



# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 2026



FORT BEND COUNTY  
LIBRARIES

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

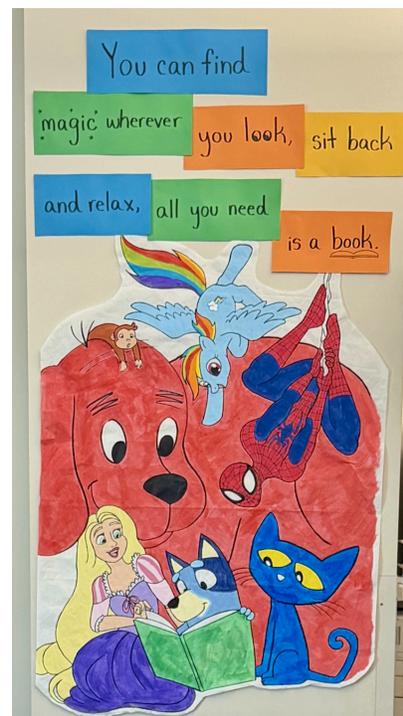
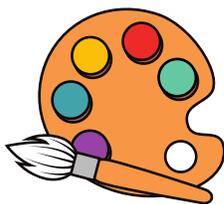
## Sugar Land Branch Youth Services

Sugar Land Branch was excited to present a new series of programs for students in grades K-5, **Art in the Afternoon**, on January 21. Attendees shared favorite titles from 2025 and created posters of the book covers using crayons and cardstock.



The children's artwork is now featured in the display case for everyone to admire. Even a few parents joined in showing off their childhood favorites to recommend to other kids!

Melissa Griffin, Youth Services Library Assistant, created hand-painted artwork for the children's play area. The colorful poster features a collage of popular picture-book characters found in the nearby favorites shelves. A quote from Dr. Seuss completes the eye-catching display!



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Sugar Land Branch Adult Services

A handful of visitors braved the cold weather to attend a presentation by Fort Bend Master Gardener Becky McGoldrick. She talked on hardiness and heat zones at Sugar Land Branch on Saturday, January 24.

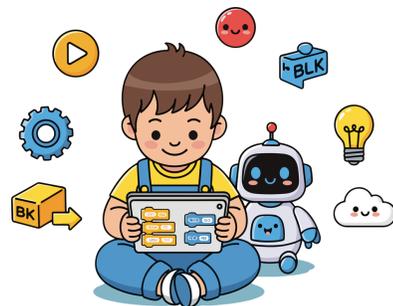


## Sienna Branch Library



### Tech Explorers: Marble Mazes

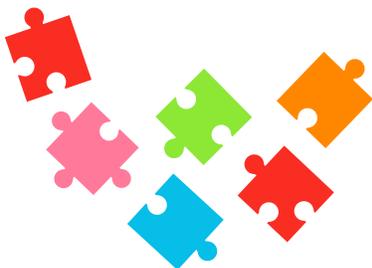
Students in grades K-3 learned the basics of structural engineering while making fun marble mazes on Wednesday, January 21.



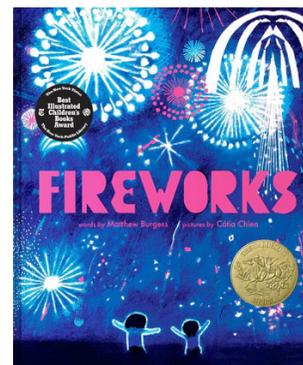
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## Fulshear Branch Library

While visiting from Cinco Ranch Branch, library staff Percy Roy created this Puzzle and Game Drop-Off Box for the upcoming puzzle and game swap.



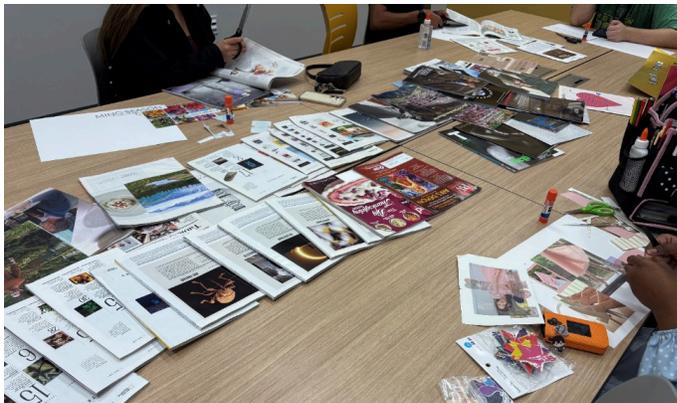
Erica Koop, Youth Services Manager, designed an optical illusion display featuring **past Caldecott winners** to help showcase the **2026 winner, *Fireworks***, illustrated by **Cátia Chien**.



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Mission Bend Branch

On January 21, library visitors gathered to create vision boards with goals for the upcoming year. Guests provided lots of positive feedback, requesting that this be a regular program, with one commenting, *"We should come back next year, and see what goals on our vision board we accomplished!"*



## CREATIVE CONNECTION

On January 17, middle graders attended the Creative Connection: Winter Warm-Up Crafts program. Attendees enjoyed visiting 4 different craft stations: Polar Bear Paper Craft, Penguin Paper Craft, Hot Cocoa Mug Decorating, and Jello Melt Art.



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Mission Bend Branch

### BAD ART NIGHT

On January 28, guests enjoyed making their own art pieces in an environment that focused on the joy of creativity, experimentation, and expression rather than technique! Guests were very positive in their feedback. One commenter said, *"I had a busy stressful day and almost didn't make it to the class. I'm glad I came. It was fun and relaxing."*



### AFTER-SCHOOL BREAK: BUILDING CLUB

On January 22, guests used a variety of building toys to make their own creations and attempt to complete preset challenges. Attendees had an excellent time: one child was very focused on building a structure with flexible straws, and one made an interesting pipe creation!

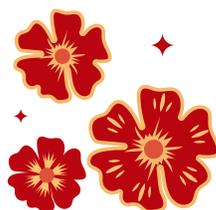


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## Mission Bend Branch

### YOUNG AUDIENCE OF HOUSTON: DANCE OF ASIAN AMERICA

On January 24, library guests attended the Young Audience of Houston, grant-funded program, **Dance of Asian America**. Several dances highlighting different Asian cultures and dance styles were performed by award-winning dancers. A brief explanation of the historic context, meaning, and significance of each dance was given. Dancers pulled audience members to the front several times for participatory activities, including handkerchief twirling and fan waving.



