Connection, and a special Native Voices program to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. The Teacher in the Library program also continued to be a success, with a 12% increase in number of students seen as compared to November 2024.

Missouri City Branch

During the month of November, Youth Services had 16 in-house programs and attended 5 outreach events. Some of these events include Creative Connections and a special After-School Break to honor Native American Heritage Month.

Adult services offered many programs, including Crafty Creators: Sip & Paint and Battle of the Bots with iCode Sugar Land. They also offered a very successful large-scale event. The event was Falling for Fort Bend' Missouri City Edition featuring Wellness, S.T.E.A.M., and everything in between. The vendors ranged from health and wellness to drone flying. Also, in attendance was Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage and State Representative District 27 Ron Reynolds.

Sienna Branch

We had many successful **Adult and Teen events** in November, including a D&D program, study hall, craft programs, book clubs, ESL conversation circles, 3D printing, and Tech Q&A.

The **Youth Programs** have been very full, and the department is consistently busy. Along with the usual Story Times, we had a special family program - Rob Hollaway's Magic Balloon Show, Scratch Coding for Tech Explorers and Perler Bead Bugs for After-School Break.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sugar Land Branch

Youth Services offer numerous programs in November, including After-School Break, Creative Connections, Family Afternoon Movie, a special building club event.

Adult Programs in November include The B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your Own Craft) program, computer classes, Drop-In Tech help, ESL Conversation Circles, Sugar Land Book Break, The Swoon Society book club, Arabic Chat Hour, and Board Game Night. Sugar Land Branch was joined by Master Naturalist Esmerelda Fisher for a presentation on native plants of the Gulf Coast. On November 15, Sugar Land hosted its 2nd Annual Board Game and Puzzle Swap. 306 items were donated, and 109 community members were in attendance.

Teen programs include the Teen Financial Literacy Series, presented by Janelle Johnson of the Fort Bend County Extension office for the second class in our Teen Financial Literacy series. Janelle covered the basics of credit cards, loans, and credit scores.

Displays: The adult department honored Native American Heritage Month by showcasing a book display alongside artifacts from Navajo culture in two of the branch's display cases. The youth department showcased displays on these topics: DINOvember, Celebrating Native American Heritage, and Feast on Books.

University Branch

Adult Services offered many programs in November including the University Branch Book Club, Teen Study Lounge, Teen Game Day: Bears vs. Babies, Craft Squad: Needle-Felted Landscape, Craft Squad Social, Craft Squad & A Movie, Calligraphy for the Holidays, University Branch Culinary Club Senior Series: Staying in Control & Communicating with Allies, and Tabletop Society.

Youth Services programs in November include: Toddler Time, Mother Goose Time, Pajama Night Story Time, Creative Connection, Rise & Shine Story Time, Building Club, Family Puzzling Hour, Family Coloring Hour, and Family Gaming Hour.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Albert George Branch in Needville

Maintenance replaced the tabletop borders on the children's table in the youth area. Due to the time changing this fall, Maintenance also adjusted the schedule for the outside light to turn on earlier.

Cinco Ranch Branch

On November 19, there was a power outage in the Cinco Ranch area. The library had lights but there was an issue with not enough power for the computers, lights in the branch manager's office, break room, and Friend's room. The power outage also affected the network. The elevator also wasn't working. Eventually, the power came back on and IT was able to get the network back up. Maintenance came out to check the building and contacted the elevator company. Cracked toilet seat replaced in men's restroom on 1st floor.

First Colony Branch

Dead bushes near entrance removed, maintenance is working to remove remaining dead bushes around branch. Large art signature piece clock in building needs to be repaired; it has been broken for over 2 years.

Fulshear Branch

Facilities has possibly scheduled vendors to address the leaking in the Meeting Room and Children's Area, but that has not been scheduled yet. 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 is still unstable and will continue to be as such until it can be fully integrated into the new network. The terrace is still unavailable due to damage from Hurricane Beryl.

FACILITIES UPDATE

George Memorial Library in Richmond

Major plumbing issue in Youth Services resolved. Upstairs and Downstairs men's public restrooms were repaired. The children's toilet in Youth Services was repaired. Book Festival signs and banners were put in place. Amphitheater was cleaned for Book Festival. Elevator was inspected for issues. Carpet section in gallery fixed. Lock on exterior gallery door secured

Mission Bend Branch

Staff continue to wait for damage from the October car crash to be repaired. Although patrons are missing the view and the additional study tables, the library remains fully operational. A technician from Piedmont came to replace the control panel on the outer-most set of automatic doors at the entrance to the library. The doors have been working correctly since the new control panel was installed.

Mamie George Branch in Stafford

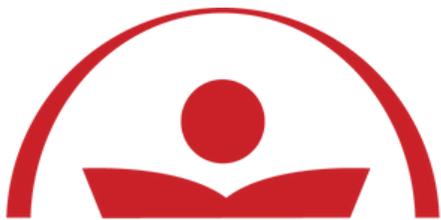
Maintenance repaired our Emergency Exit signs so that they are now lit as they always should have been. We are still awaiting word on roof repairs.

Sugar Land Branch

This month, the maintenance team repaired the lock on the back closet door behind the Meeting Room, worked on the sprinklers, and added extra screws to the lectern in the Meeting Room to better stabilize it. County IT staff added Dewey Easy software to 3 computers, fixed a domain issue on a Circulation Computer, and added the SAM PC Activity Manager back to an Adult Services Computer.

