

Library Board Memo No. 4583

TO: Board of Trustees, Kansas City Urban Public Library District

FROM: John Herron, Library Director & Chief Executive

RE: Director's Report for August 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Summary will be discussed at the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We are only two months into the fiscal year and it is too early to forecast financial results. Some of our one-time expenditures can distort the annualized numbers, but we have no areas of concern with the budget at this time. We received final assessed valuations from the Jackson County Assessor and they are up from the original estimates from March. The new assessment values will be used for budget purposes as we set the final levy rate and present a revised budget for the year.

LIBRARY INITIATIVES AND OUTREACH – HIGHLIGHTS

REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT SERVICES & EMPOWERMENT

Julie Robinson, Aisha Ahmed, and Lori Scoby attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies for three immigrant owned business on Independence Avenue. The **Northeast KC Chamber of Commerce** hosted the event.

Lori Scoby and Aisha Ahmed tabled at **Café Caphe's** grand opening where they spoke with



attendees that visited the RISE table to learn about classes and resources.

North-East Branch and RISE continue working to increase availability of non-English resources (both in materials and staffing) to refugee and immigrant patrons. Anne Brown has been promoted to a full-

time position as the RISE Outreach Language Specialist. Although Bernadette Tshimwanga and Aisha Ahmed completed their grant-funded summer positions (as the RISE Swahili Outreach Community Assistant and the RISE Somali Outreach Community Assistant, respectively) they will be returning as Library substitutes.

COMMUNITY REFERENCE

Jenny Garmon's proposal for a **Missouri Library Association** presentation was accepted. She will share civic engagement information at the annual meeting in September.

Jeni Starr met with several community partners this month including staff of **The Whole Person** to plan a disability awareness program for October; representative of **ArchWell Health** to discuss possible partnerships; with Ryan Cox, PhD at **University Health** to discuss possible partnerships with the LGBTQ Specialty Clinic; and with Joey Lightner, PhD and Amanda Grimes, PhD of **UMKC (University of Missouri Kansas City)** to discuss possible partnerships.

Rhiannon Johnson was joined by YFE staff, Crystal Faris and Kim Angotti, for a meeting with representatives from the **Kansas City Regional Transition Network**; they would like to partner with library for a program for students with disabilities. Their plan is to invite all SPED students who are approaching high school graduation (ages 16-21), their families, and educators.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Community Resources hosted Coffee & Conversation on Wednesday, August 24th. **Lawrence Leek, Outreach Housing Navigator, Community LINC (Local Investment Commission)**, was the featured guest speaker. The program provided patrons with helpful information on their housing programs and the Coordinated Entry process. Coffee, bottled water, snacks, books/magazines, hygiene kits, and socks were also available for attendees. Attendance included 30 patrons and 15 community partners/library staff.

Kelly Berry participated in the following community outreach events. She shared informational flyers about Library services/programs and community partner resources, books, magazines, socks, and personal care items – **Hope Faith Homeless Assistance Campus, Wash Wednesday with reStart, KC Crime Commission/Second Chance Welcome Back, True Light Family Resource Center/Day Shelter for Women, and The Grooming Project.**

AMERICORPS

Isabella Hagen, Jeremy Ruzich, and Pascal Kinsey successfully completed their year of service at the **Don Bosco Centers, Jerusalem Farm, and The Sewing Labs.**

Allison Mannering, Steven Clark, Caasi Anderson, and Karen Whitestone began their years of AmeriCorps VISTA service at **Flourish Furnishings, the Kansas City Coalition for Digital Inclusion, the Black Archives of Mid-America, and the Kansas City Public Library, respectively.**

Gisselle Cano successfully completed her summer of service with the Outreach Youth and Family Engagement team. Gisselle contributed to the record-breaking summer reading program as well as research and patron referrals.

The new AmeriCorps State and National Program began recruitment. This program will fund 10 Digital Corps members to provide direct assistance to patrons with technology questions in the branches as well as supporting technology literacy in the community through classes.

MOBILE SERVICES

Tiffany Alexander celebrates 26 years with the library alongside her co-worker Peggy Farney, with a small party at Truman Road with the Mobile Services staff and Mary Olive Joyce. Tiffany was first hired to work in the Sorting Department (now Delivery Services) and has also worked in the Circulation department (now part of Customer Services), Youth Services (now Youth and Family Engagement) and Acquisitions/Technical Services before coming to the Outreach Department in August 2002. Peggy Farney has spent her whole 26-year career with the library in Books to Go.



The bookmobile celebrated its 2nd birthday this month! The bookmobile team threw a breakfast-themed birthday brunch to celebrate, and patrons were invited to celebrate as well with free cookies given out at the City Market.

Books to Go welcomed back **Children's Choice Too** back to the program, after a near 4-year hiatus. With Children's Choice Too and select schools re-enrolling, Books to Go will add 581 children to the program come September.

Thanks to the intercession of Anne Kniggendorf, Public Affairs, the Bookmobile was [featured](#) on **Fox 4** news where Isaac Halberstadt was interviewed to explain the importance of the Bookmobile in bringing library services to local communities and advertise upcoming events.

The Bookmobile began getting brand-new books due to the Strengthen Missourians grant awarded in June, which has helped to fill some holes in its small, but prosperous, collection.

Isaac Halberstadt and Sandra Davis participated in a **Hallmark** Distribution event, stocking up on extra books, toys, and crafts that should be very useful in future programming

LOCAL HISTORY

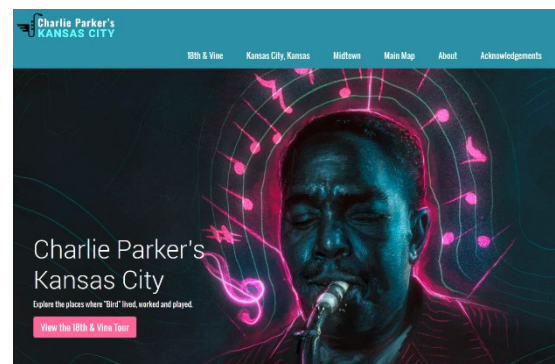
Dan Desko, founder and CEO of the [B-25 History Project](#), was the Missouri Valley Sunday speaker for August. An audience of 93 attended his presentation on the production of the B-25 Bomber plane at the former Fairfax plant in KCK during World War II. Desko lectured on the B-25's impact on the war, as well as the factory workers who manufactured the aircraft.