# FACILITIES UPDATE

## Albert George Branch in Needville

Maintenance team replaced blown fuse, and heater is now working properly.

## Cinco Ranch Branch

Hot water not working in Meeting Room sink; parts have been ordered.



## First Colony Branch

Large art signature-piece clock in building needs to be repaired. Access door needs to be added to main plumbing sewer access in large stall in public men's restroom.

## Fulshear Branch

Facilities has possibly 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. 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 because of damage from Hurricane Beryl.

## George Memorial Library in Richmond

The interior handicap buttons at the front doors were repaired, a toilet leak in the women's staff restroom was fixed, a booth table in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor Cafe was fixed, and a latch on the Adult Services' workroom door was repaired.

# FACILITIES UPDATE

## Mission Bend Branch

Contractors began repairing the damage from the October 18, 2025, car crash. Work is ongoing; however, the metal framework has been repaired. The contractors are waiting on glass to arrive before completing the work.

A Tekplan Solutions technician visited and was able to restore remote access to Mission Bend's HVAC controls for Maintenance.

## Mamie George Branch in Stafford

The toilet in the men's restroom has a slow leak, enough to leave noticeable water on the floor, but not substantial. Maintenance has been informed and are in the process of getting it repaired.

## Sugar Land Branch

This month, maintenance staff resolved the issue causing the ceiling pipes to shake and replaced a toilet in the women's restroom.



## Sienna Branch

We have requested the exterior entry be power washed. I also put in a request that the library sign on Sienna Springs be power washed to comply with an HOA letter.

## University Branch

Maintenance and the elevator vendor were at the University Branch to conduct an elevator inspection.

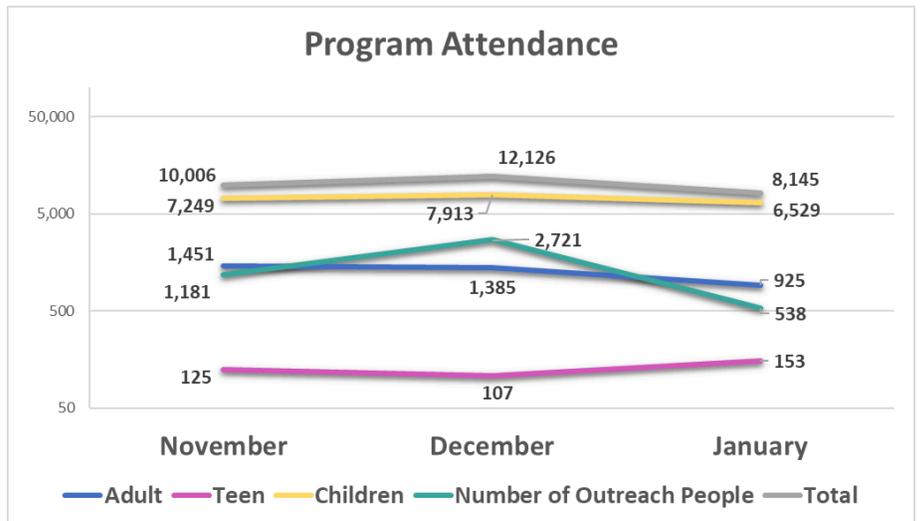
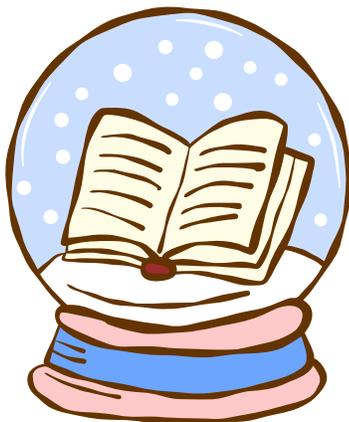
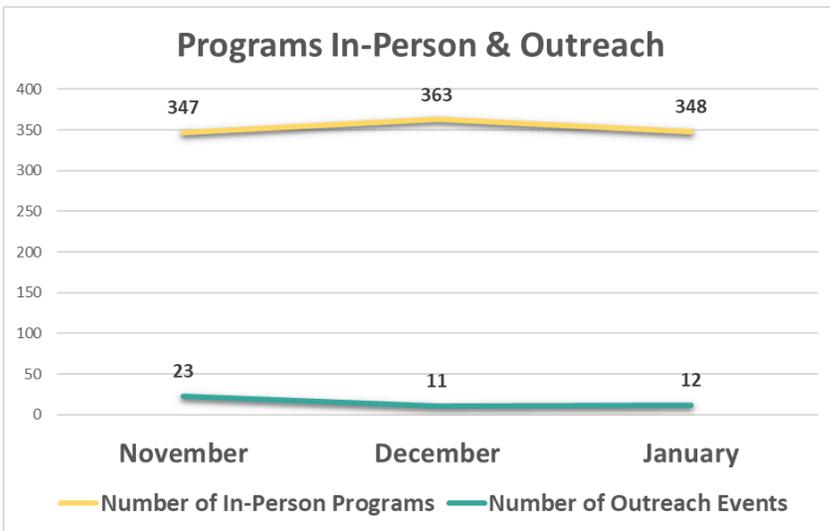
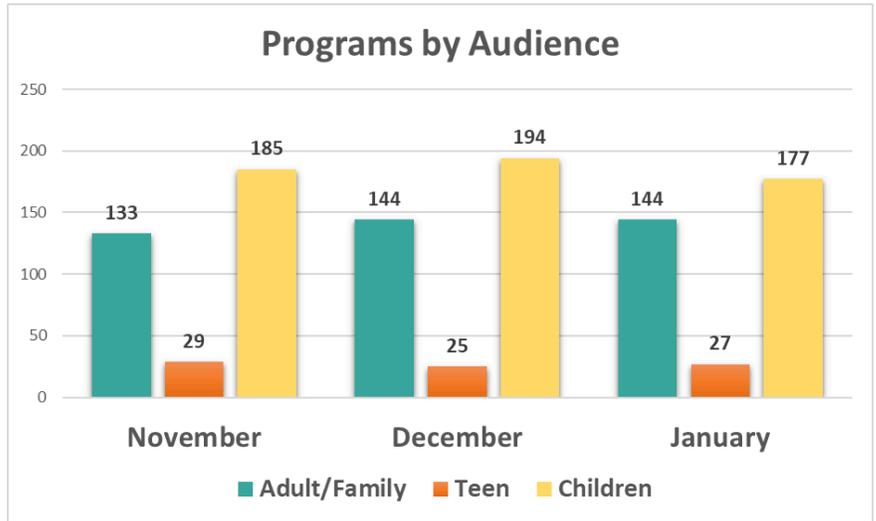
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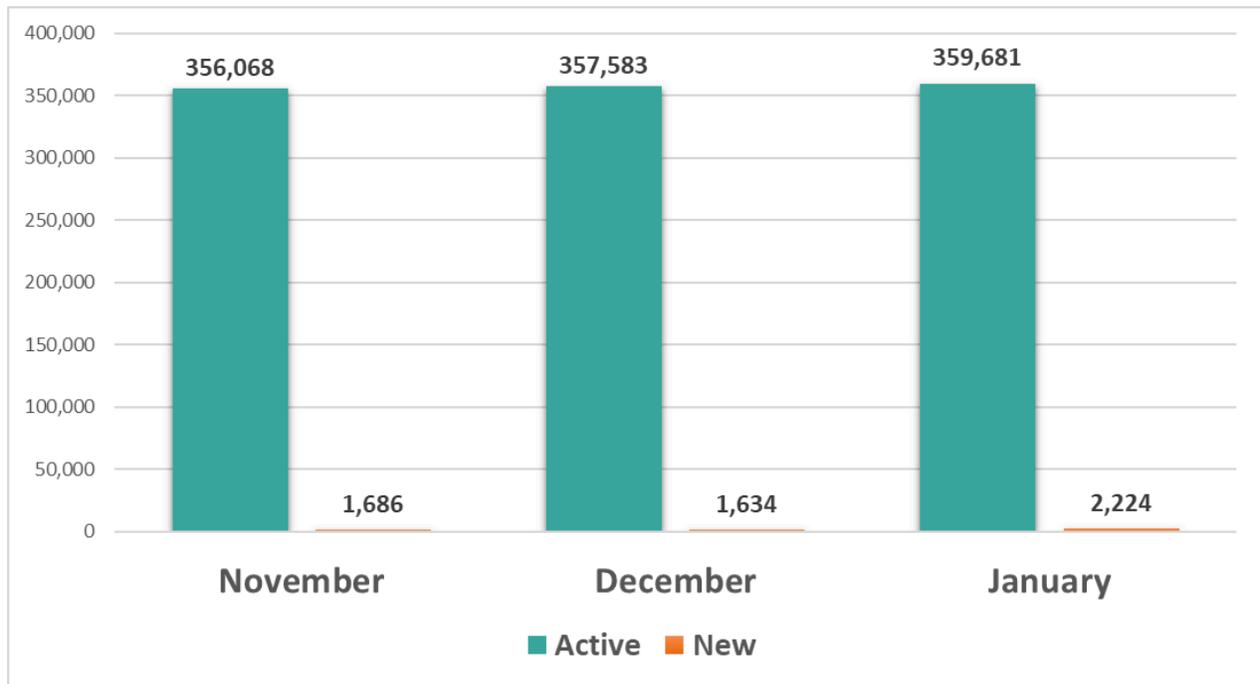


