



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2025



FORT BEND COUNTY
LIBRARIES

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HIGHLIGHTS

Albert George Branch in Needville

The Friends of the Albert George Branch Library held a fall book sale on September 19 and 20.

Our After-School Break was Carnival-themed this month, and we had such fun! Attendees enjoyed playing with Jenga, the ring toss, and at both ski-ball stations. Building Club - During Building Club, attending children were able to build to their hearts' content using seven different types of building materials at separate centers.

Crafters shared projects and techniques during a fun and creative Craft and Chat session on September 9.

Cinco Ranch Branch

The Friends of the Cinco Ranch Branch Library held a book sale on September 6.

The family movies "Ralph Breaks the Internet" and "Dog Man" were shown; crafts, coloring pages, and snacks were provided; a building-wide scavenger hunt featured ships, spaceships, and space stations that were "launched" onto different shelves and service desks. Those who completed the scavenger hunt were able to spin the prize wheel at the youth desk for prizes sent from admin and other treasures in the department.

Some programs offered in the Adult Services department included K-Pop Craft Time, Tech Help Hour, and the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) held its first meeting.

Youth Programs included Story Times, After-School Break, Build Club, and Creative Connections. They also invited Jamie Morris of Mindful Kids Yoga to lead a Yoga for Kids program.

First Colony Branch

Regular programs returned in September, including Story Times, After-School Break, Creative Connections, and Building Club. A special family program was held in September, "Bilingual Art Class - Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month." The second Homeschooling Social hour was held on September 19.

The ESL Conversation Circle was held every Tuesday in September, local artist, Jerry Poscovsky, taught a class on hand-coloring photographs. Another special event included Crafty Stitches where guests made DIY Paper Flower Wreaths to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

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Fulshear Branch

Fulshear Branch had many well-attended adult services programs in September, including Drawing Basics, Writer's Workshop, Coloring Hour, and Documentary Viewing. To celebrate National Hispanic Month, they watched "*Americano as Apple Pie: The Latino Experience*."

For teens, they offered a Dungeons and Dragons program, Teen Anime Club, Drawing Basics, Vision Boards, and Teen Advisory Group.

Youth Services continued to offer Mother Goose Time, Toddler Time, Preschool Story Time, and Pajama Night Story Time. They also offered Art in the Afternoon, Family Color Hour, STEM-based programs, Creative Writing, and a special program called "School is Out: Time for Fun."

George Memorial in Richmond

The FBCL Network Relaunch celebration was held on September 6. There were more than 700 visitors in attendance! The branch was filled with happy and excited patrons. Patrons were treated to giveaways (bags, USBs, pom poms), raffle prizes, food donated by the Judge's office and HEB. We had a number of costumed staff who posed for pictures with patrons. The B.F. Terry High School Band drumline performed in the lobby to add to the excitement. The lines for checkout were endless in that many patrons wanted a new library card featuring designs from our recent contest. Members of the Star Wars entourage made an appearance much to the amusement of our patrons.

On September 13, we had more than 700 attend the Fort Bend Fandom event. This event featured around 35 art, merchandise, and information booths, authors Huda Fahmy and Junepurrr, Star Wars Enthusiasts, NASA representative Nathan Tat, Evolve Martial Arts, USA Tai Chi Academy, and the Missouri City Pops Community Band.

Youth Services continued to offer Family Story Times, Mother Goose Time, Toddler Time, Pajama Night Story Time, Creative Connections, and School-Age Programs. The Family Games & Jigsaw Puzzles room continues to be popular.

The Adult Services Department had many programs in September, including ESL Conversation Circles, Craft Studio Session, Story Spinners Writing Club, Tech Help, and more.

Teens had a variety of programs to choose from this month, including DIY Pinatas, Labubu Palooza, Scribe Society, and Peruvian Friendship Bracelets.

Three Genealogy programs were held in September: "HeritageQuest Database" class, "Using and Finding Historic Newspapers for Genealogy," and "How to Begin Genealogical Research," which was held at the Fort Bend Museum.

HIGHLIGHTS

Mission Bend Branch

This month, Adult Services continues to offer a variety of high-quality monthly programs, including English Conversation Circles, the Writer's Block writers' club, and the Wednesday evening Book Club. Our patrons also enjoyed the movie Selena during our branch movie night. Adult Services presented the first "Step into College Series: 'S' Starting Strong", with information on preparing for college presented by William Keaton, Director of College Readiness for Yes Prep Schools. The staff facilitated the craft program, "Making Tissue Paper Flowers," which was enjoyed by several patrons. Our Friends of the Library hosted a very successful Back-to-School Book Sale. Teen enjoyed a "Mini Bookbinding for Teens" program.