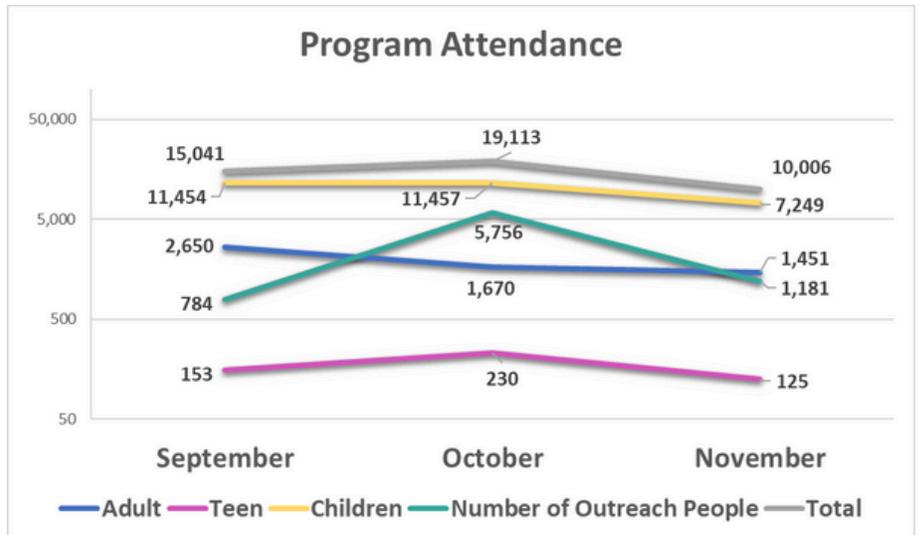
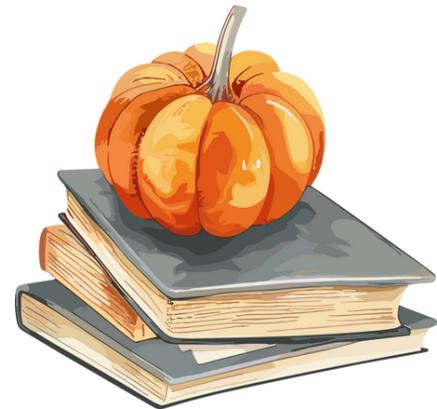
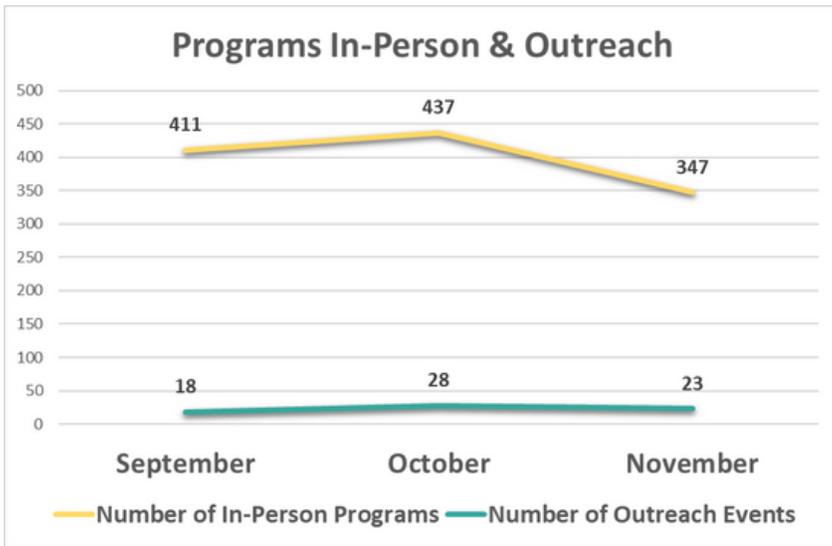
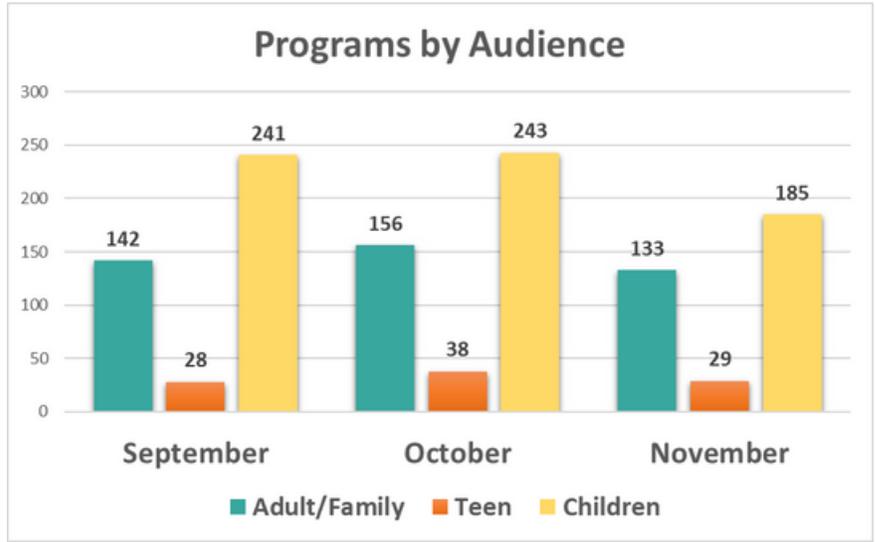
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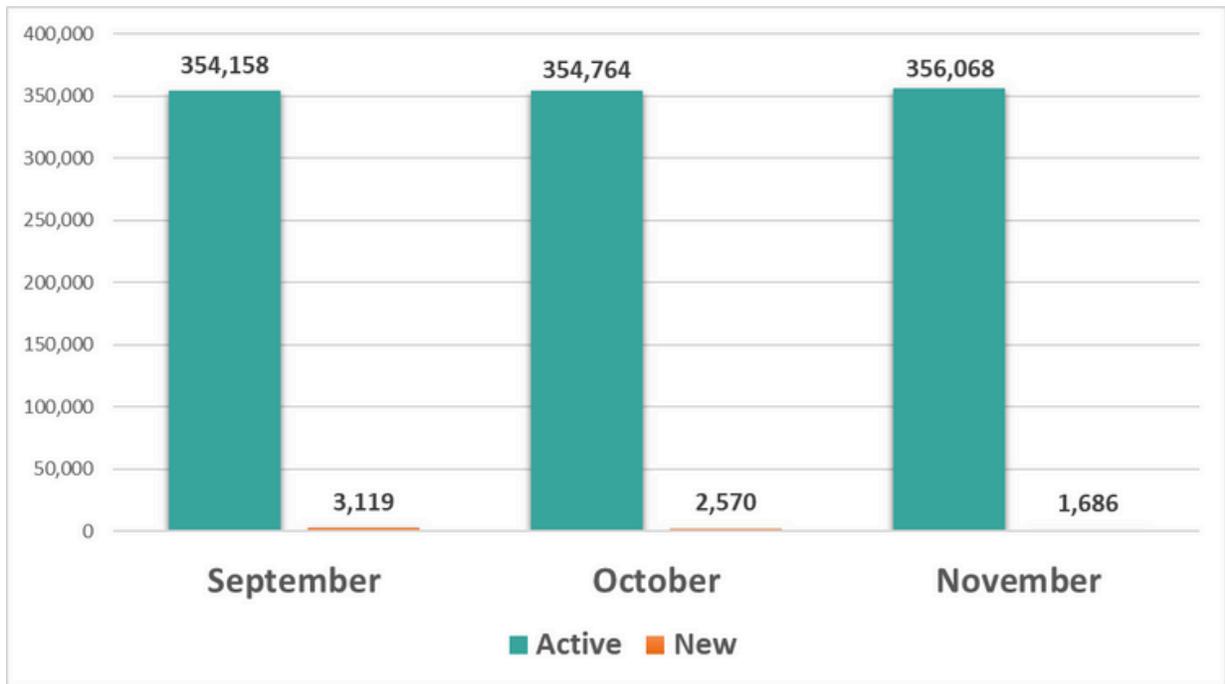