For the annual **816 Day** citywide celebration on August 16, Public Affairs worked with Missouri Valley Special Collections to develop a series of downloadable cellphone wallpaper graphics that anyone can use to show off their civic pride (while also promoting KCHistory.org resources).

<https://www.kclibrary.org/blog/816-day-carry-piece-kc-history-your-pocket-0>

The Library helped commemorate the August 29 birthday of Kansas City's own Charlie Parker through the website **CharlieParkersKC.org**, created in collaboration with KC Jazz ALIVE and Marr Sound Archives Director Chuck Haddix. The site, which launched last year, celebrates Parker's KC connections and the city's Depression-era jazz scene, highlighting landmarks associated with the musician.



Matt Reeves (MVSC) hosted a group of photography students led by local photographer and friend of the library, Mike Sinclair. Topics on the tour included a history of the library and bank building, and a discussion about archival practices. The class's semester long project is to create a portrait of the city.

Matt and Teresa Bolton collaborated in delivering Central Library tours for 40 senior citizens from **Johnson County's 50 Plus Program**. Matt led them through the Missouri Valley Room and presented rare books from the collection.

David LaCrone (Digital Branch) met with staff of the **Midwest Center for Holocaust Education**, who agreed to continue to partner with us on our oral history project, Speaking of Kansas City. They will be contributing approximately 70 audio and video recordings of local residents who experienced the holocaust in some way, discussing how they built lives in this area following the War.

Reference and photo requests for August included the following highlights:

- Descendants of Phillip Sollimi, creator of Wish-Bone salad dressing received assistance in locating items in the collection pertaining to him. Sollimi opened the Wish-Bone fried chicken restaurant in Kansas City shortly after World War II, where he served a dressing made with his mother's recipe. It was so popular that he began bottling and selling it. He later sold the recipe to the Lipton company.
- A local author writing a series of historical fiction about her ancestors, who were German immigrants to the area shortly before the Civil War received research assistance, she was particularly interested in the Civil War-era diaries from the collection.
- Elijah Winkler helped track down a front-page article and photograph from the *Kansas City Call* showing an African American pilot during the Korean War. The image will be used in an upcoming exhibit in the **Denver International Airport** on the Kansas City-born pilot and NASA astronaut trainee Ed Dwight, who was inspired to join the Air Force after seeing the photo in *The Call*.
- Images provided to a **KSHB 41** reporter working on a [story](#) about transit deserts in Kansas City.
- Information and images provided to a **KC-PBS/Flatland** reporter for a [story](#) focusing on the Union Hill neighborhood prior to its redevelopment in the 1980s.
- A **KCUR** reporter gathering information on a 20-acre plot of vacant land in the Palestine East neighborhood.
- A ***Northeast News*** reporter who writes a weekly historic postcards column received research assistance for articles focused on local Ford plant closures and organized labor.

COMMUNITY OF READERS

Information about the phenomenal Summer Reading Program results will be shared during the September 20 regular Board meeting.

The Library is working on a panel discussion for Banned Books Week. The panel will feature representatives from four Kansas City metro area libraries: KCPL, **Johnson County Library**, **Cass County Libraries**, and a **KCPS** school librarian.

The reading committee have all nine titles on the Maya Angelou Book Award (MABA) long list and will have a short list decided by October 4. Several readers have already submitted their short list votes. Eileen Pollack will be the guest judge making the final selection. Haley Brown, the new MABA intern has started organizing information for the next award cycle.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – HIGHLIGHTS

The Digital Media Lab (KCDML) has been coming to Bluford on Fridays to do music production and craft programs with youth at the branch.

North-East staff attended the **Harmony Project's** back-to-school event, where they discussed Chromebooks, Brainfuse and other Library services with 70 families. This two-day event allowed Karla Soto, the branch's new Bilingual Services Associate, to share library services with Spanish speaking parents and network with other providers who serve Spanish speaking audiences.

Amanda Rodriguez, North-East Branch Manager, participated in the **Indian Mound Neighborhood Association** Meeting to hear of the upcoming PIAC funded changes to Budd Park.

Ruiz staffed a table at the **Primitivo Garcia Elementary** Back To School Night on August 18. Approximately 280 people attended this exciting event, and the library distributed 205 books and 47 Scratch Art kits to kids of all ages.

Ruiz staff also attended the **Westside North Neighborhood Association** Meeting and learned about traffic initiatives planned for the area, PIAC requests that have been submitted, plans for fixing trees and sidewalks on the Westside and more. Ruiz staff will be contacting Association officers for approval to do a presentation at a future meeting about all that KCPL and the Ruiz Branch offers/can offer the community.

Southeast's Move with Angela Chair Aerobics/Yoga class continues each Wednesday with YMCA instructor Angela Sinclair. The class is held every Wednesday at noon with normally 3-4 patrons participates. The class has been extended an additional 6 weeks, now running through the first week of October.



Central Library held a Farewell to Summer (Reading) party on the 16th. It was a music and mocktail happy hour in Kirk Hall. It featured **The Vincent's**, who put on a high energy and fun concert. Around twenty-five people stayed for the entire hour, but twice that numbers stopped for a few songs. The mint cucumber lemonade and mini fruit and cheese plates were a hit.

Central Library and **Linda Hall Library's** Science Matters collaboration for August was Summer Reading themed, "The Science and Technology of the Birth of

Motion Pictures.” The birth of cinema is often thought of as a technological advancement, but by re-evaluating the work of Louis Le Prince, attendees were invited to consider how much it was, from the very beginning, an artistic and creative endeavor. Film is the only art form whose birth we can pinpoint to an exact day, and less than 150 years from that day, the things that used to define it as a medium - a big screen, projection, 35mm film, perforations - are no longer in use. How do we separate technology and artistic medium, and should we?

David LaCrone (Digital Branch) worked with our vendor on revising and fixing bugs on a newer version of our online payment forms. This allows staff people to generate custom links and send them as digital invoices, notifying key staff people when payment is submitted. This has been rolled out to ILL and Meeting Rooms so far.

SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAMS

Library Director and CEO John Herron said it best in welcoming an audience of 380 to the Plaza Branch’s Truman Forum Auditorium:

“You are back in full.”

The crowd on August 30 – for a presentation by bestselling Kansas City author Candice Millard – was the biggest for a Library signature event in nearly 2½ years. That dated to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and a nearly two-year stretch of virtual-only programming. Auditoriums reopened this past March.

Millard, who lives in Leawood, discussed her new book *River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile*, first in a solo presentation and then in conversation with the Library’s Anne Kniggendorf.

Another 281 people watched the event live over the Library’s YouTube channel. By the end of the next day, the archived video had drawn 142 views on YouTube.

It capped a successful month of signature programming that also featured a resumption of the Library’s Making a Great City Series, which explores and encourages healthy development in Kansas City. Majora Carter, a New York urban revitalization strategist and entrepreneur, drew 103 people to the Plaza Branch and another 65 via livestream for a discussion of her book *Reclaiming Your Community: You Don’t Have to Move out of Your Neighborhood to Live in a Better One*. The video also proved popular, attracting 152 subsequent views over the next 20 days.

Two other events drew more than 100 people to the Plaza: a discussion by **State University of New York** historian Emilye Crosby of the significant role of women in the passage of the 1963 Voting Rights Act (125 in attendance) and the latest installment of the Hollywood vs. History series in partnership with the **U.S. Army Command and General Staff College** (a crowd of 103 for an examination of the 1963 film *55 Days at Peking*).

The two presentations had totaled 570 video views by the end of the month.

All told, seven signature events in August drew 955 in-person attendees and more than 1,400 digital (livestream and subsequent video) views.

YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Helen Li continues to expand Teen programming in Central Youth Services. The Central TloT group that was created over the summer has continued into the school year, and the teens lead much of the in-person and interactive programming. This month, they prepared for Banned Books Week, brainstorming ideas and discussing their various nuanced, confused, and conflicted feelings over book banning. One of the teens did further research into challenged books and compiled a list of books and reasons. The end result was seven pages of information. Two of the teens looked at the ALA list of top 10 challenged books, sorted them by reason, and created graphics using Google Sheets. They were very invested in discovering more about book banning.



Teens participated in “Meet Lisa (the lady who buys all our books)”. Lisa Gooden from Collection Development met with the teens to discuss how she makes decisions about the youth and teen collection for the library. The teens asked her

questions non-stop about requesting purchases, the weeding process, and book challenges. One of the teens is working on writing a summary of the event.



The Tabletop Gaming program at Waldo is still going strong, with increased attendance of regulars and newcomers. Mila Blair purchased new games that the teens were excited to try, as it has been two years since she’s added games to her collection.

Baby Storytime, a fairly recent addition by Josie Schneider to the CYS storytime lineup, saw its biggest attendance yet, with 51 attendees. The ball pit was a very popular addition. Clare Hollander reports that adding the second storytime on Tuesdays has seen an interesting phenomenon of younger children attending before their morning nap. With a younger audience, she’s found she’s not doing the same storytime back-to-back as expected, but skewing younger in the earlier session to match the audience.



Josie also continued her KC Tween Book Club. They discussed *El Deafo* by Cece Bell, watched some videos on how/why she wrote the book and on the difficulty of lip reading. They also played charades and learned some American Sign Language through a scavenger hunt.

Waldo’s LEGO Club continues to draw a regular crowd, with many of the kids asking Donna Newell to keep their creations until the next session so they can continue with their projects. Two of the mothers in attendance with their children discovered that they both homeschool, so they shared experiences while their kids played.



Samantha Edwards held a Back 2 School craft night at North-East where she set up crafts that got kids excited to return to school. Participants could make their own keychains, stickers, and buttons to decorate their school supplies with. Each participant also got to pick out pre-made stickers and keychains as a gift. She also hosted a Family Video Game Night after she noticed several families had showed up to the teen video game night back in June and were disappointed that they could not all participate. In addition to video games, attendees could make buttons, play on an iPad and make marble runs creations.

Kyriecce DeVine and Kiesha Collins partnered with Rob Love to facilitate Studio Day at the Bluford Branch. Teens were able to get hands on with industry standard DJ equipment while learning about mixing, beat making, and tempos.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Samantha Edwards attended Back-to-School Night at **KIPP Endeavor Academy** and **Mattie Rhodes**. She was accompanied by Kelsey Bates and Karla Soto at the **Harmony Project's** orientation night.

Kate Tammeus, Lisa Gooden, and Samantha Edwards met with Ryan Rumpf, the principal at the **KCPS International Welcome Center**. He has set up a grant-funded multilingual library and asked the library for feedback. They provided him with resources and offered to table at the school's family events.

After the Pre-K Fair in February, Kate made a connection with Millie Robinson, who is the Head Start Family and Community Engagement Coordinator at **MARC**. On August 19th, Kate attended a virtual panel discussion that Millie hosted with her family advocates. Other panelists were from MARC and **The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness (GKCCEH)**. Family advocates asked questions to panelists about their community programs. Kate shared information with advocates about family programs, Kids Café, library services such as Chromebook rentals, digital services, and library space rentals. Additionally, Kate and Millie met on August 25th for lunch to discuss ways that we can partner our resources.

Elizabeth and Jessica wrapped up an eventful Summer Reading season with the final two weeks of Pop in at the Park, programming visits to the **Rose Brooks** and **Newhouse** shelters, and **Children's Mercy** outreach visits at the beginning of August. In their final days of fun, they did activities such as make your own scratch art and bracelet-making. In compiling the final data from Summer 2022, they saw huge increases in attendance (up to 5,027 people across all summer youth outreach activities, from 2,127 in 2021), Summer Reading Program registrations (from 567 in 2021 to 2,453 in 2022, a 333% increase), **Harvesters** meals served (more than double the 2021 number) and program participation (almost twice as many art/STEM activity participations as 2021). They attribute these increases to the combination of the new youth programming vehicle, expanded publicity for Pop In at the Park, and the new evening timeslot for Pop In at the Park.