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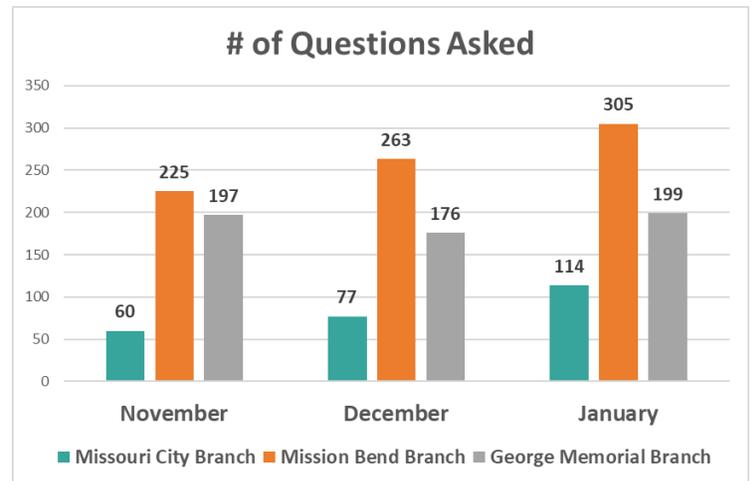
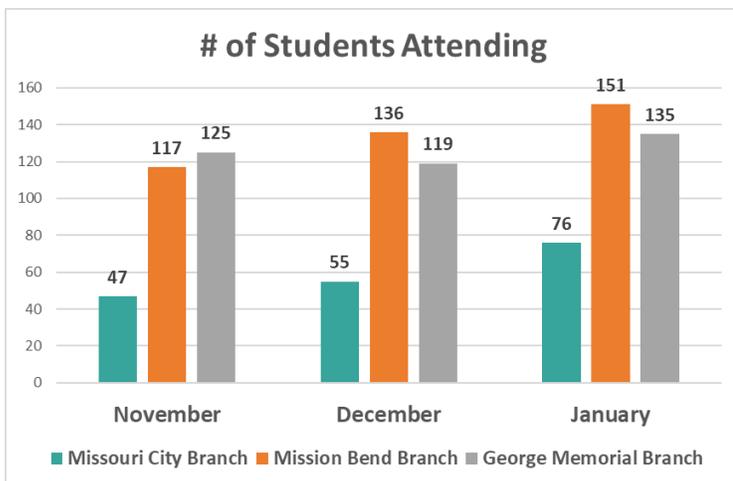
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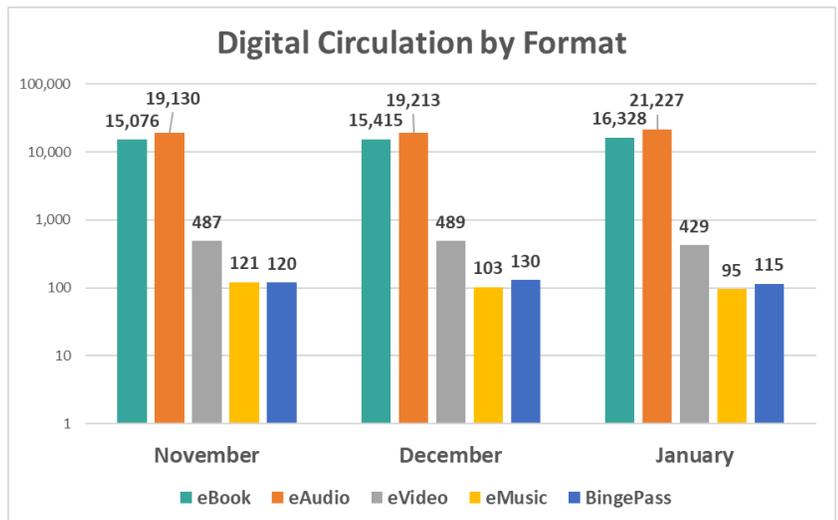
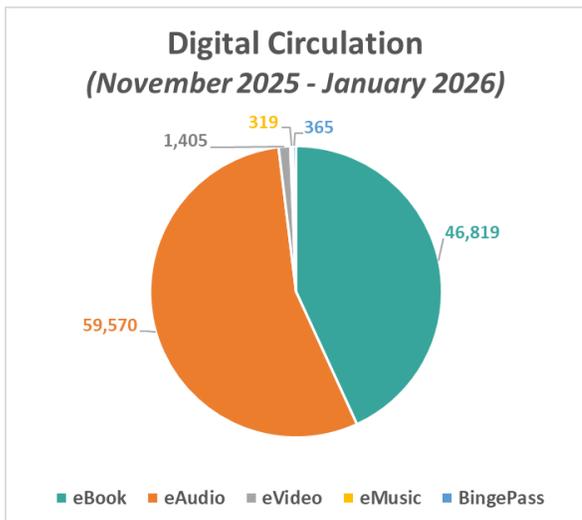