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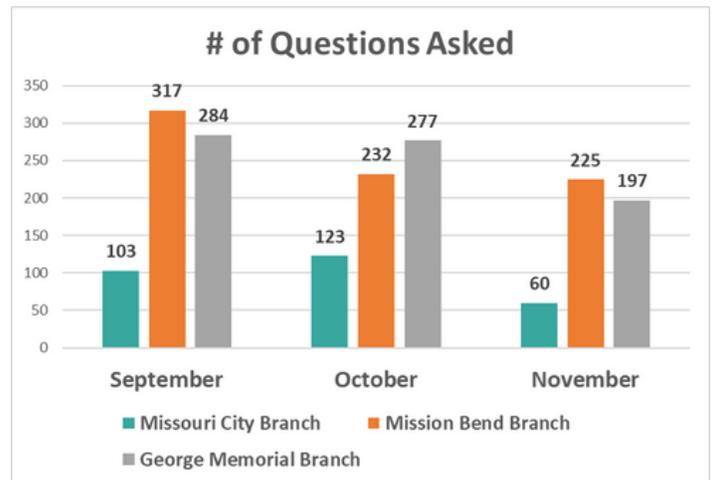
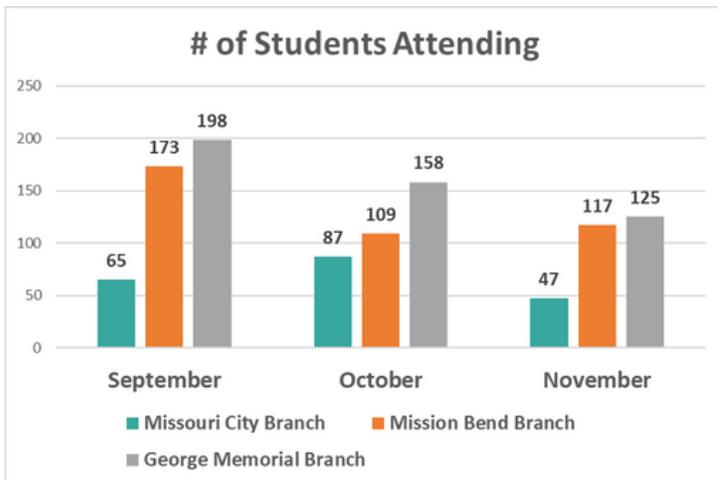
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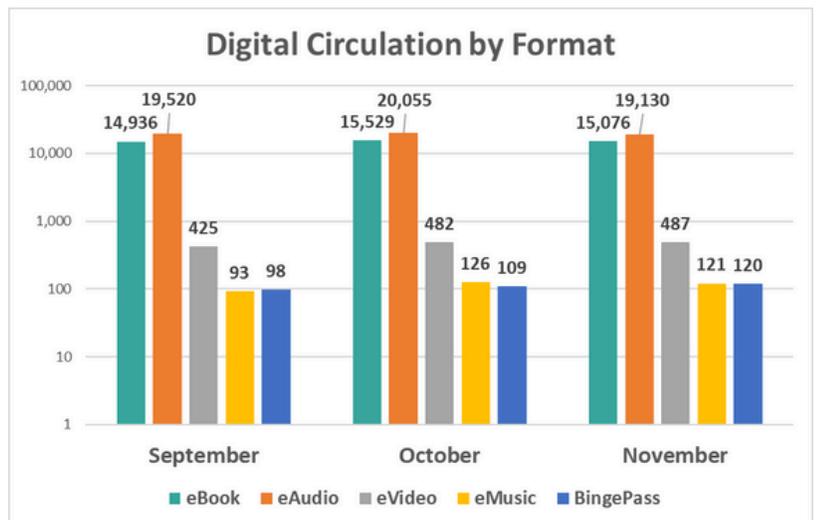
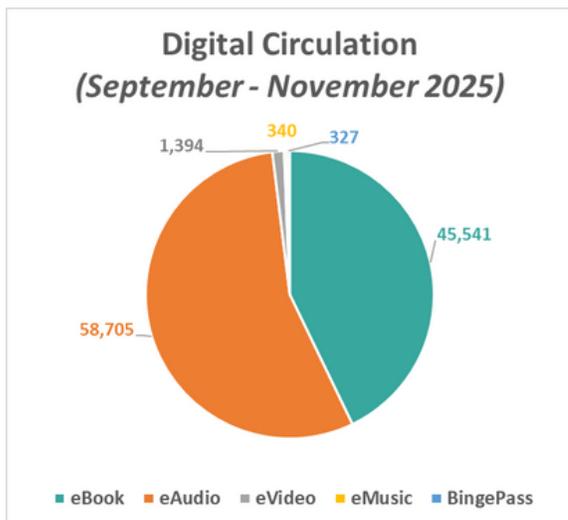