Youth Services celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by creating crafts such as a sombrero with plates and cups and their own guitars. Other youth programs include Mini Golf & Nachos Day and Building Club.

Missouri City Branch

For Hispanic Heritage Month, the Adult Services department offered a popular program "The Spicy History & Tasting Stations." Patrons enjoyed the samples, and participated in a conversation about spices and favorite Hispanic dishes. Other programs in September include ESL Conversation Circle, Dance Class - Kizomba, Crafty Creators: Sip & Paint, DIY Salt & Lime Scrub, Board to Death Game Night, Teen Mario Kart, Teen Career Crossroads Game.

Youth Programs in September resumed with Pajama Night Story Time, Family Story Time, Game Day, Creative Connections, and After-School Break.

Mamie George Branch in Stafford

Dungeons and Dragons (DnD) Session continues to bring in teens. The Adult Craft program was well-attended in September.

Sugar Land Branch

The Youth Services Department offered a Let's Paint program, Dot Day Celebration, Creative Connections, Perler Bead party, Youth Book Club, and more.

Book displays in September include: "Blast Off With These Amazing Books" and Adult Fiction titles to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

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Sienna Branch

There were several Adult Services programs this month that were very well attended including DIY Earrings, our Re-Launch Celebration, and Marble Magnets. We also had two outside presenters come in this month. Listo presented an art class, and attendees learned about how to apply for FAFSA.

We held several teen programs this month, including our first TAG Meeting, Teen Video-Game Night, and Teen DIY Earrings.

Youth Services held several programs in September, including a scavenger hunt to celebrate the library's network re-launch, After-School Break Fairy Tale Science & Tissue Paper Bouquets and Tech Explorers Structural Engineering.

University Branch

Adult and Teen programs offered in September include a Teen Slime Party, Craft Squad: Garden Swag, Craft Squad Social, Native Bees in Your Garden, Culinary Club (Dip Into Deliciousness), Senior Series: The Truth About Driving After 80," Tabletop Society, and our first ever Homemade Salsa Showdown! 80 people were in attendance, and HEB generously donated 20 bags of chips!

The Friends of University Branch had a Book Sale on September 13 with 390 people attending the sale!



FACILITIES UPDATE

Albert George Branch in Needville

Maintenance repaired a leaking pipe from a hot water heater in the men's restroom. Selected windows around the building were resealed with fresh caulk.

Cinco Ranch Branch

The building had a/c issues on Saturday, September 27. Maintenance was able to replace part on Monday, September 29.

First Colony Branch

Large art signature piece clock in building needs to be repaired. Public restrooms were backing up with sewer, but maintenance and a plumber repaired it. Library closed on Sep 29 & 30 for toilet repairs. Issues with handicap stall toilet in Women's restroom; toilet leaking from base.

Fulshear Branch

The parking lot book drop has been fixed. The broken window was replaced on the second floor. Facilities has scheduled vendors to address the leaking in the Meeting Room and Children's Area. 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.

George Memorial Library in Richmond

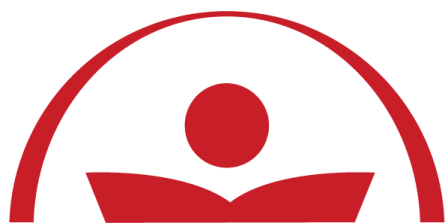
Maintenance has installed/repared lights in the amphitheater area in anticipation of the October Shakespeare production. Additionally, new sails are being installed at the amphitheater. Work has been done on difficult door locks. Elevator repairs/maintenance were conducted.

Mission Bend Branch

Maintenance successfully fixed the parking lot light timer to have the lights turn on in the evening and off in the morning.

DATA & NUMBERS

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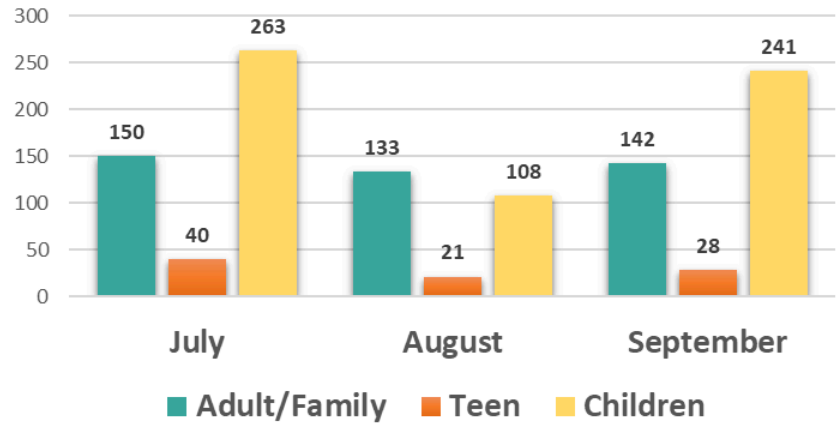