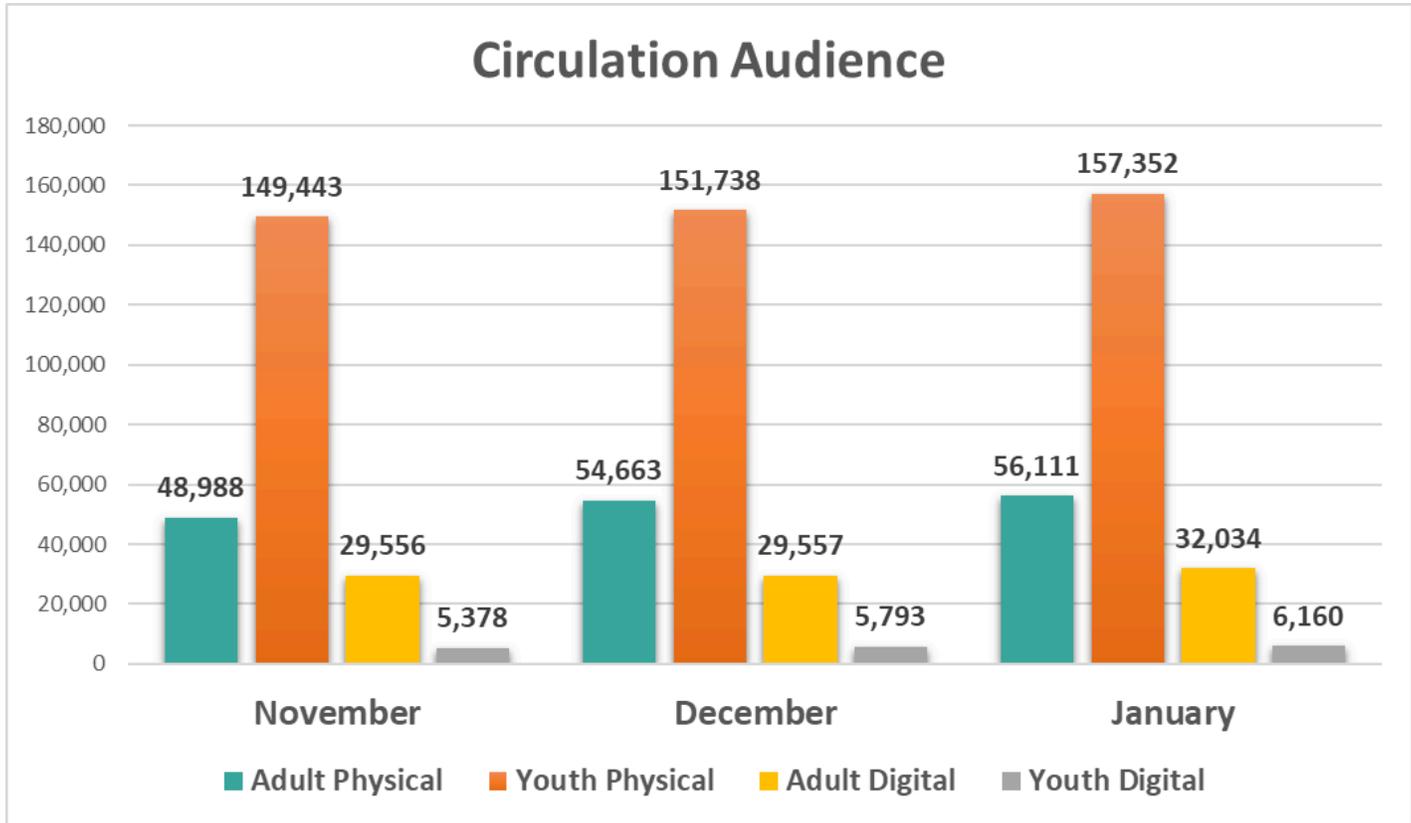
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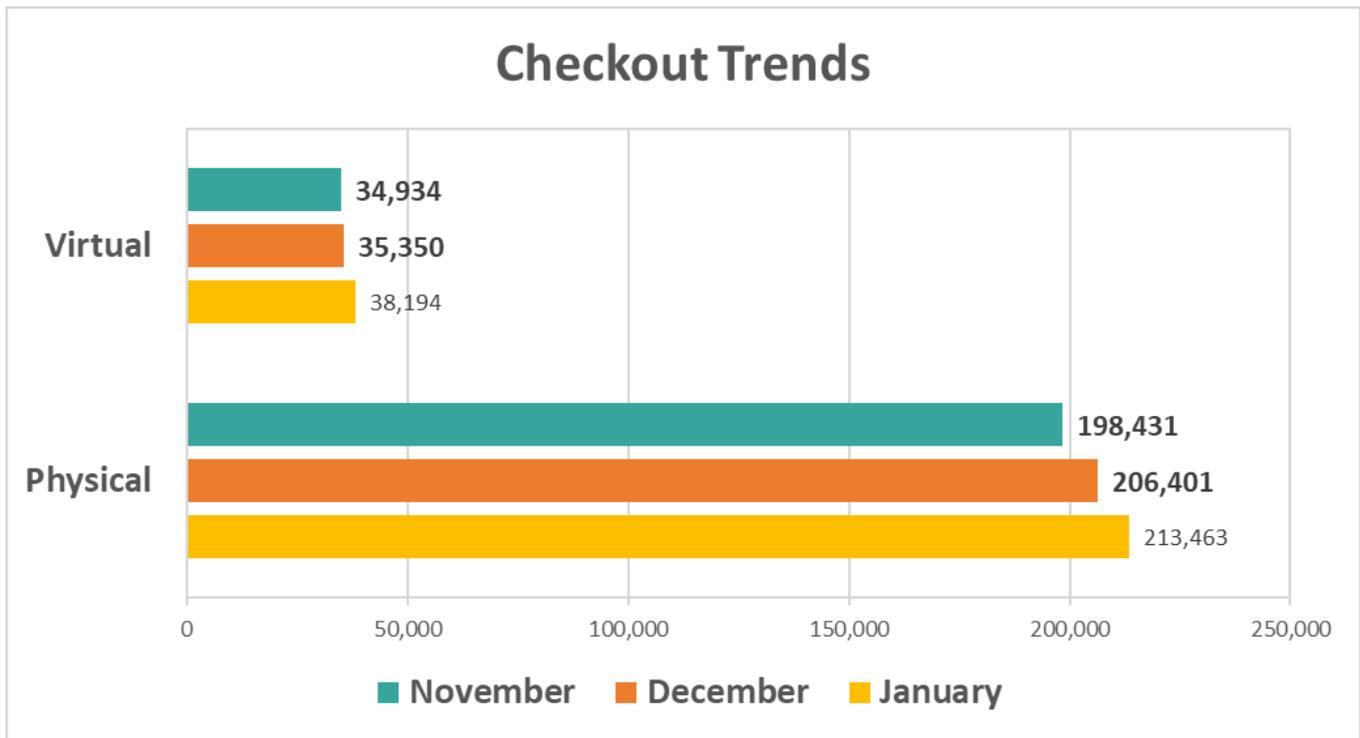
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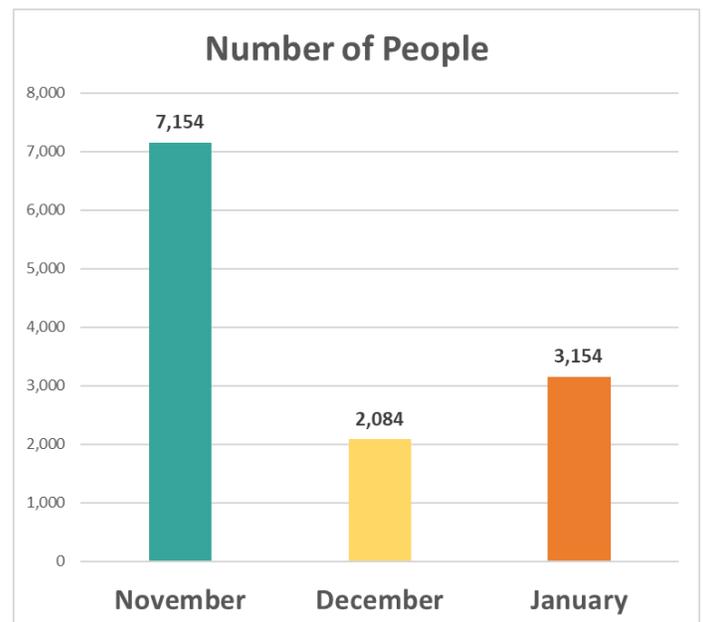