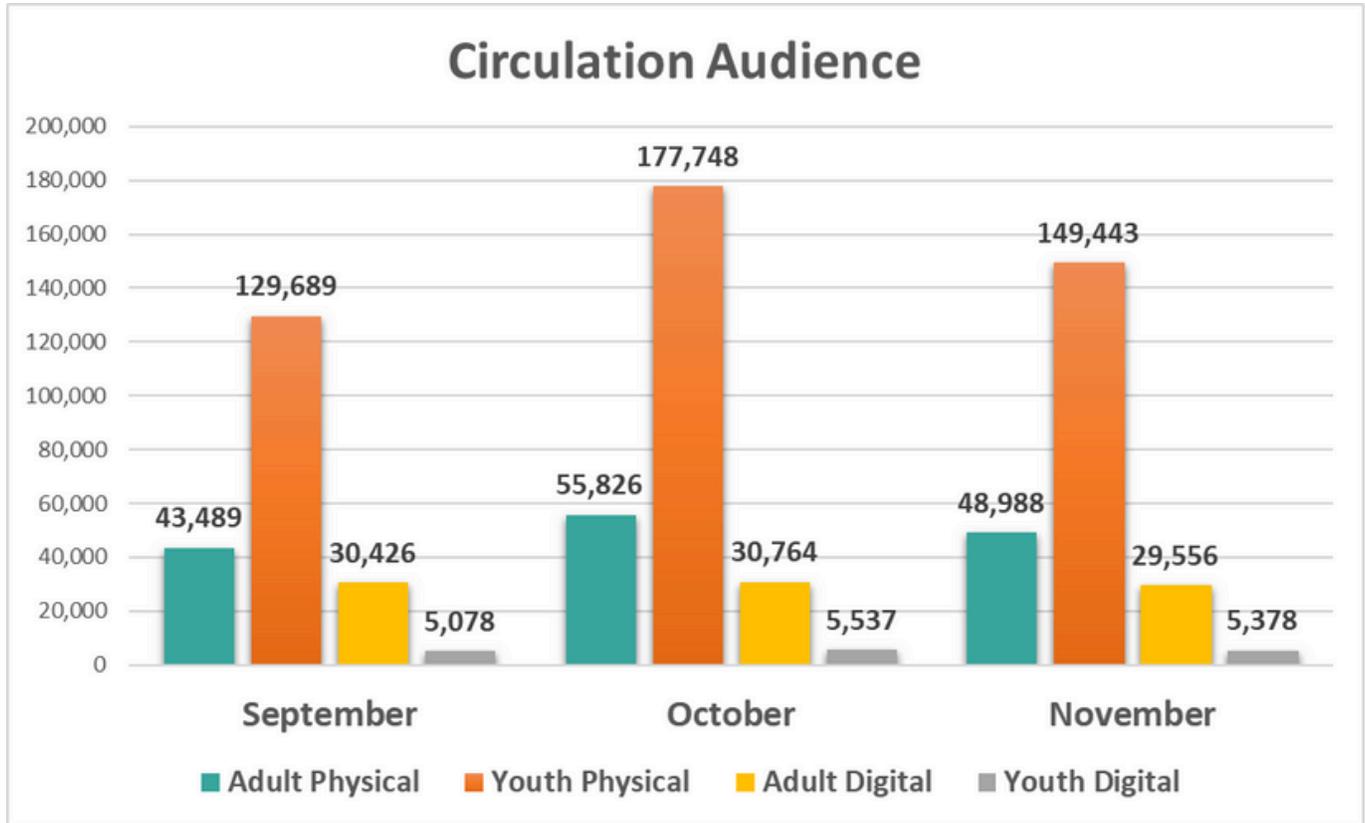
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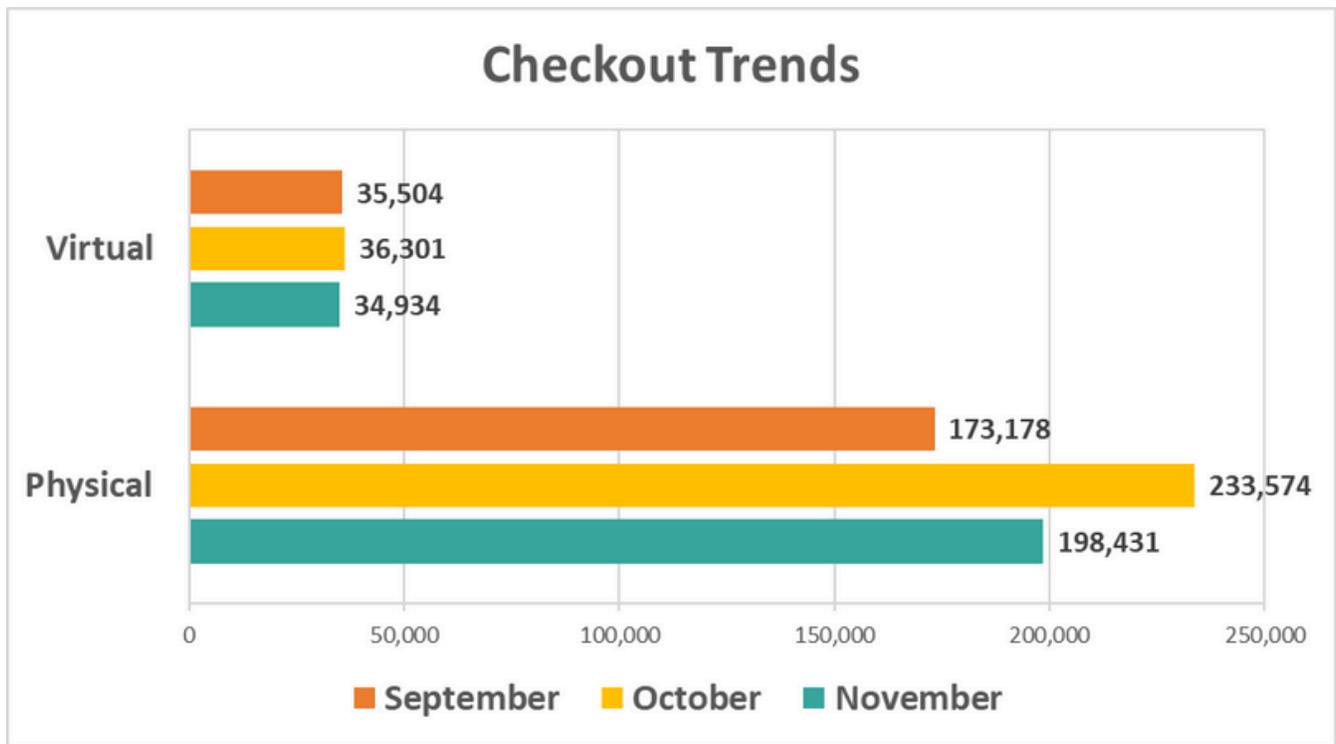
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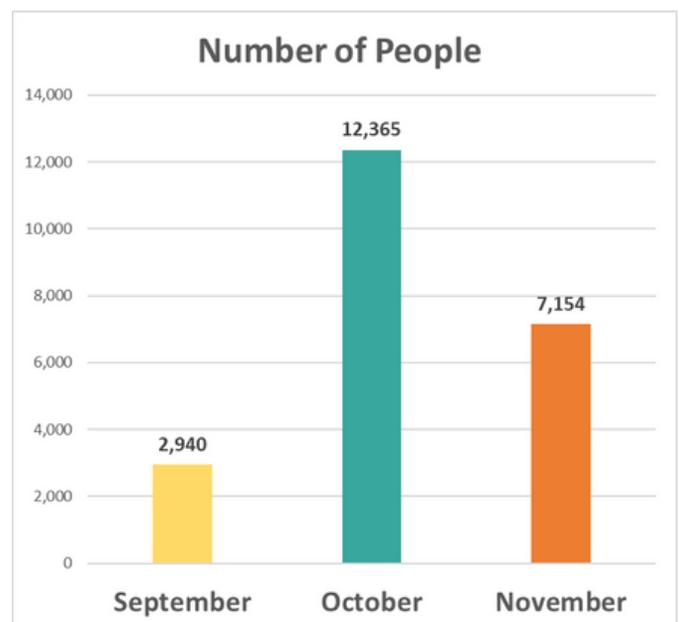
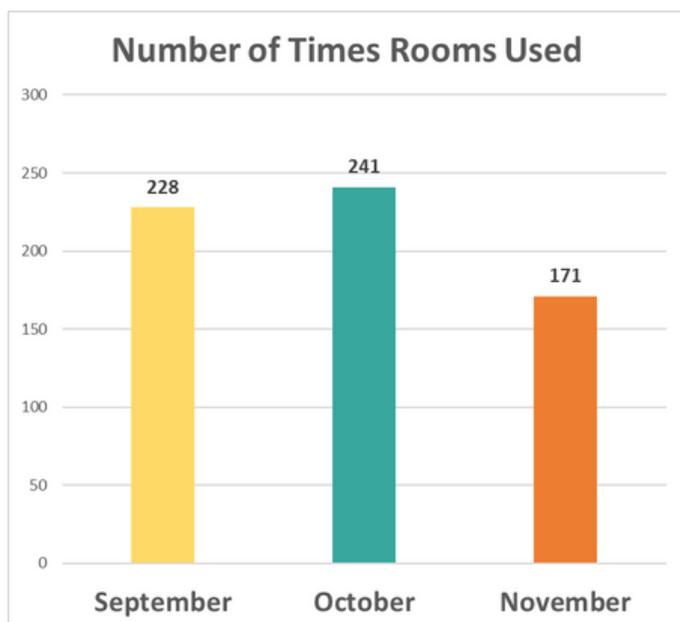
