Schroon Lake Public Library

2024 Annual Report

Special Points of Interest:

- We circulated more than 23,497 physical items in 2024
- 78 children, 32 young adults, and 51 adults registered for our summer reading program in 2024.
- We added more than 1,711 new books and DVDs to our collection in 2024
- 3,745 patrons attended one of our 323 programs offered in 2024
- Our Friends of the Library contributed more than 27,500 to the library in 2024

Another year, another success. 2024 has proven to be one of our busiest years ever. A few of our goals this year were to increase programming, especially for teens; add more items to our Library of Things; and to increase participation in our summer reading program for kids, teens, and adults. Well, we hit it out of the ball park in all three categories. Our expansion of year-round programs brought in a whole new demographic of patrons with most of our programs filled to capacity.

In addition, we began the process of designing a new library website which should be live in March of 2025!

We thank the Friends of the Library and our many donors and friends for their support, we couldn't do it without them.

You never know what you'll find at the library!

Year	Library Usage	Library Annual Circulation	Library Programs Offered	Library Program Attendance	Interlibrary Loan Materials Borrowed	Interlibrary Loan Materials Sent
1999	4,148	9,146	12	441	455	0
2023	20,904	21,982	251	2,956	3,076	2533
2024	24,726	23,500	323	3,745	3,342	2,597

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024 we offered a total of 323 program sessions at the library for children, teens and adults. A total of 3,745 people attended these programs.

In 2024 we had every class from Schroon Lake CentralSchool visit our library to learn about what we have to offer, sign-up for a library card, and participate in age specific activites. With the help of Jen Slothower, we had the middle and high schoolers come for a training/presentation of services that could be of use to them such as online research tools we offer and employment assistance.

One of our goals in 2024 was to reach our teen population. With the help of Emily Kutz we first tried a Teen Club, that flopped. We persevered decided to try a learn to knit/crochet for those 10+ on Tuesday afternoons after school. Our first class we had so many come that we had to get more volunteers. And the Friends were generous and supplies money for snacks.

Our most popular programs for adults are still our Crafts for Uncrafty Adults sessions. This year we offered classes in paper quilling, book folding, quilting, rug hooking, card making, felted ornaments, dot mandala painting, and fabric pumpkins. In addition we have a monthly Book Discussion Group, a bimonthly Writer's Group, a weekly Painting Club, two weekly knitting clubs, and a weekly Mahjong Club. All meet in the library community room.

We also hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive in the summer and a New York State Boaters Safety course in the fall.

Wool Rug Hooking Class

Kindergarden Visit

Paper Quilling Workshop

Enjoying a game of chess

Acrylic Painting Workshop

Pressed Flower Bookmark

Gwen shows off her house of cards

CIRCULATION AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

2024 continued to see an increase in circulation and usage at our library. We circulated more than 6,000 adult books and 11,497 children's books. In addition we circulated 23,497 physical items that were not books such as DVDs, magazines, music cds and items from our Library of Things. Digital media circulation continues to represent only a small portion of our circulation but it is increasing. In 2024 our patrons downloaded 1,102 ebooks, 170 digital magazines, 557 e-audio books, and streamed 6 videos for a grand total of 1,835 digital content circs.

One of the key components to customer service in our library is our ability to participate in interlibrary loan. Interlibrary Loan enables us to get items we don't own, such as books and DVDs, for our patrons. In 2024 we borrowed for our patrons 3,342 items.

We sent to other libraries over 2,597 of our own items.

Our wireless accessibility, tech help for patrons, public computers, printing & copying services continue to be important to our library users. During the summer power outage in 2024, patrons were so thankful that they could still access our wifi and plug in their phones and laptops so that they could work remote. In 2024, 1,008 patrons used our public computers and approximately 2,378 people accessed out wifi network.

GRANT/DONATION NEWS

Each year we look back at the last fiscal year and thank the organizations, grantees, and people who donate their energy, time, and money to help us continue serving the community. Below are 2024's donors:

In 2024 the Friends of the Schroon Lake Public Library donated more than $37,500 for programming, books, website development, technology.

In 2024 I applied for and received two CFGMR grants. The first was to create a new Library of Things backpack for kids called Yoto which is a device that reads books to children. The other grant was for website development as we begin the process of designing a new library website.

In 2024 I collaborated with the NYS Adirondack County Decentralization Grant. Funds were used to host a musical workshop for children featuring local artist, RiverjackZ.

In 2024, I applied for and received a grant from the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library system, this grant was used for our Summer Reading Program's Southern Vermont Natural History Museum live animal program.