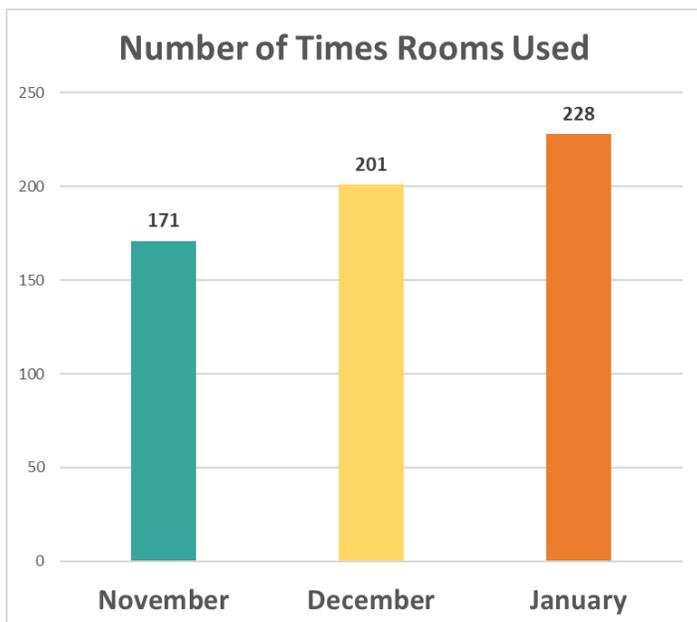
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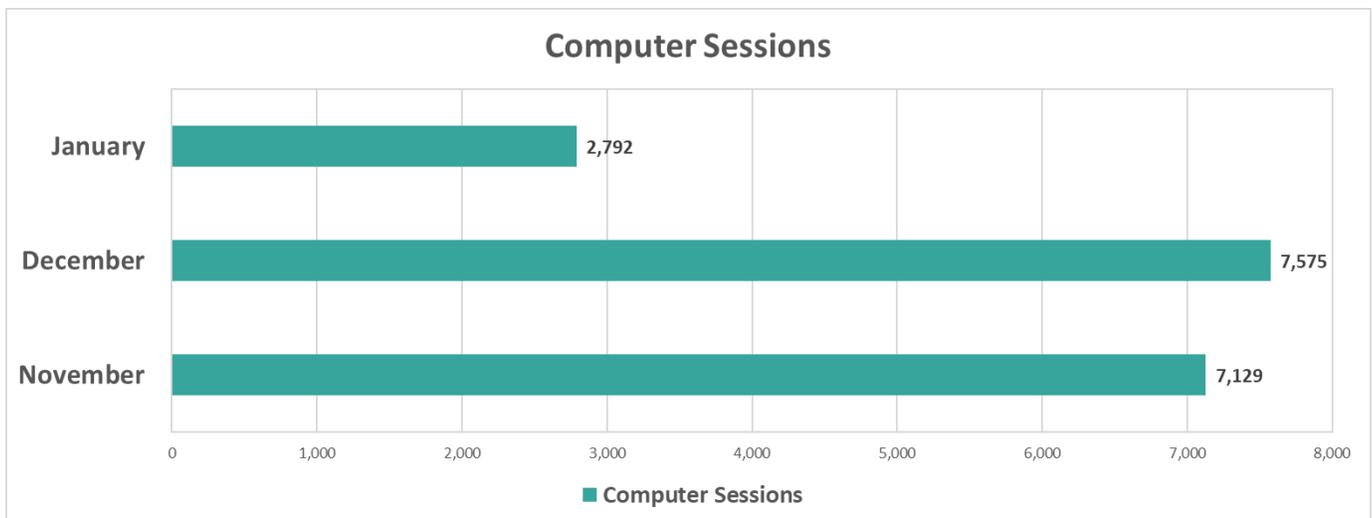
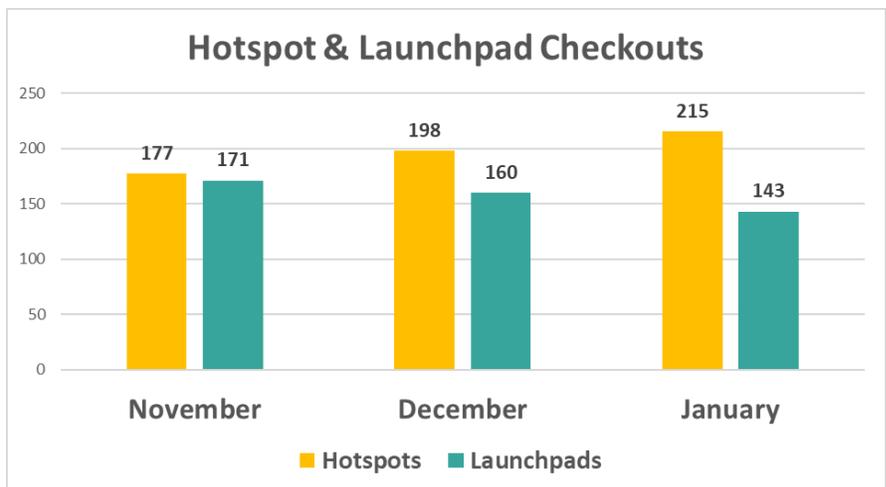
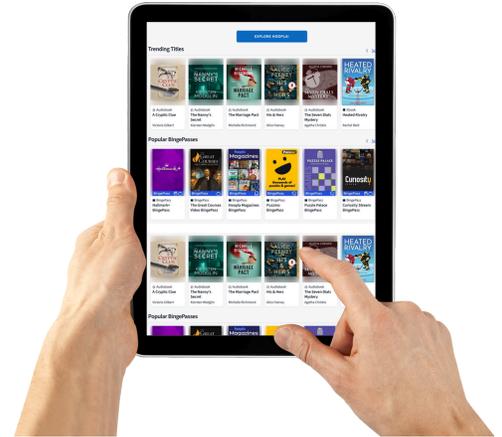
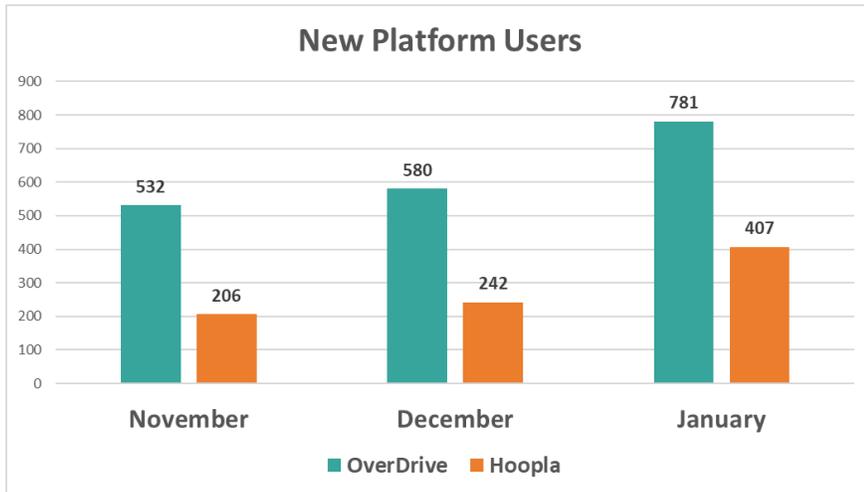