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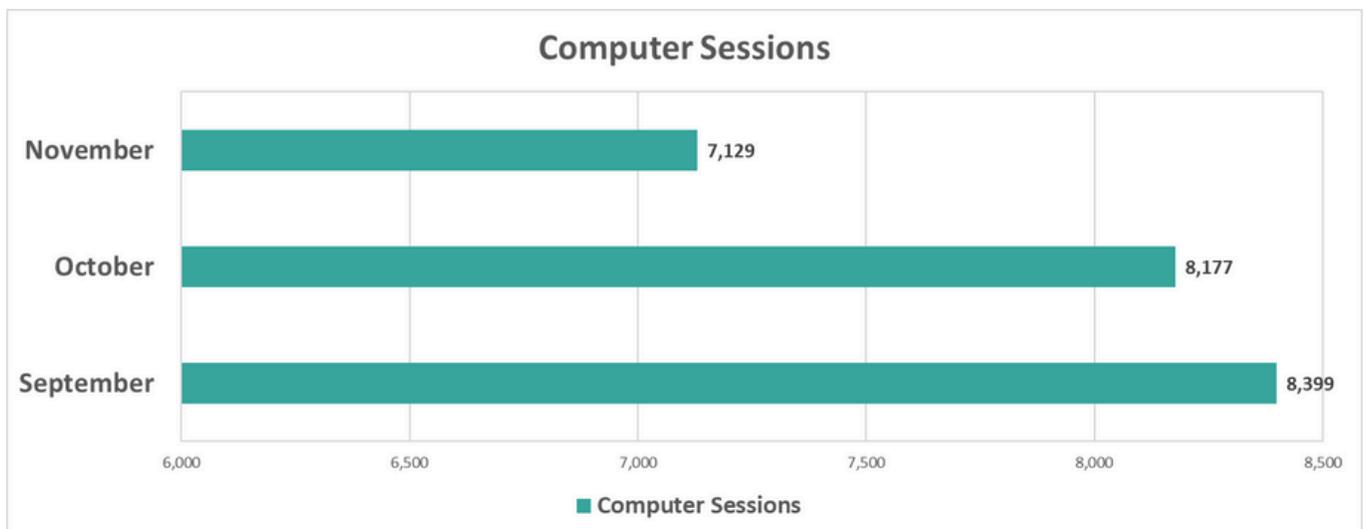
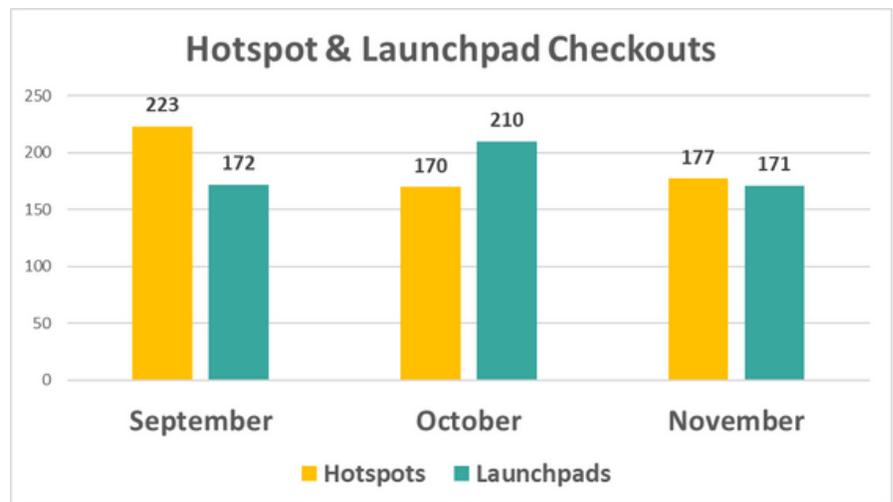
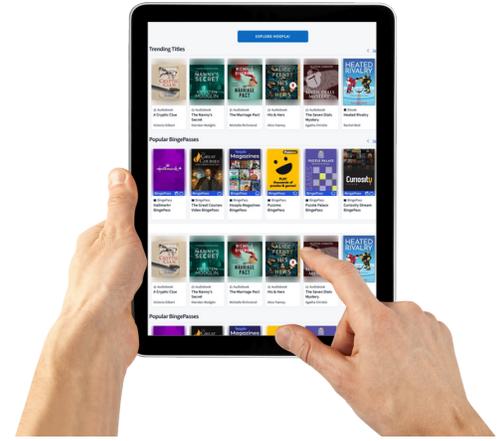
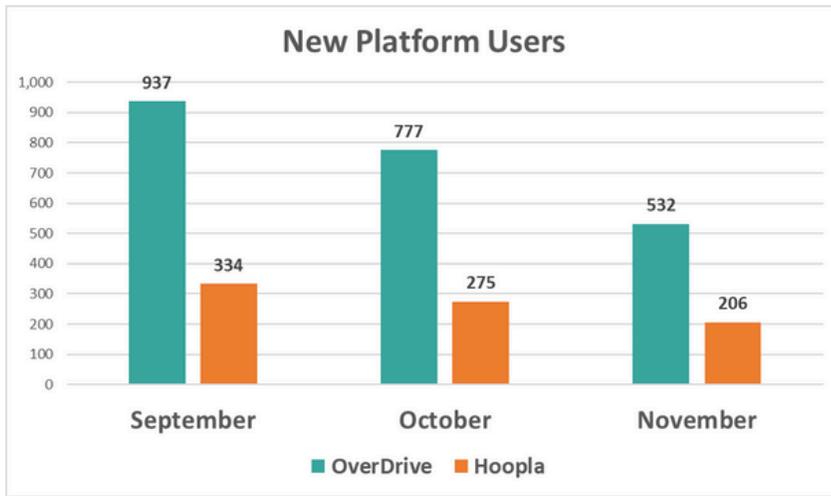
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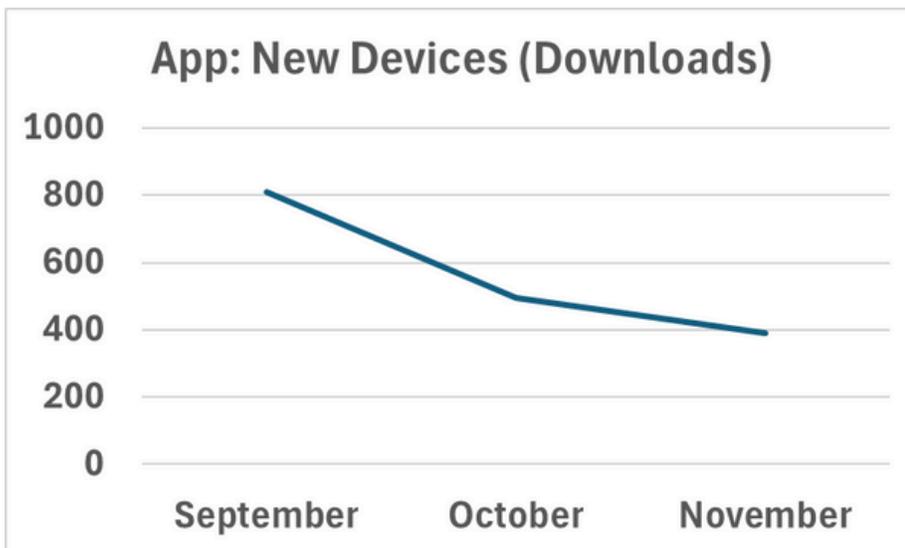