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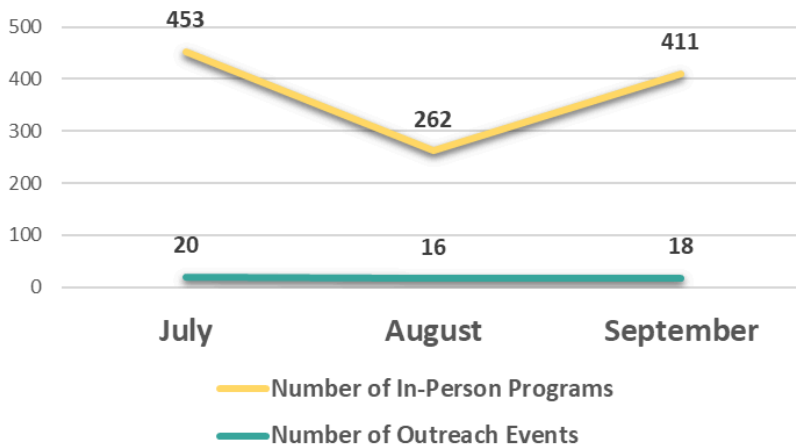
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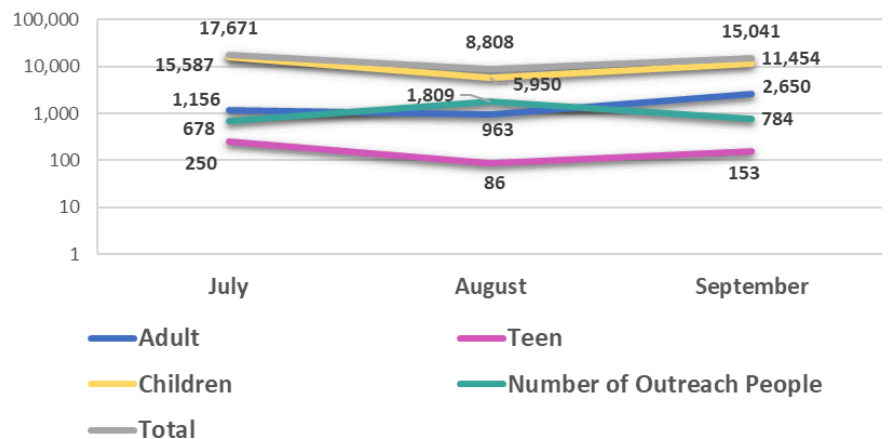
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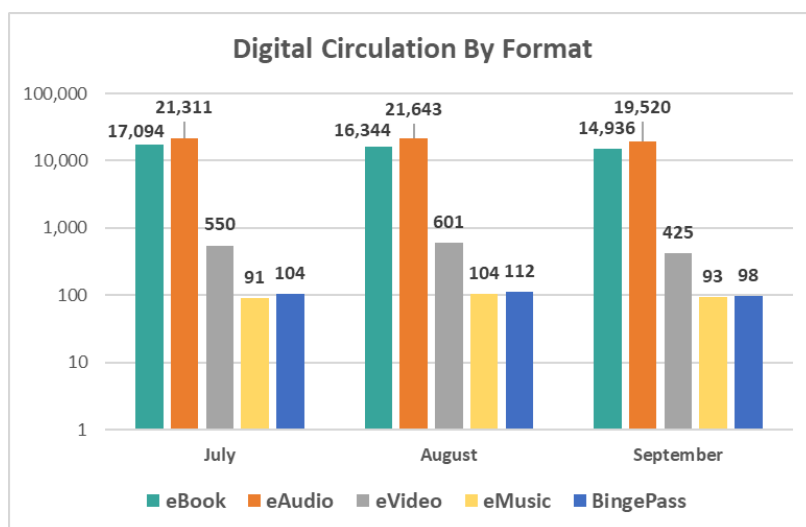
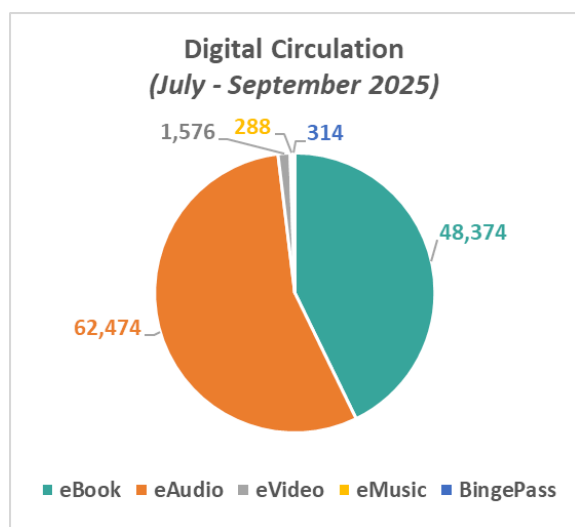
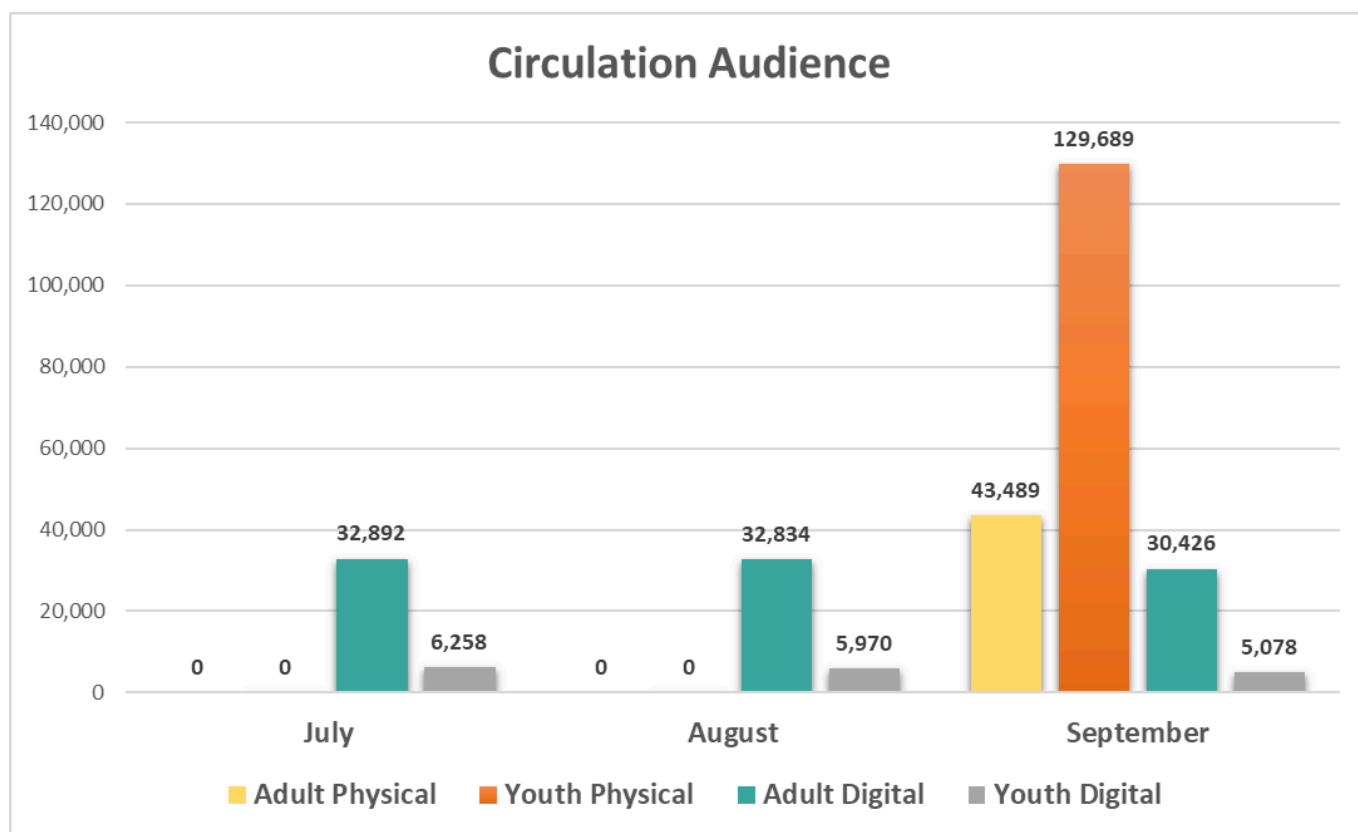