Attendance	Summer 2021		Summer 2022		% Increase from 2021 to 2022
	Pop In at the Park	612	Pop In at the Park	1,619	165%
	Summer camps/recreation programs	279	Summer camps	154	-45%
	Events	502	Events	1,856	270%
	Children's Mercy Clinic on Broadway	461	Children's Mercy Clinics & Hospital	1,074	133%
	Housing Authority Sites	234	Housing Authority	286	22%
	Hope House (on-site programming at domestic violence shelter)	39	Domestic violence shelters	103	164%
	Total	2,127	Total	5,027	136%
Summer Reading Program registrations ¹	567		2,453		333%
Number of books given out	1,757		4,034		130%
Harvesters Kids Café meals served	314		690		120%
STEAM activity participations	242		473		95%
Number of STEAM program sessions conducted	56		48		-14%
Number of events attended	9		9		0%

At the beginning of the month, Jessica and Elizabeth met with Debbie Stoppello (Collection Development⁰, who was approached about a Books to Give opportunity for the **Department of Social Services** during Child Support Awareness Month. As a result, they had the opportunity to first take books and flyers for distribution, then table in the lobby once Pop in at the Park wrapped up. During the month of August they were able to distribute 731 books, and after they began tabling they saw over 200 people with families who were able to receive books and activity kits for their children.



Jessica also had the opportunity to visit the **Riverview, West Bluff, Clymer, Guinnotte Manor, and Wayne Minor Housing Authority** sites and provide summer reading sign ups for children who live on site. Some of these children she then saw at **HAKC's** Back to School Bash on August 20 and awarded them their Summer Reading Prizes. At the Back to School Bash she was joined by library VISTA Giselle Cano, and together they saw over 220 people, distributed 545 books,

facilitated an art activity inspired by artist Alma Thomas. Jessica, Elizabeth and Kate Tammeus attended the **Samuel U. Rogers** Back to School Drive Through where they were able to give books 468 people. Elizabeth and Gisselle also attended **Phoenix Family** Back to School events at East Hills Village and Friendship Village in August.



On August 8 Jessica and Elizabeth joined Kelly Berry and on a trip to the **Grooming Project**, a dog grooming school that provides job training and wraparound services to single parents in order to reduce generational poverty, where they were able to deliver books for resident's children and provide library information for youth and families. Jessica was also able to provide library information to **Academie Lafayette's** Cherry Campus on August 29 in preparation for their parent information meeting.

Jessica celebrated the Bookmobile's second birthday on August 26 by accompanying Annie Windholz, Isaacc Halberstadt, and Sandra Davis on their Fun Friday Event in the **River Market**. A lovely time was had by all, and they were able to celebrate with the community by sharing free cookie from Bloom Bakery with passersby.

Library Initiatives

Mila Blair worked with Collection Development to assess how the teen collection would need to shift to accommodate the new study pod installed near the Teen area. With the help of Waldo staff, Mila weeded and relocated Romance paperbacks, as well as shifted and inventoried the entire YA collection. Helen Li also shifted and organized the teen collection at Central. She did a lot of shifting to allow for more face-outs, which one teen already expressed her appreciation for.

Helen Li worked with Public Affairs to publish a [guest blog post](#) from one of the teens. CYS had decided to upgrade this teen's volunteer program into an internship project to better reflect the time, energy, and higher-level thinking that he put into the project. To close out the internship, Helen had the teen write a reflection paper so the teen could practice self-evaluations and also how to talk about his work for future job interviews. CYS really liked the writeup so, with the teen's permission, Helen sent the reflection to Lindsay Float (Public Affairs) to see if there was a way to share the writeup to an even wider audience. Lindsay sent the reflection to Steve Wieberg (Public Affairs) who helped the teen experience what editing and publishing looked like.

Kansas City Public Library
August 2022 - Fundraising Report

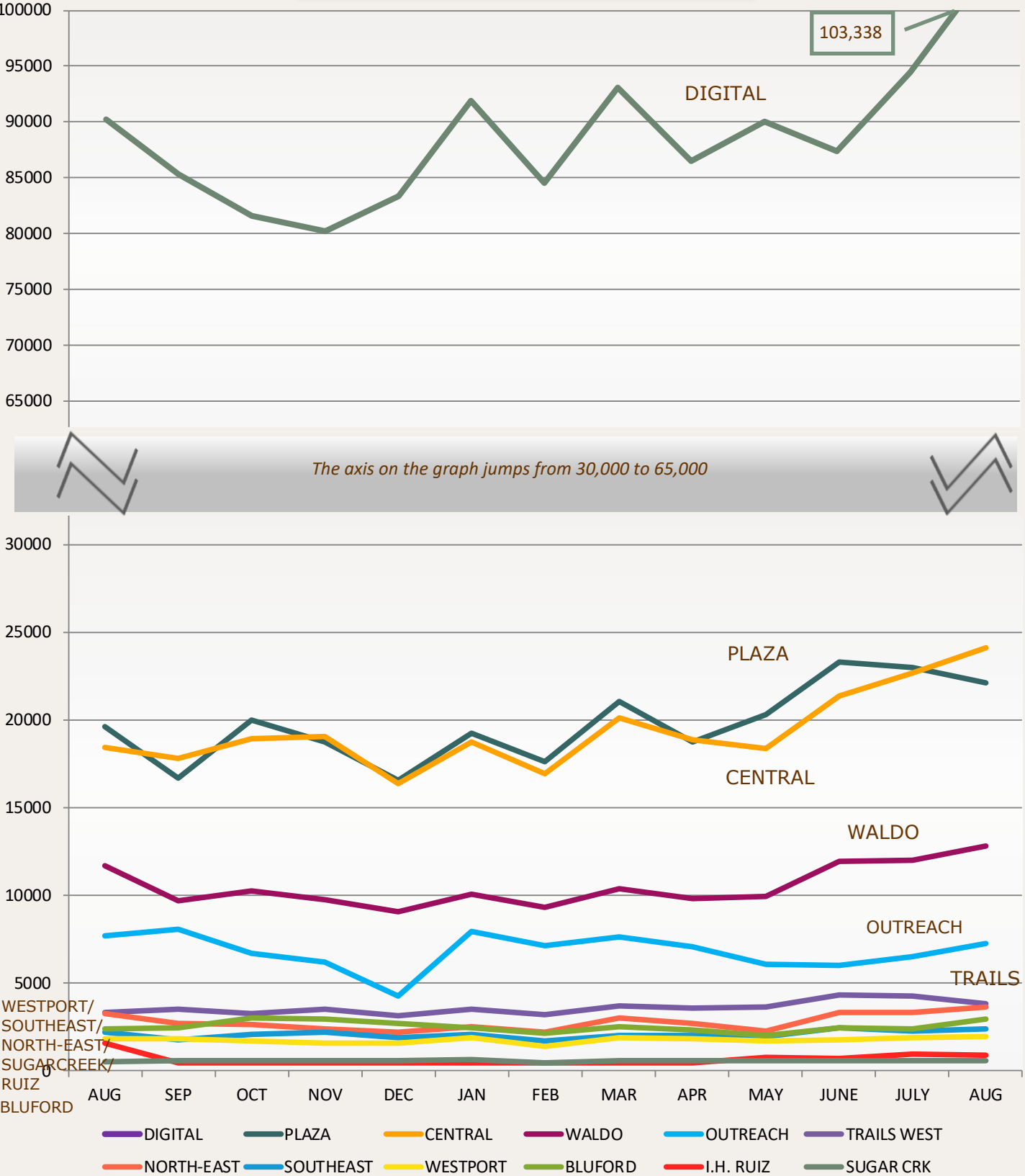
Fundraising Categories	Annual Goal	Received Current Month	Received Fiscal YTD	% of Goal
General Fund - Annual Campaigns, misc.	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,624	\$ 7,871	3.9%
Kauffman Public Programming Grant FY 21-22	\$ 390,000			0.0%
Private Fundraising Sources (Individuals, Foundations, Corp.)	\$ 600,000	\$ 86,010	\$ 90,510	15.1%
Public Funding Sources (Local, State, Federal Gov't)	\$ 400,000	\$ 159,066	\$ 376,843	94.2%
Emergency Connectivity Fund	\$ 500,000	\$ 465,033	\$ 465,033	93.0%
Other				
Bequests & Donated Assets	\$ -			N/A
Total	\$ 2,090,000	\$ 711,734	\$ 940,256	45.0%