In 2024, the Schroon Lake Lions Club presented us with a check that enabled us to purchase large print books for our vision impaired patrons.

In 2024, I applied for and received a Holiday Match grant from Stewart's Shops. The funding received was used two-fold: to hire magician, Ron Cain for our summer reading program and, to purchase craft supplies for our summer program as well.

In 2024, we had 100% of our magazine subscription costs donated—thanks to the library board members.

In 2024 we received many general donations and memorial donations that totaled more than $4,400. The donors for 2024 were; The Schroon Lake Lions Club, Gary Williford, Theresa & Doug Mason, Frank Smith, Harry Owens, Thelma Smith, Kathleen Ward, and Stephen Messner. **We thank you all.**

CARE KITS SUPPORTING UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

In 2024 our library participated in an initiative to help community members in need. Thanks to Adirondack Foundation's Generous Acts program, and Hannaford and Big Lots for donating supplies, our library was able to assemble 25 Care Kits to give away. Each Care Kit included a backpack filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, body wash, tissues, bottles of antiperspirant, space blankets, menstrual pads, and printed information about library resources to support individuals in need. The Kits were available to anyone that wanted them, no-questions-asked. Every morning we would put out 3 or 4 kits, when they were gone we'd add more. It took a few weeks to give out all 25 kits.

NEW DIGITAL MEDIA AVAILABLE

At the end of 2024, member libraries in Clinton-Essex-Franklin-Library system, thanks to a Generous Acts Grant, were able to offer a free video streaming service and a free digital magazine service to patrons. Kanopy, our new video streaming App, allows patrons to stream an extensive collection of narrative and documentary films, as well as TV series, movies and kids content. Kanopy can be enjoyed on your computer, on the go with a smartphone or tablet, and even on a smart TV.

Our new digital magazine collection, which showcases over 5,000 magazines, can be accessed through the Libby App. These are all FREE access with your library card and will be a wonderful addition to the digital content that we already have; ebooks and eaudio.

Christmas Crafts at the Library

2024 Library Board of Trustees	
Marion Weaver	President
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Anne Durkee	Co-Financial Officer
Julia Chippendale	Co-Financial Officer
Diane D'Amico	Secretary
Laura Dewey	Corresponding Secretary
Joan Lawless	Trustee
Jen Slothower	Trustee
Betsy Ross	Trustee
Pam Ireland	Trustee

Tie-Dye Workshop

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

2024 Library Staff	
Jane Bouchard	Library Manager
Jessica Botterbusch	Library Clerk
Vicky Bruce	Library Clerk
Tatianne O'Bradovic	Library Clerk
Shirley Richards	Library Clerk