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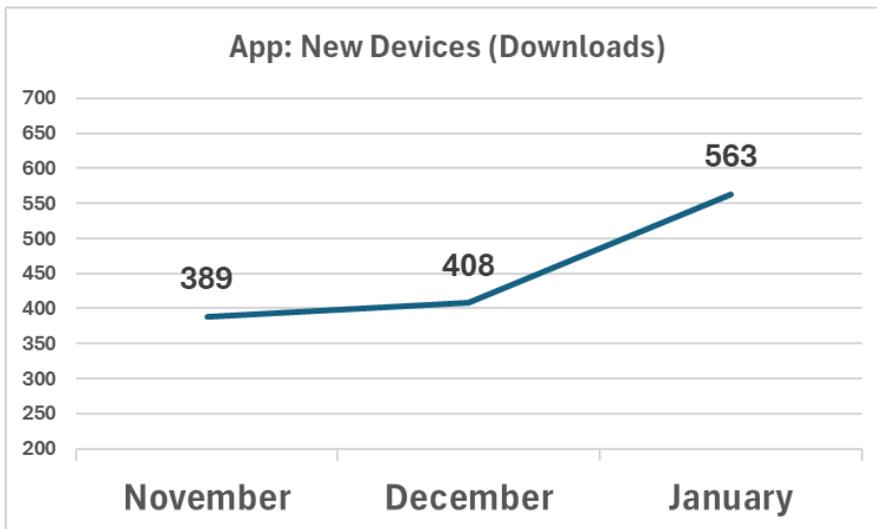
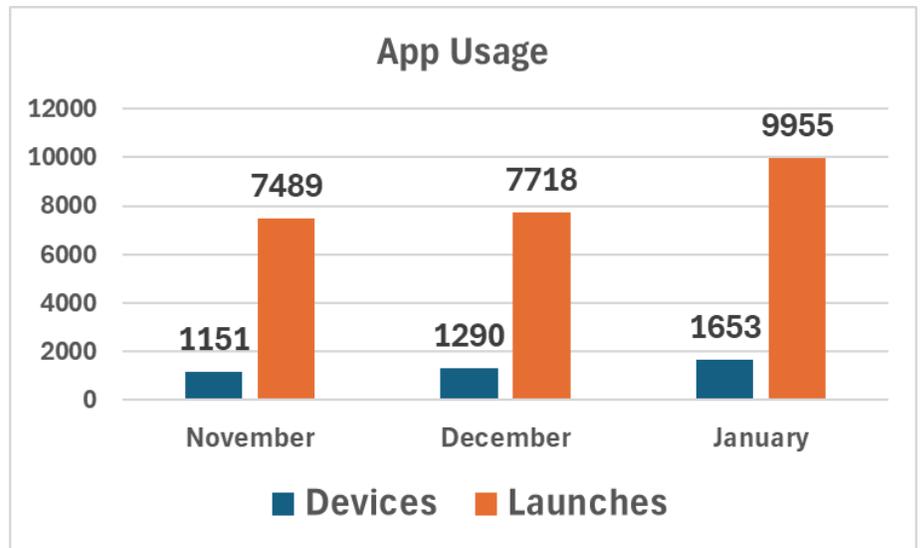
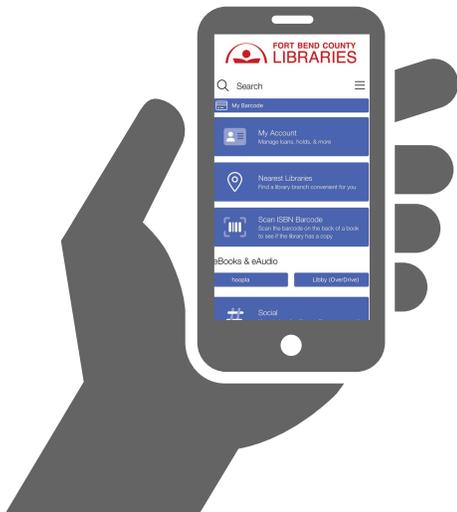
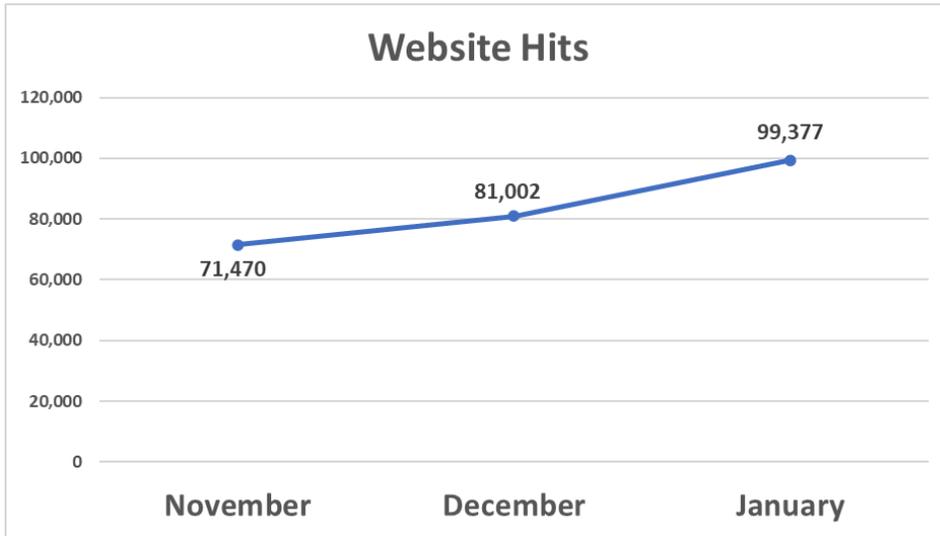
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