Current Month Activity:	Amount	Reference
USAC	\$ 465,033	Emergency Connectivity Fund
University of Kansas Center for Research	\$ 93,586	NSF Civic Challenge
Health Forward Foundation	\$ 37,500	2022 Peers at Bluford
Friends of the Library	\$ 30,000	Writers for Readers
The Sosland Foundation	\$ 25,000	Youth Outreach
Association of Science	\$ 23,980	Communities for Immunity
Judith and Matt Flynn	\$ 10,000	Outreach Services
VISTA Partners	\$ 17,500	VISTA Site Support Fees
Arts Midwest	\$ 4,000	Big Read - Joy Harjo
Other	\$ 5,134	

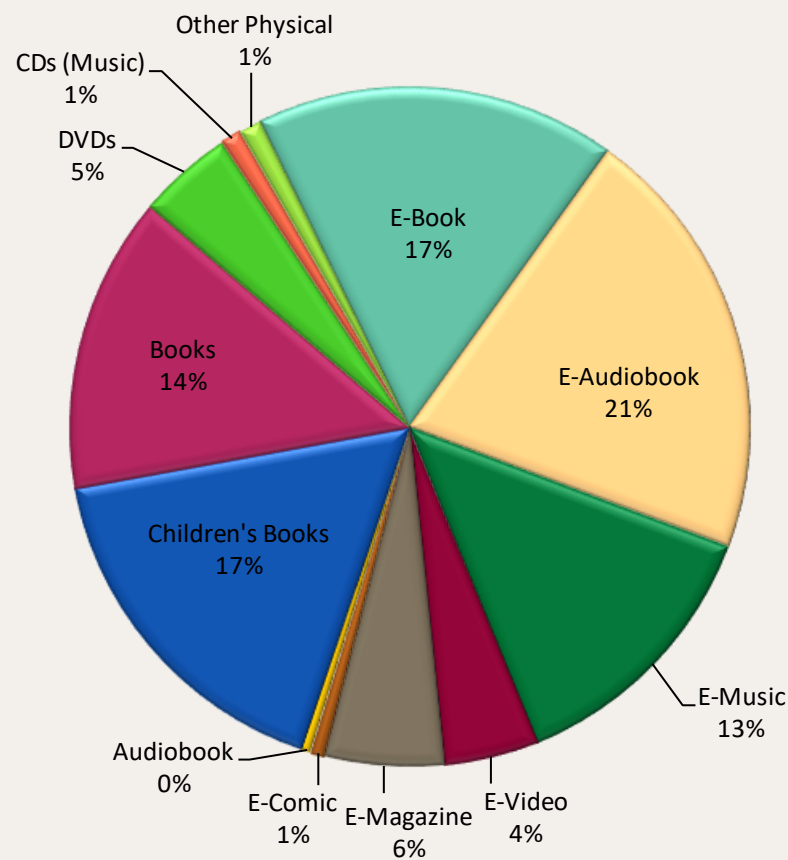
Commitments Received (funds not included above)	Amount	Reference
Institute for Museum and Library Services	\$ 309,157	Accelerating Promising Practices - Digital
Missouri State Library/ARPA	\$ 41,163	Digital Inclusion - Tech & Tablet Program Support
Missouri State Library/ARPA	\$ 58,597	Strengthen Missorians - Mobile Services
Missouri State Library/ARPA	\$ 23,980	Digital Inclusion - Tech & Tablet Program Support
Missouri State Library/LSTA	\$ 10,000	Summer Reading Program - Teen Outreach
Missouri State Library/LSTA	\$ 7,205	Spotlight on Literacy - RISE
Big Read sponsorship	\$ 5,000	Travois

Top Donors / Grants Received (Including Last Fiscal Year)	Amount	Reference
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation	\$ 390,000	Programming Grant
William T. Kemper Foundation	\$ 250,000	North-East Renovation
Sunderland Foundation	\$ 700,000	North-East Renovation
KC Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund	\$ 123,703	Tech Access Virtual Assistance
Gabriella Polony Mountain	\$ 69,700	Donated Art by Gabriella Mountain
LSTA / CARES Act	\$ 57,518	Broadband - Distance Learning & Telehealth
Hall Family Foundation	\$ 50,000	Summer Reading & Learning
Sprint Foundation	\$ 50,000	1 Million Project Digital Inclusion
William T. Kemper Foundation	\$ 50,000	Wikipedian in Residence
Google	\$ 32,000	Digital Learning Grant
William T. Kemper Foundation	\$ 25,000	North-East Renovation
Richard J. Stern Foundation	\$ 25,000	Benton Mardikes Exhibit