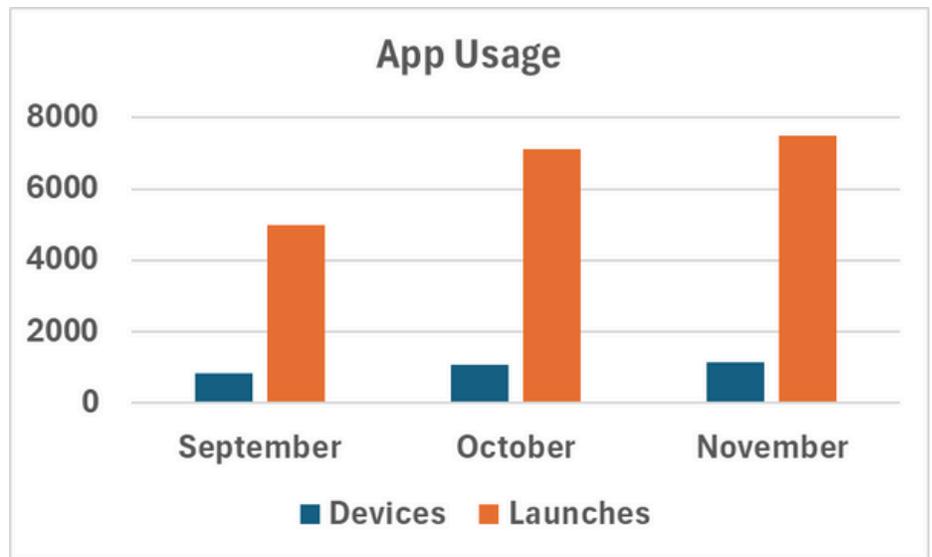
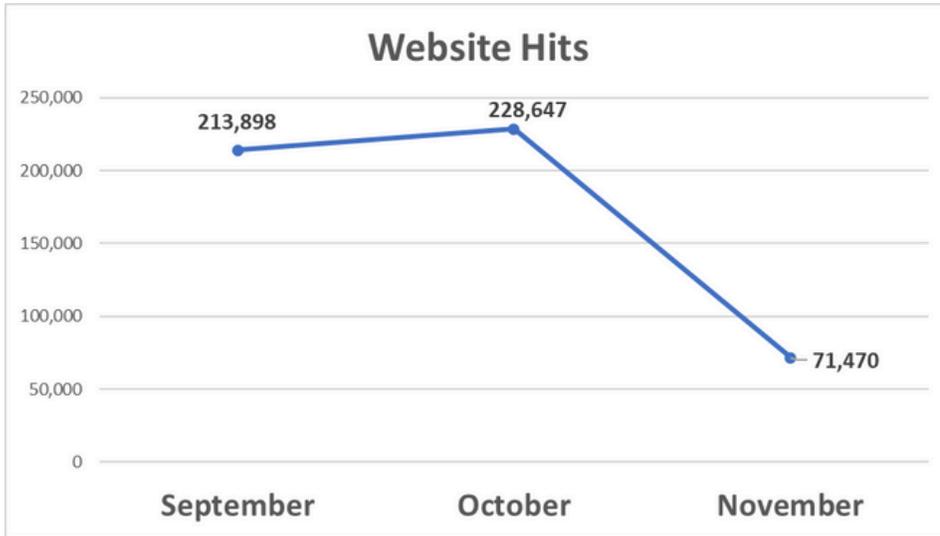
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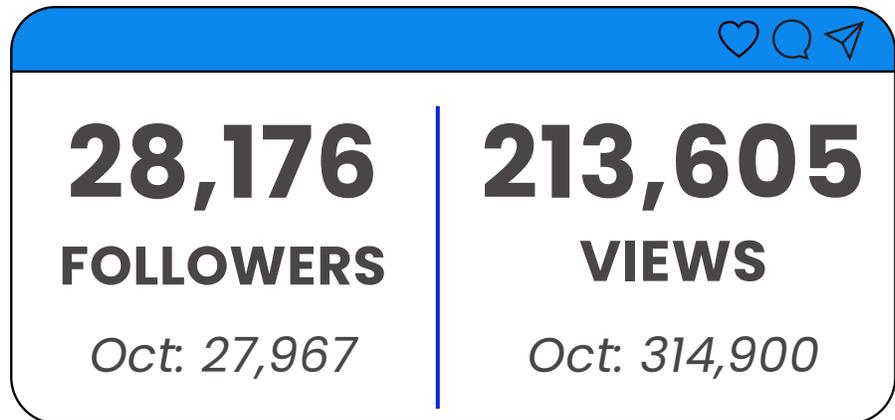
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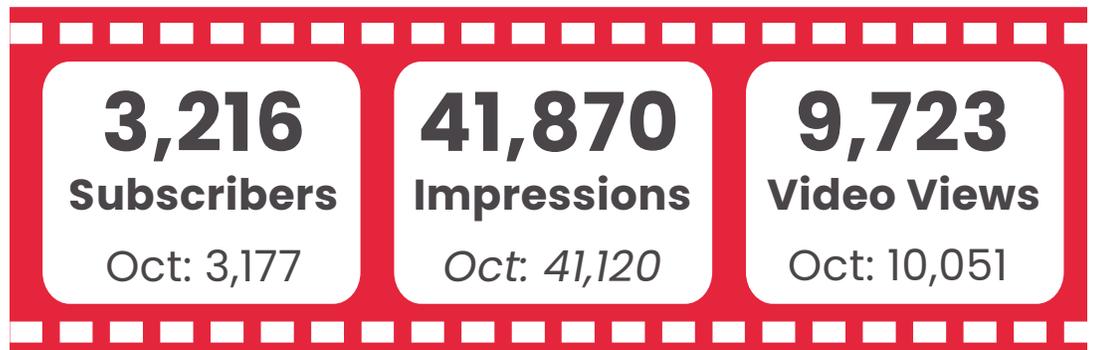