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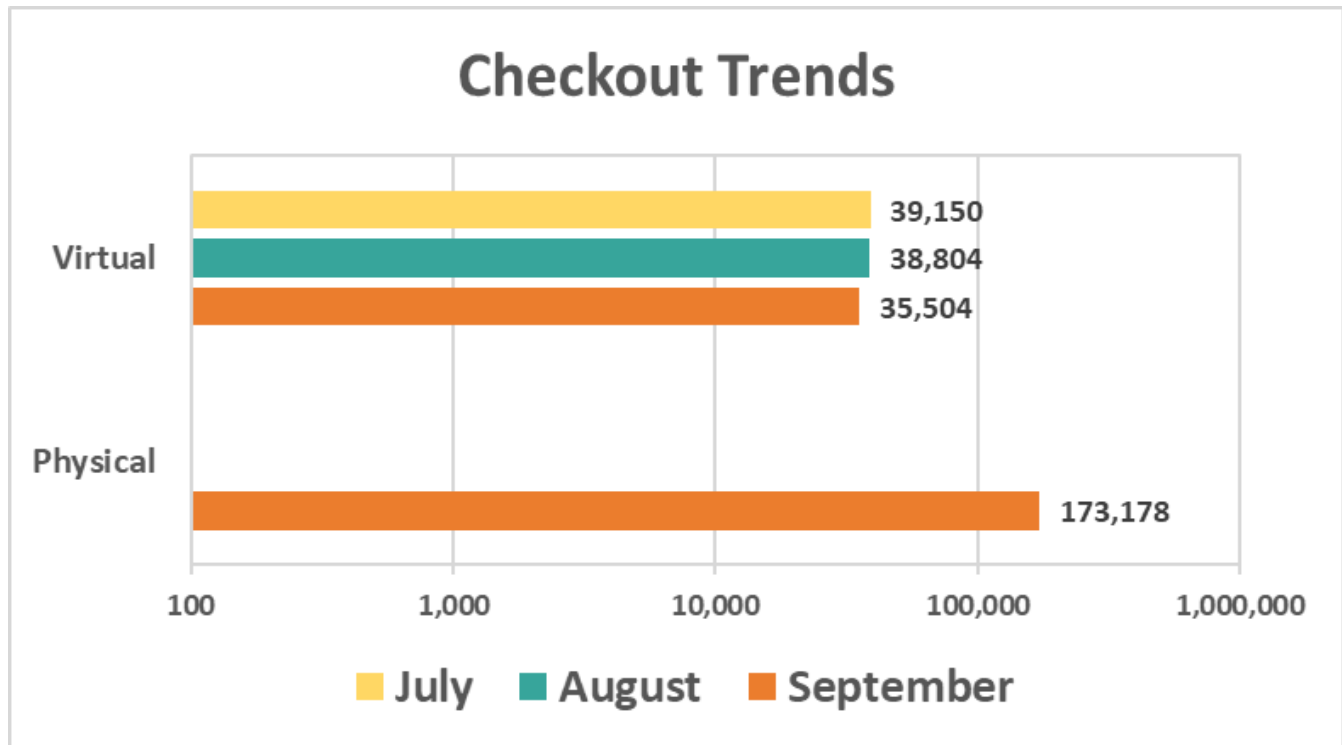
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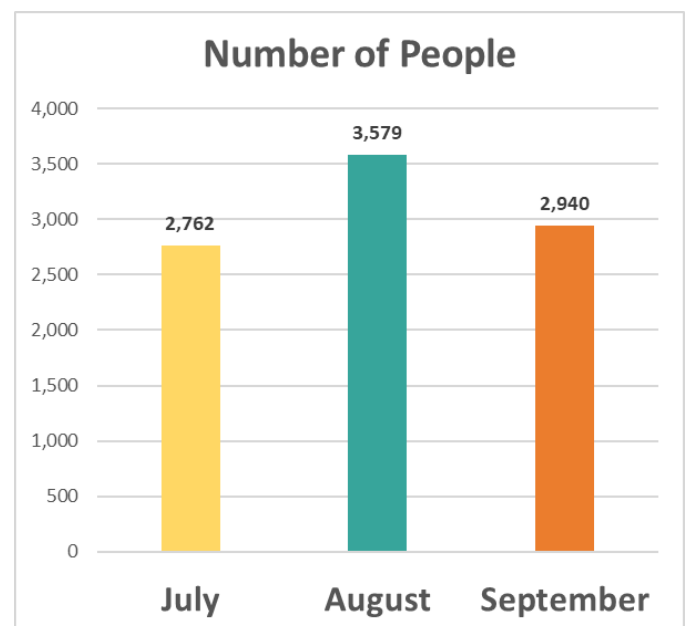
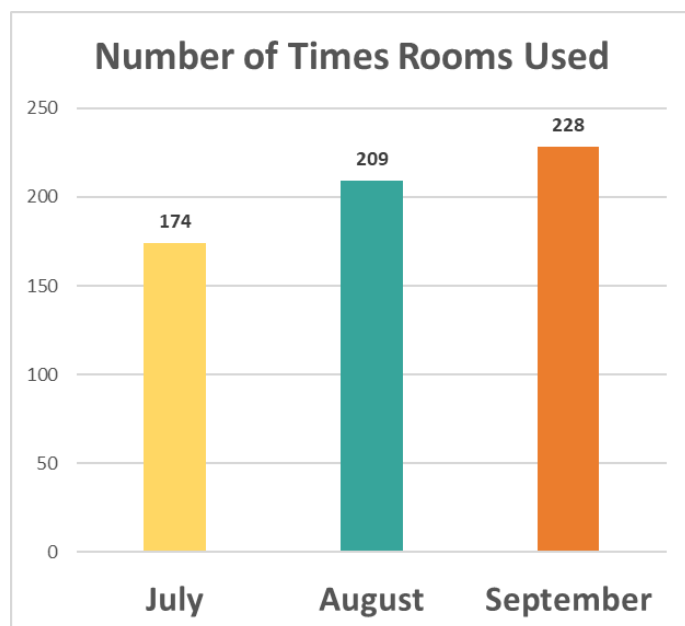
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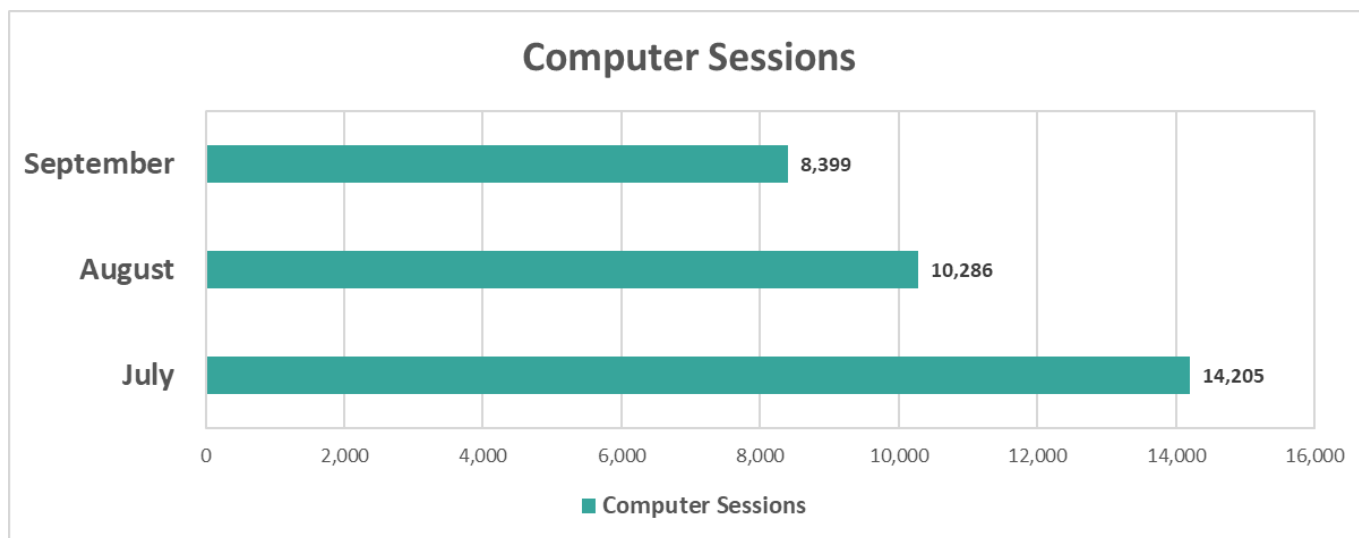
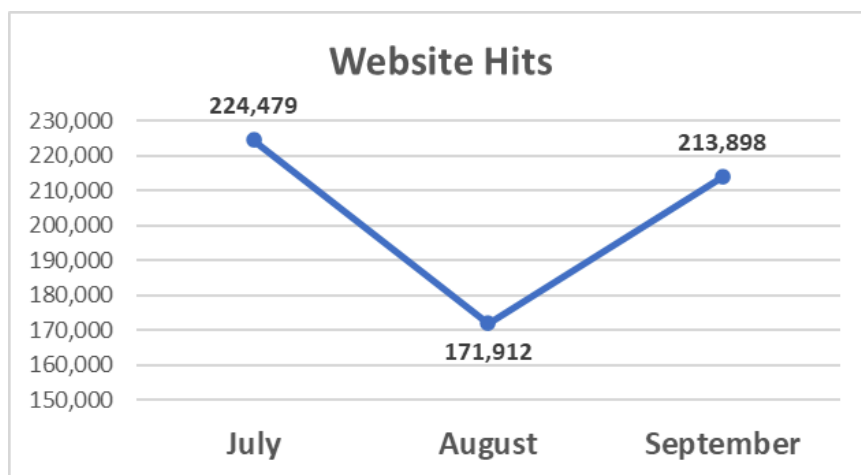