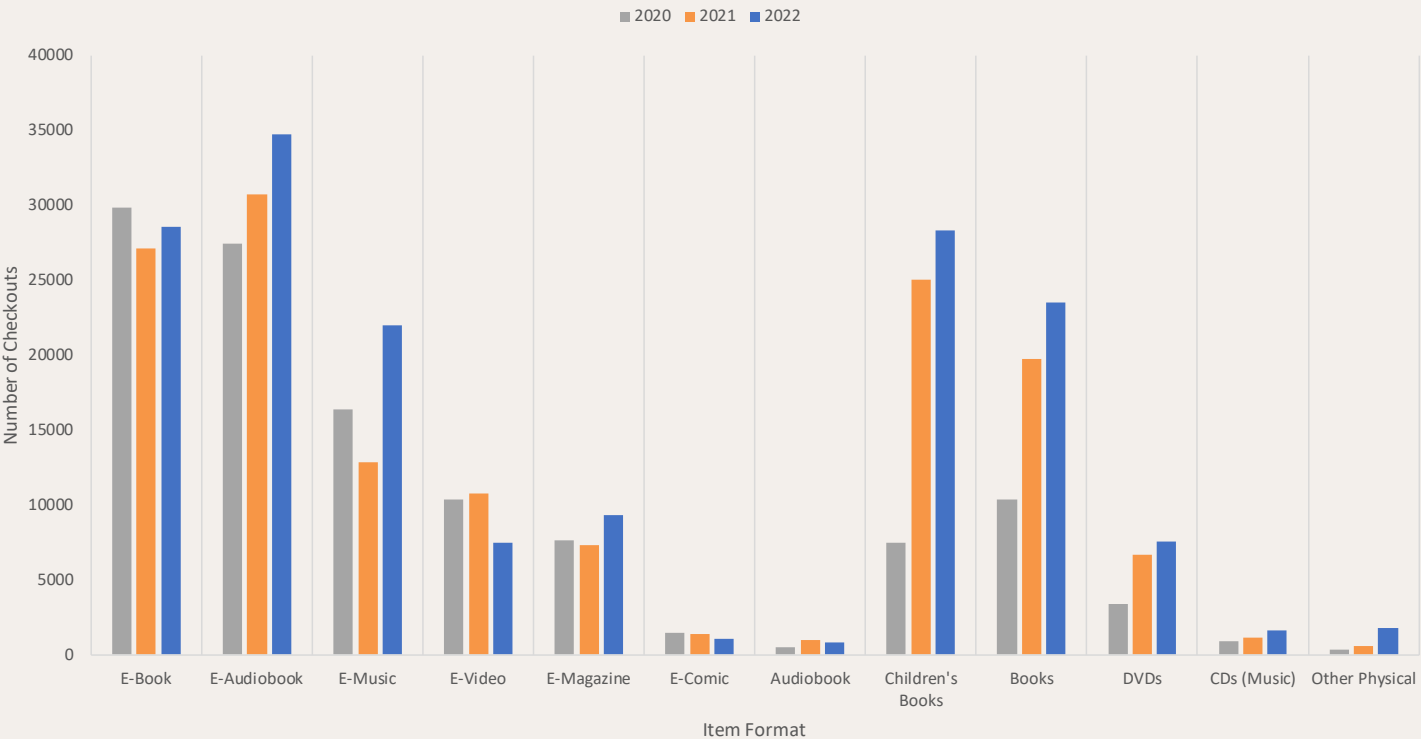
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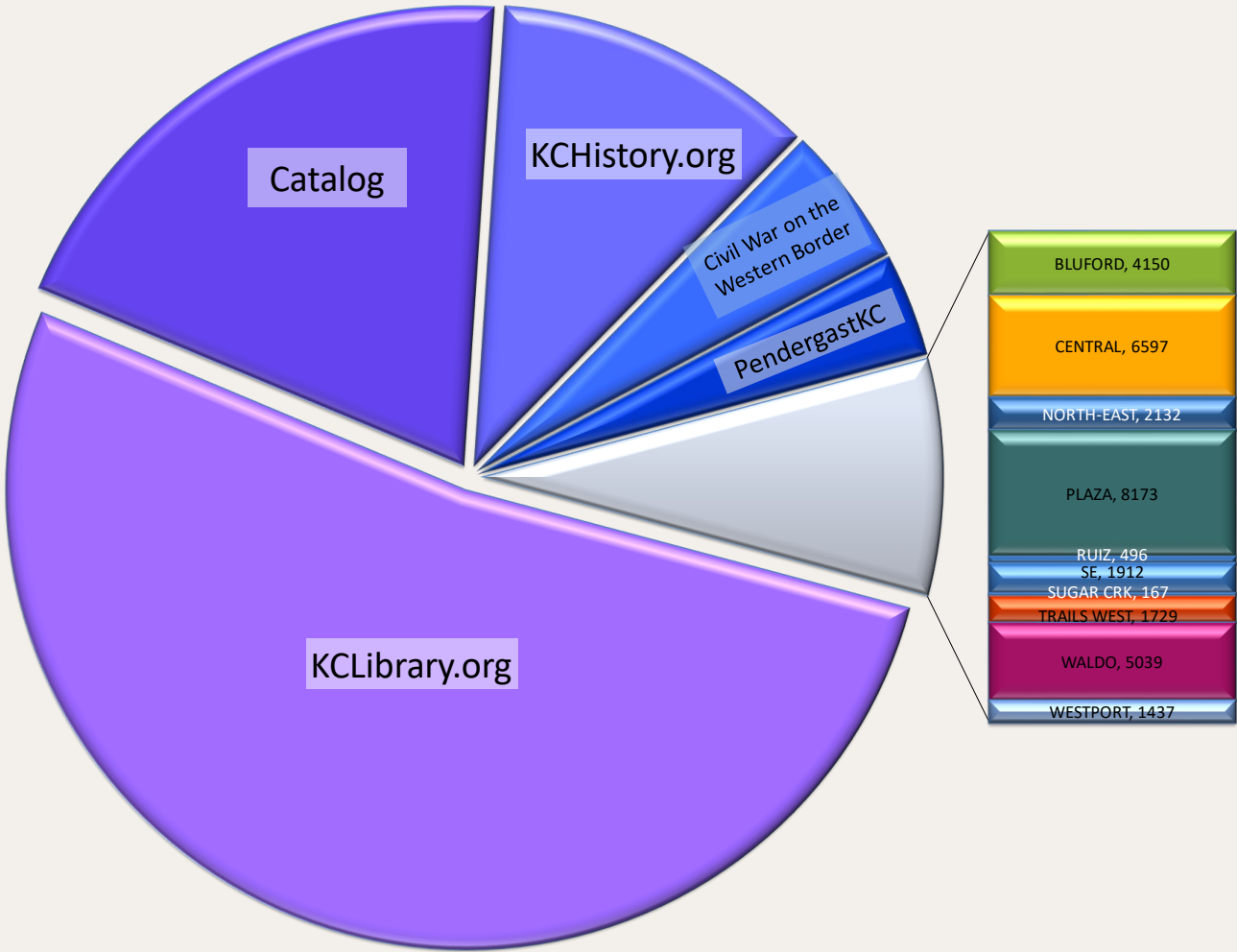
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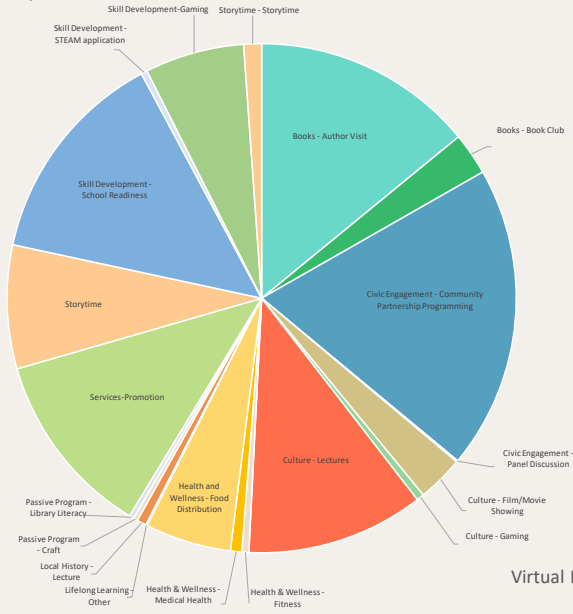