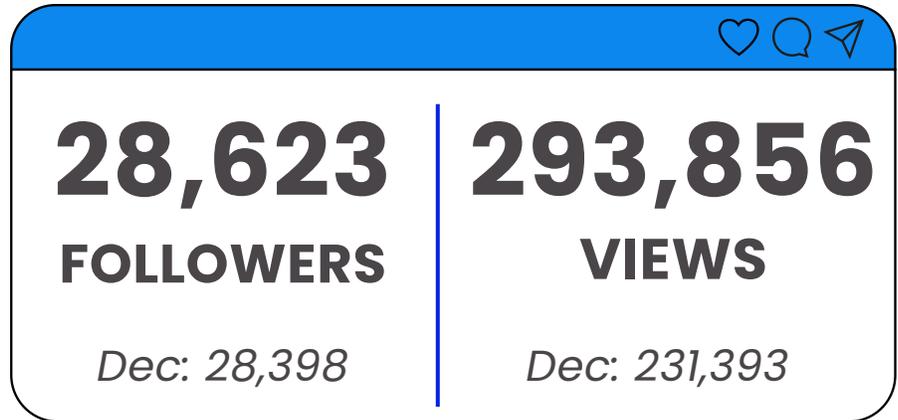
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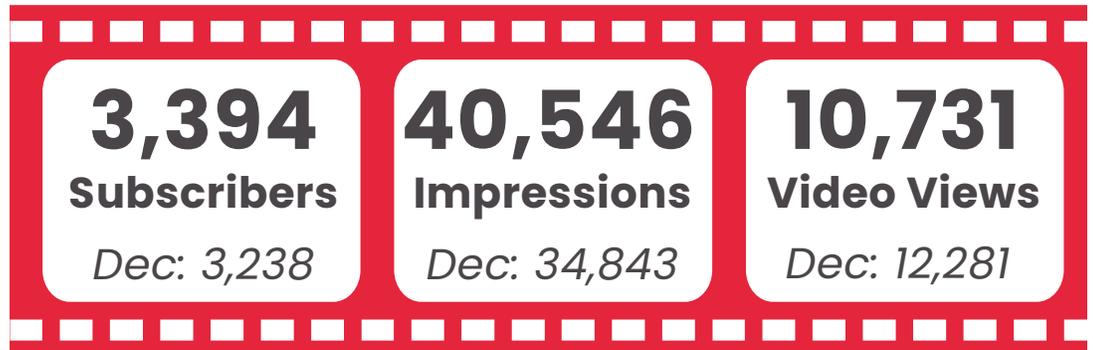
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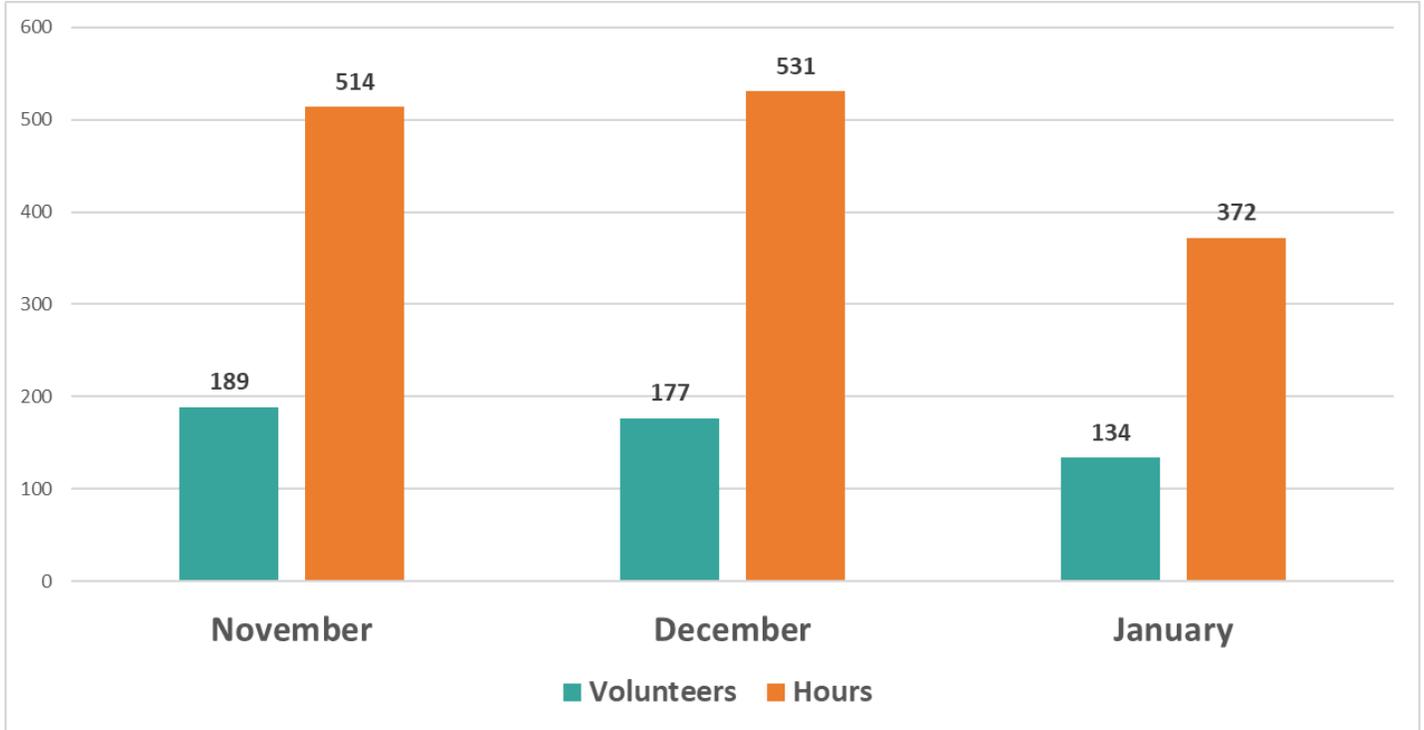
### YouTube