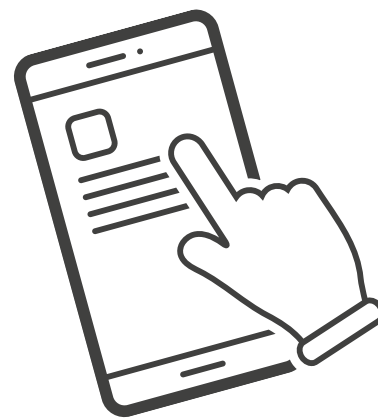
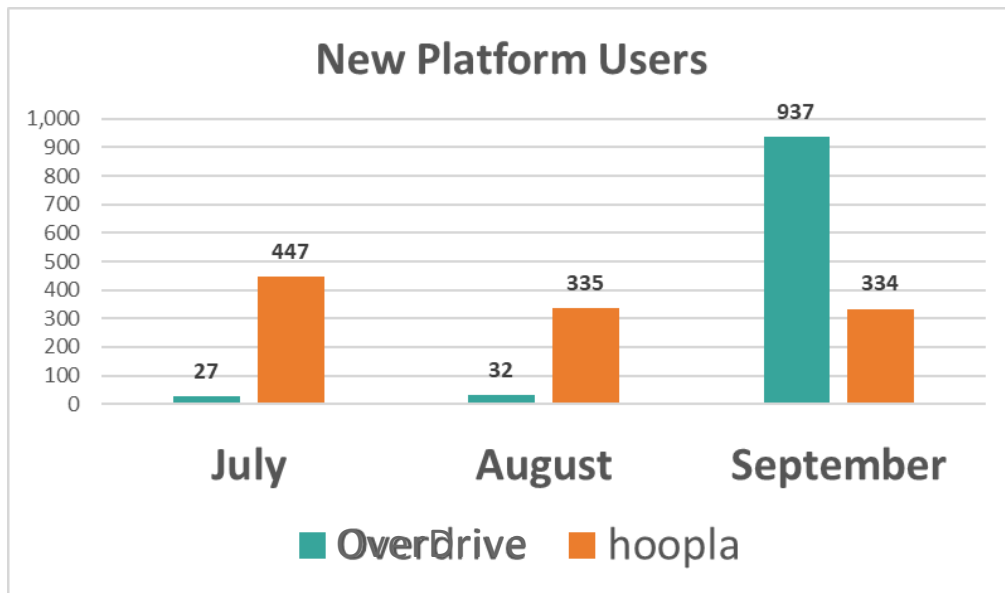
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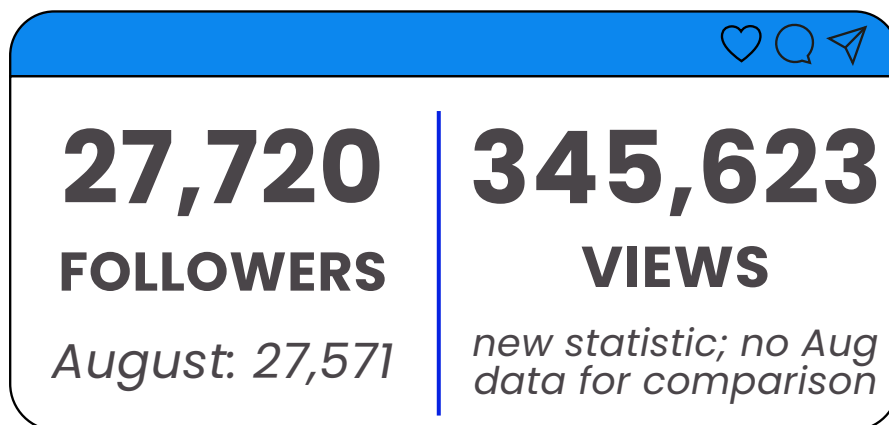
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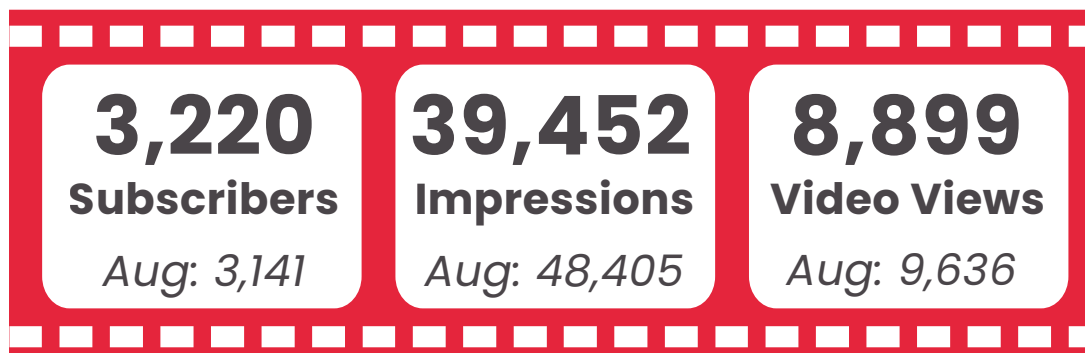
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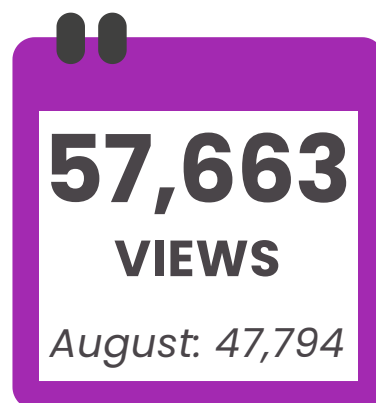