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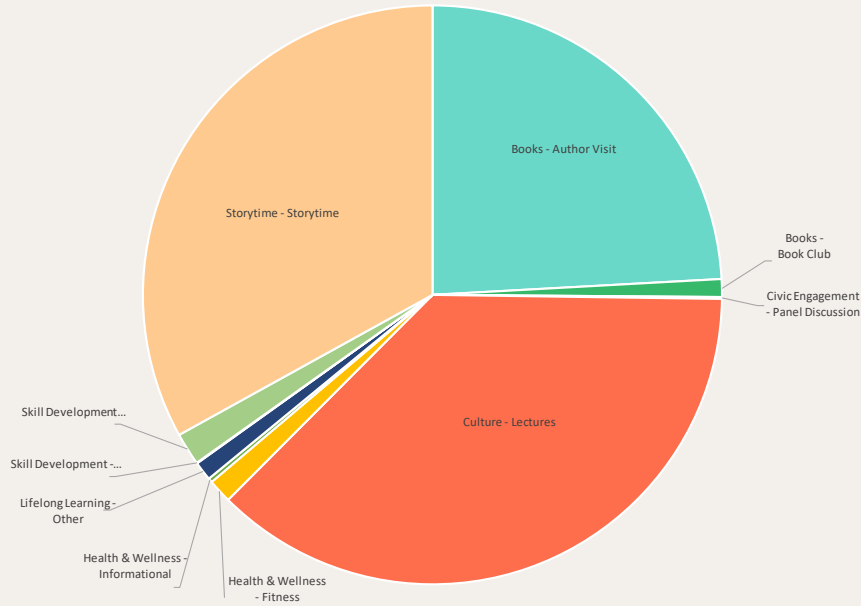
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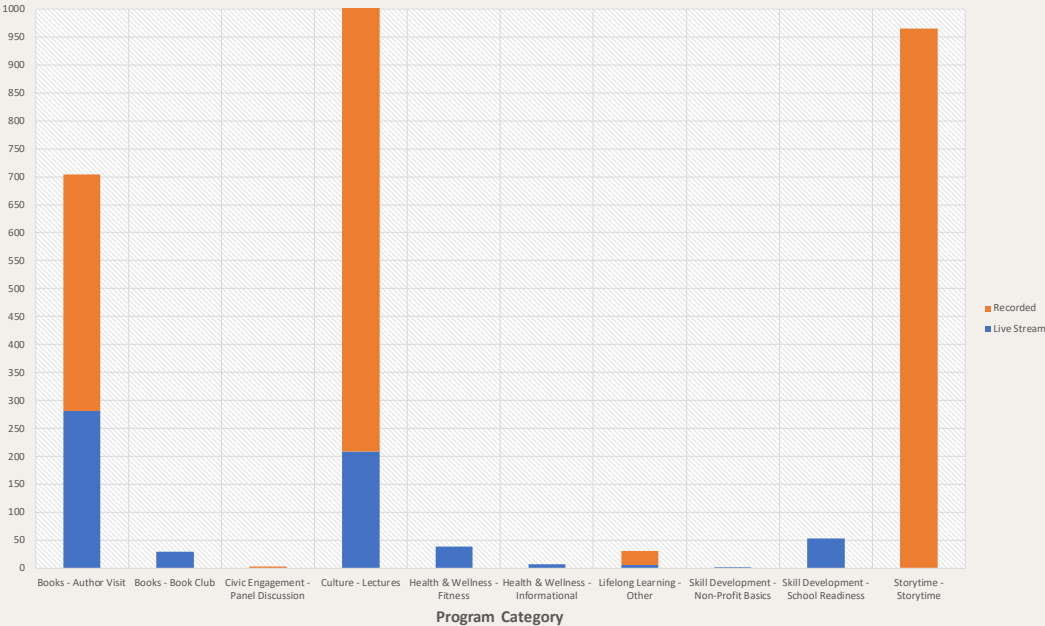
In-Person Attendance by Category - August 2022
Total Attendance - 3,362