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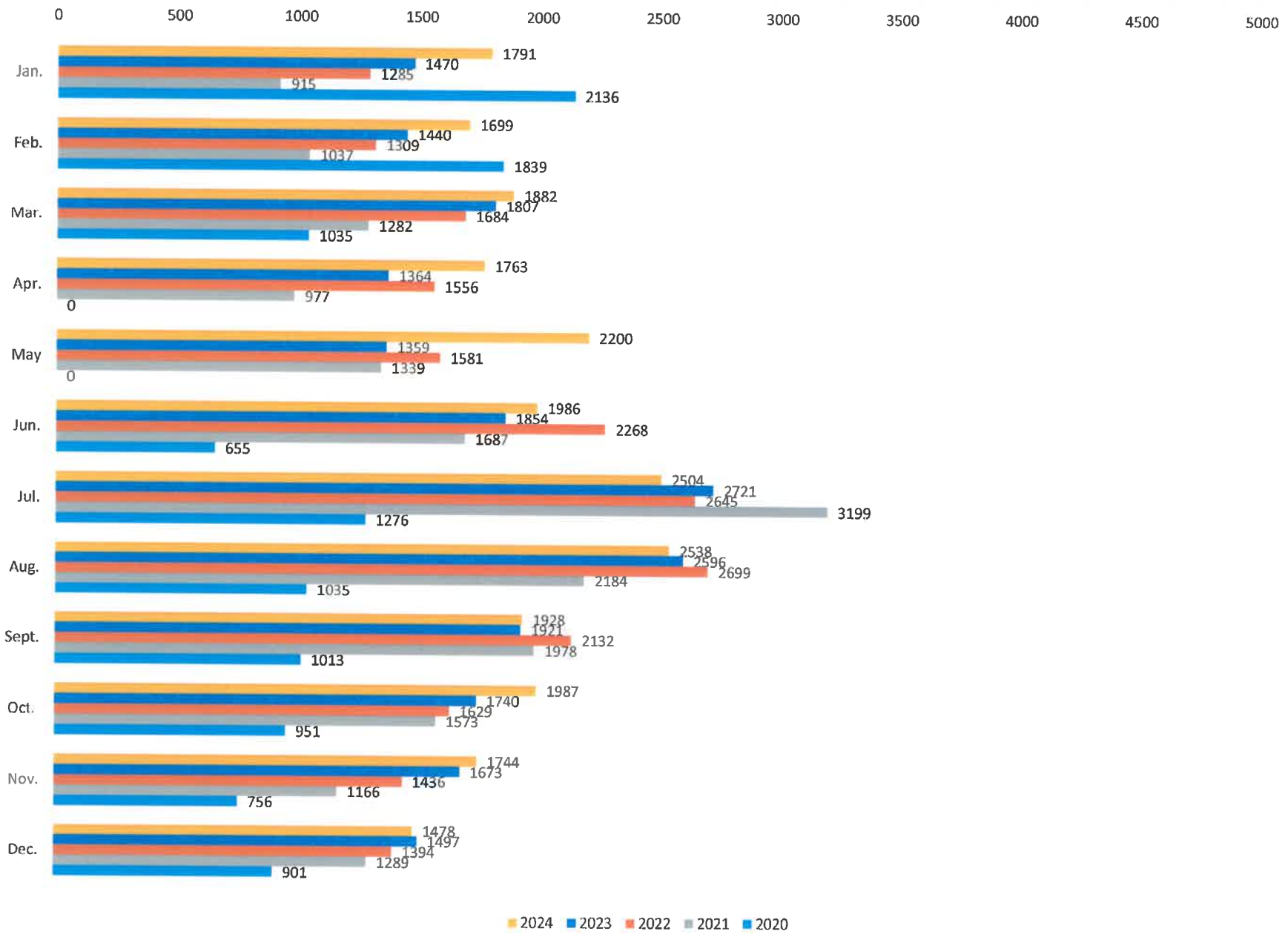
Changes in Circulation 2017-2024

	2017	2018	% Change	2019	% Change	2020	% Change	2021	% Change	2022	% Change	2023	% Change	2024	% Change
Juvenile Audio	37	78	110.81%	63	-19.23%	35	-44.44%	50	42.86%	47	-6.00%	60	27.66%	88	46.67%
Juvenile DVD	1988	1630	-18.01%	1604	-1.60%	469	-70.76%	384	-18.12%	520	35.42%	487	-6.35%	578	18.69%
Juvenile Easy	3464	4600	32.79%	5114	11.17%	2381	-53.44%	4095	71.99%	5262	28.50%	6704	27.40%	6824	1.79%
Juvenile Fiction	1771	1790	1.07%	1824	1.90%	708	-61.18%	1414	99.72%	2011	42.22%	2001	-0.50%	3000	49.93%
Juvenile Magazines	26	34	30.77%	9	-73.53%	2	-77.78%	16	700.00%	8	-50.00%	2	-75.00%	0	-100.00%
Juvenile Nonfiction	1034	1569	51.74%	1601	2.04%	820	-48.78%	1604	95.61%	1927	20.14%	1877	-2.59%	2123	13.11%
Juvenile VHS Video	9	13	44.44%	0	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Adult Audio	276	407	47.46%	217	-46.68%	59	-72.81%	122	106.78%	106	-13.11%	140	32.08%	61	-56.43%
Adult DVD	7350	7350	0.00%	7436	1.17%	2520	-66.11%	3575	41.87%	4250	18.88%	3512	-17.36%	4061	15.63%
Adult Fiction	4709	5659	20.17%	5672	0.23%	3056	-46.12%	4846	58.57%	4731	-2.37%	4204	-11.14%	4329	2.97%
Adult Magazines	799	826	3.38%	792	-4.12%	389	-50.88%	619	59.13%	714	15.35%	459	-35.71%	305	-33.55%
Adult Nonfiction	1983	2930	47.76%	2685	-8.36%	1024	-61.86%	1770	72.85%	1820	2.82%	1725	-5.22%	1879	8.93%
Adult VHS Video	26	9	-65.38%	0	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Adult Music CD	252	220	-12.70%	121	-45.00%	61	-49.59%	24	-60.66%	53	120.83%	89	67.92%	51	-42.70%
E-Reader	13	1	-92.31%	0	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Music Instruments	0	0	0.00%	46	100.00%	15	-67.39%	9	-40.00%	15	66.67%	11	-26.67%	5	-54.55%
Family Adv Backs	0	0	0.00%	84	100.00%	48	-42.86%	76	58.33%	132	73.68%	155	17.42%	144	-7.10%
Literacy Kits	0	0	0.00%	46	100.00%	10	-78.26%	22	120.00%	22	0.00%	16	-27.27%	46	187.50%
Totals	23737	27116	14.24%	27314	0.73%	11597	-57.54%	18626	60.61%	21618	16.06%	21442	-0.81%	23500	9.60%