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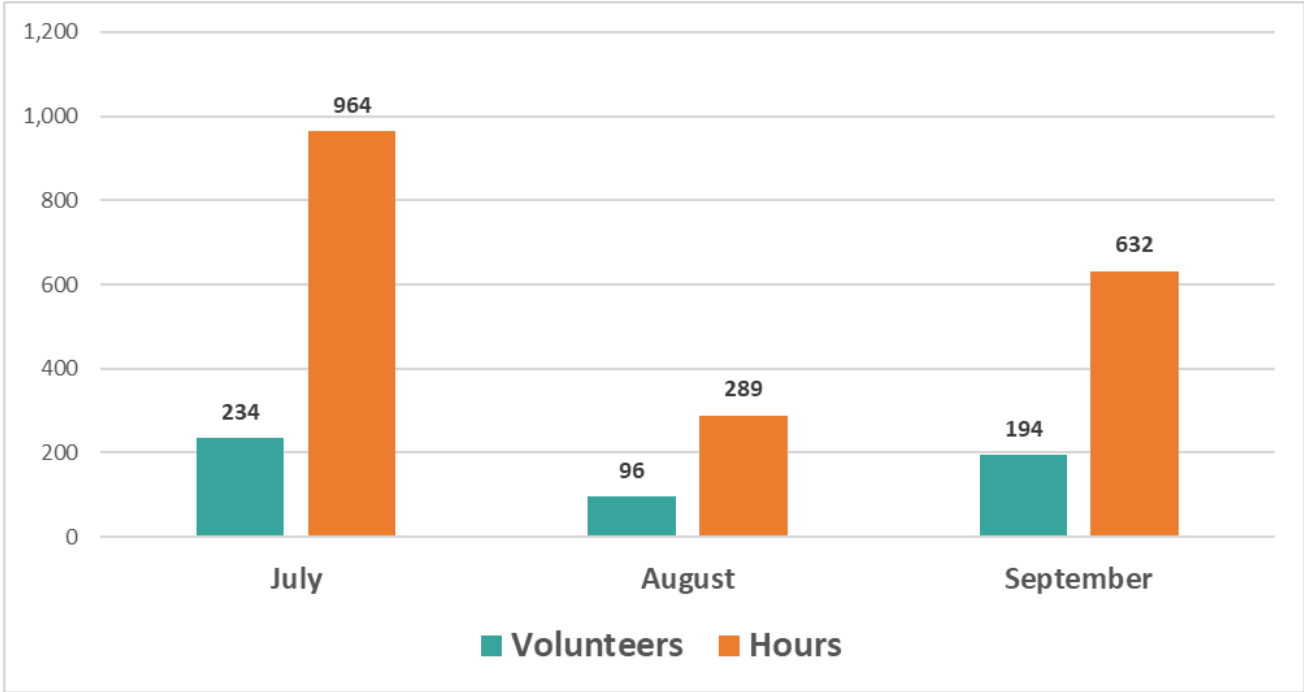
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Instagram



VOLUNTEERS



BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

FBCL	September 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	\$56,872.44
Fines, Copiers, 3D Prints, etc.	\$86,088.70

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

George Memorial Library (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.”



Sugar Land Branch: “Get away for readers, wide variety of books - library”



George Memorial Library (Richmond):

“Libraries are the heart of a community - it’s equal access to all for knowledge, connection, and joy. Happy to celebrate the relauching of Fort Bend County Libraries this afternoon by renewing my library card and choosing this limited edition design created by a local student artist to replace my old one.”

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! 📖”

Library System: “It's so important to stand up for and with our libraries. Libraries are crucial for every age group and other demographics. #supportlibraries”