Virtual Programming Attendance by Category - August 2022
Total Attendance - 2,918



Virtual Programming Attendance by Format - August 2022



TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS

	2022-2023 August	2021-2022 August	2022-2023 YR-TO-DATE	2021-2022 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
CENTRAL	6,597	1,943	12,515	3,810	228.5
I.H. RUIZ	496	158	1,004	307	227.0
L.H. BLUFORD	4,150	2,701	8,157	5,263	55.0
NORTH-EAST	2,132	1,086	3,820	1,977	93.2
PLAZA	8,173	2,927	16,170	5,486	194.8
SOUTHEAST	1,912	1,172	3,546	2,097	69.1
SUGAR CREEK	167	67	300	129	132.6
TRAILS WEST	1,729	637	3,279	1,330	146.5
WALDO	5,039	1,497	9,937	2,853	248.3
WESTPORT	1,437	638	2,758	1,233	123.7
DIGITAL BRANCH	352,692	245,761	669,974	490,624	36.6
TOTAL	384,524	258,587	731,460	515,109	
YTD % OF CHANGE				42.0	

ITEM CIRCULATION

	2022-2023 August	2021-2022 August	2022-2023 YR-TO-DATE	2021-2022 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
CENTRAL	24,097	18,424	46,777	38,086	22.8
I.H. RUIZ	924	1,586	1,870	2,747	-31.9
L.H. BLUFORD	2,943	2,395	5,320	4,855	9.6
NORTH-EAST	3,651	3,299	7,013	6,648	5.5
PLAZA	22,094	19,631	45,087	42,400	6.3
SOUTHEAST	2,419	2,207	4,710	4,531	4.0
SUGAR CREEK	572	554	1,129	1,246	-9.4
TRAILS WEST	3,835	3,341	8,073	7,394	9.2
WALDO	12,798	11,695	24,816	23,769	4.4
WESTPORT	1,981	1,806	3,896	3,590	8.5
OUTREACH	7,277	7,698	13,799	14,152	-2.5
DIGITAL BRANCH	103,338	90,242	197,781	179,100	10.4
BOOKMOBILE	7	-	8	-	-
TOTAL	185,936	162,878	360,279	328,518	
YTD % OF CHANGE				9.7	

REFERENCE/INFORMATION

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022	YTD %
	August	August	YR-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	CHANGE
AV VAULT	39	130	96	262	-63.36
ONENorth	506	505	1,011	1,011	0.00
KIRK HALL	389	225	728	448	62.50
YOUTH SERVICES	190	145	440	288	52.78
3RD FLOOR	431	872	896	1,700	-47.29
MVSC	253	283	515	622	-17.20
CENTRAL TOTAL	1,808	2,160	3,686	4,331	-14.89
I.H. RUIZ	65	81	113	133	-15.04
L.H. BLUFORD	152	62	273	210	30.00
NORTH-EAST	97	217	201	403	-50.12
PLAZA	576	1,033	1,066	1,771	-39.81
SOUTHEAST	358	177	467	277	68.59
SUGAR CREEK	95	38	105	88	19.32
TRAILS WEST	255	218	522	490	6.53
WALDO	143	699	361	1,547	-76.66
WESTPORT	322	181	697	181	285.08
DIGITAL BRANCH	261	25	417	61	583.61
TOTAL	4,132	4,891	7,908	9,492	
YTD % OF CHANGE				-16.69	

COMPUTER SESSIONS

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022	YTD %
	August	August	YR-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	CHANGE
CENTRAL	3,293	1,943	6,178	3,810	62.15
I.H. RUIZ	314	158	573	307	86.64
L.H. BLUFORD	3,481	2,701	6,918	5,263	31.45
NORTH-EAST	1,478	1,086	2,601	1,977	31.56
PLAZA	3,497	2,927	6,718	5,486	22.46
SOUTHEAST	1,503	1,172	2,757	2,097	31.47
SUGAR CREEK	80	67	145	129	12.40
TRAILS WEST	952	637	1,762	1,330	32.48
WALDO	1,775	1,497	3,500	2,853	22.68
WESTPORT	731	638	1,375	1,233	11.52
TOTAL	17,104	12,826	32,527	24,485	
YTD % OF CHANGE				32.84	

WIRELESS SESSIONS

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022	YTD %
	August	August	YR-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	CHANGE
CENTRAL	3,630	2,902	7,098	5,777	22.87
I.H. RUIZ	211	134	408	265	53.96
L.H. BLUFORD	1,285	704	2,494	1,298	92.14
NORTH-EAST	840	684	1,560	1,401	11.35
PLAZA	1,983	1,288	3,874	2,684	44.34
SOUTHEAST	746	597	1,609	1,205	33.53
SUGAR CREEK	156	98	298	211	41.23
TRAILS WEST	410	317	777	610	27.38
WALDO	454	428	898	820	9.51
WESTPORT	419	326	799	645	23.88
TOTAL	10,134	7,478	19,815	14,916	
YTD % OF CHANGE				32.84	

SYSTEMS SERVICES**REGISTERED BORROWERS**

	2022-2023 August	2021-2022 August	%CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Total KCPL Users	204,713	196,261	4.31
New Users This Month	4,160	3,243	28.28

YFE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

	2022-2023 August	2021-2022 August	2022-2023 YR-TO-DATE	2021-2022 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
PHONE STORIES	2,215	2,958	4,041	6,083	-33.57
PHONE STORIES PATRONS	510	570	984	1,146	-14.14

TOTAL WEBSITE VISITS

	2022-2023 August	2021-2022 August	2022-2023 YR-TO-DATE	2021-2022 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
KCLibrary.org	200,601	109,458	365,277	214,997	69.90
Catalog	75,930	61,881	157,343	122,701	28.23
KCHistory.org	43,438	40,451	85,282	84,764	0.61
CivilWarontheWestern-Border.org	18,844	22,813	37,103	44,782	-17.15
PendergastKC.org	13,879	11,158	24,969	23,380	6.80