### Instagram



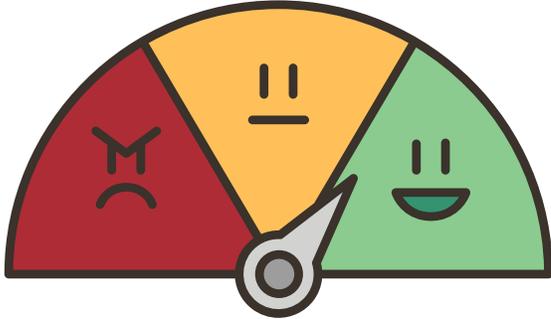
# VOLUNTEERS



# BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

FBCL December 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	\$22,136.59
Fines, Copiers, 3D Prints, etc.	\$19,895.18

# COMMUNITY COMMENTS



**Fulshear Branch:** “Big and very modern looking library! I love the outdoor reading area on the second floor (It was temporarily closed but the space looks cool)! Large space with a decent amount of books. The staff is friendly and helpful! Went here because my local library is closed for renovation but wouldn't mind going here again. Lots of study rooms and plenty of space to sit and read quietly!”

**Missouri City Branch:** “Love the staff on the children's side!!”

**Cinco Ranch Branch:** “Beautiful view, new books, kind employees, comfortable area”

**Fulshear Branch:** “Love the library! Kids can always find several books they want within minutes. Reserved book pickup is convenient, and the new app makes it easy to track what you have and what is at other branches and make holds.”

**Mission Bend Branch:** “The employees are very helpful there. Will definitely go again.”

**First Colony Branch:** “Lovely place to study and excel.”