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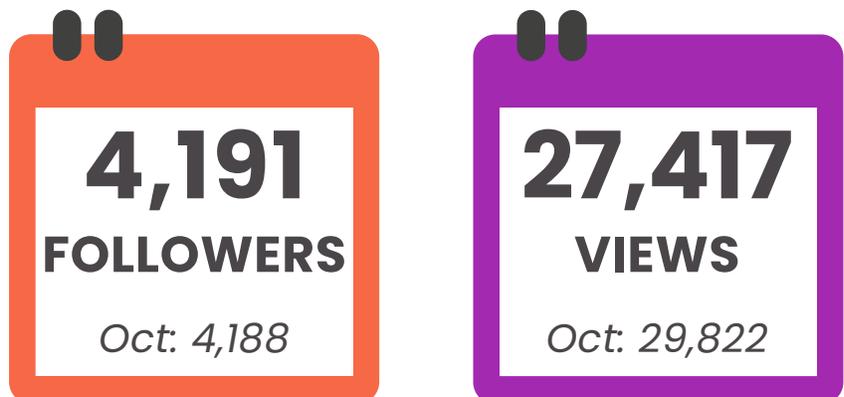
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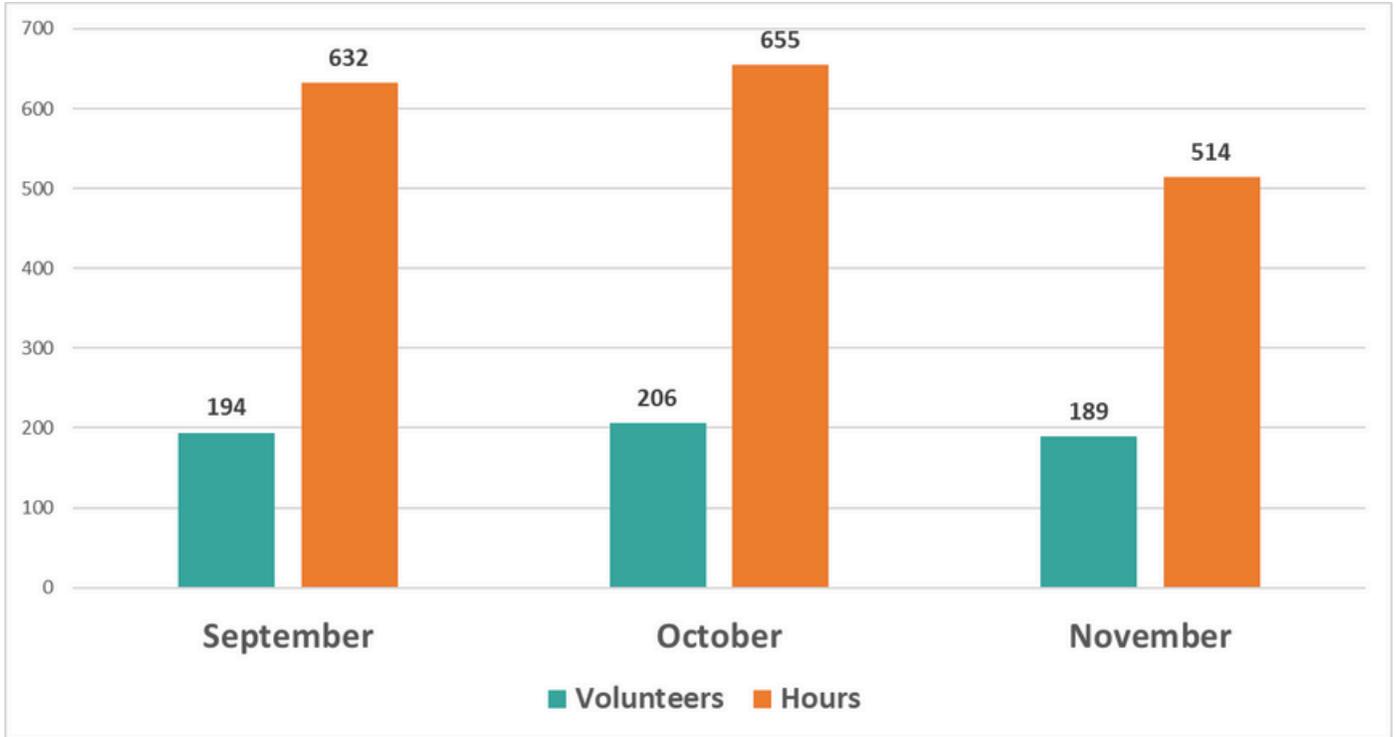
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VOLUNTEERS



BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

FBCL November 2025 - Budget Report	
	Fiscal Year 2026 (10/01/2025 - 09/30/2026)
Total Budget	\$23,746,674.22
FTE	259.50
Year to Date Revenues, as of 10/01/2025	
Donations	\$10,261.51
Fines, Copiers, 3D Prints, etc.	\$11,784.22

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

First Colony Branch: “I attended the greeting card watercolor class taught by Jada and Cierra. I always look forward to the watercolor classes. Jada is a great teacher and the paintings always come out good even if I’m still a beginner. Please keep offering these classes!”



Fulshear Branch: “Move D&D (Dungeons & Dragons) twice a month would be nice. I liked DnD, fun, chip snacks. We like D&D A LOT. Would be cool to have a big D8.”

Cinco Ranch Branch: “I absolutely love this library! It’s a wonderful, welcoming place filled with warmth and friendliness. Perfectly comfortable for kids of all ages, even from 0+, and always a joy to visit. Truly an amazing spot – I adore it! 🇺🇸”

George Memorial (Richmond): “A shout out to Cesar for being helpful and friendly. His voice and words are always informative and gentle. I noticed he helps people on the phone, too. He doesn’t rush through any of the subject being answered. Thank you for hiring good friendly people who want to help us with a smile.”

Mission Bend Branch: “I like the environment of this library. It has some good seating options. The book selection is pretty good too! I also especially like that it’s open until 9 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays! A good alternative to a coffee shop, if you want to save money!”

Fulshear Branch: “Mother Goose Time (Mishi & Emily) - Thanks for bringing the best energy every time! We love coming to class with our 7 month old!”

George Memorial (Richmond): “I come in mostly only on Wednesdays for my own reasons in town. This library has really nice people working here. Sony was kind-hearted and helped me by adding more time to my computer. With a smile.”

Sugar Land Branch: “Nice quiet little library. Friendly staff and decent sized study rooms.”



First Colony Branch: “Please do more classes like the tea blending cookbook club. I haven’t been to the library in a long time but these classes brought me back.”

George Memorial (Richmond): “Everyone who I approached for help was incredibly kind and helpful. Jennifer especially was beyond helpful and pleasant. Unfortunately the books I was interested in were checked out but Jennifer helped me find them at a nearby library. Overall wonderful experience.”