Circulation by Month- Year 2020-2024



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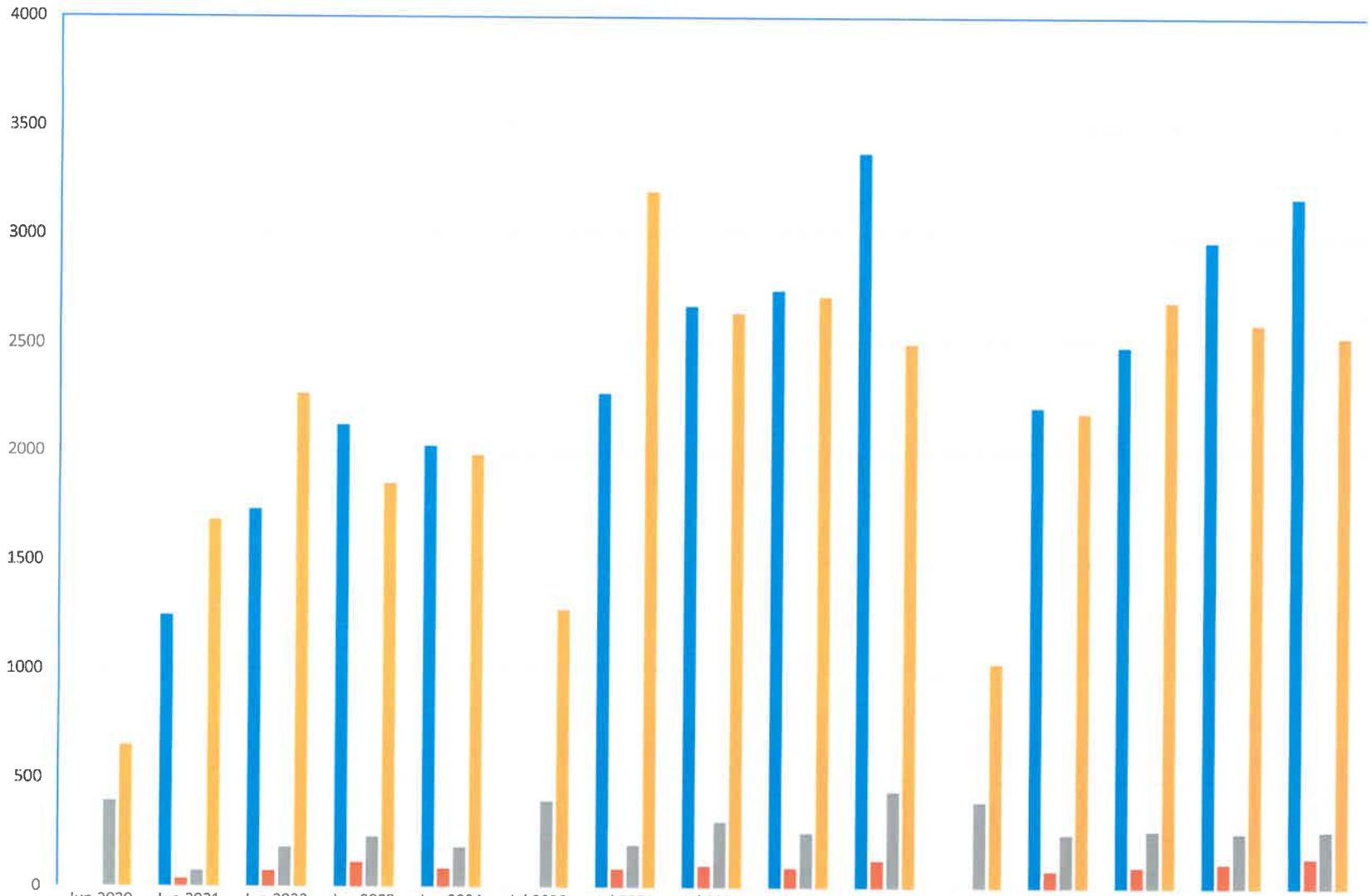
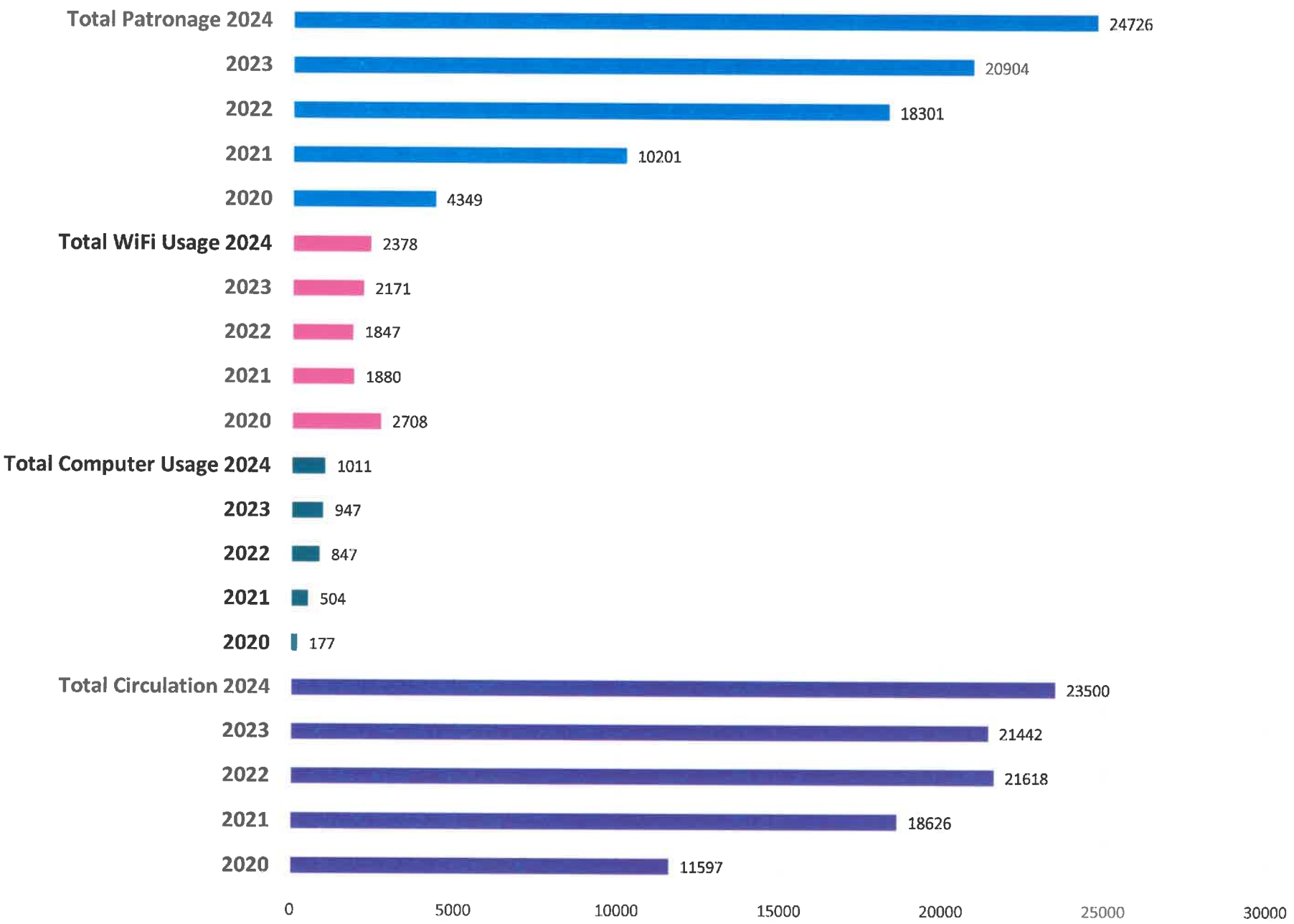
June-July-August 2020-2024



	Jun 2020	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	Jun 2023	Jun 2024	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	Jul 2022	Jul 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2020	Aug 2021	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	Aug 2024
Library	0	1247	1734	2122	2026	0	2271	2675	2749	3377	0	2210	2491	2973	3174
Computer WAN	0	38	74	114	86	0	86	102	94	128	0	80	99	116	141
Computer WiFi	396	74	183	232	184	399	196	305	255	447	399	249	267	258	268
Circulation	655	1687	2268	1854	1986	1276	3199	2645	2721	2504	1035	2184	2699	2596	2538

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2020-2024 Patronage-Usage-Circulation