

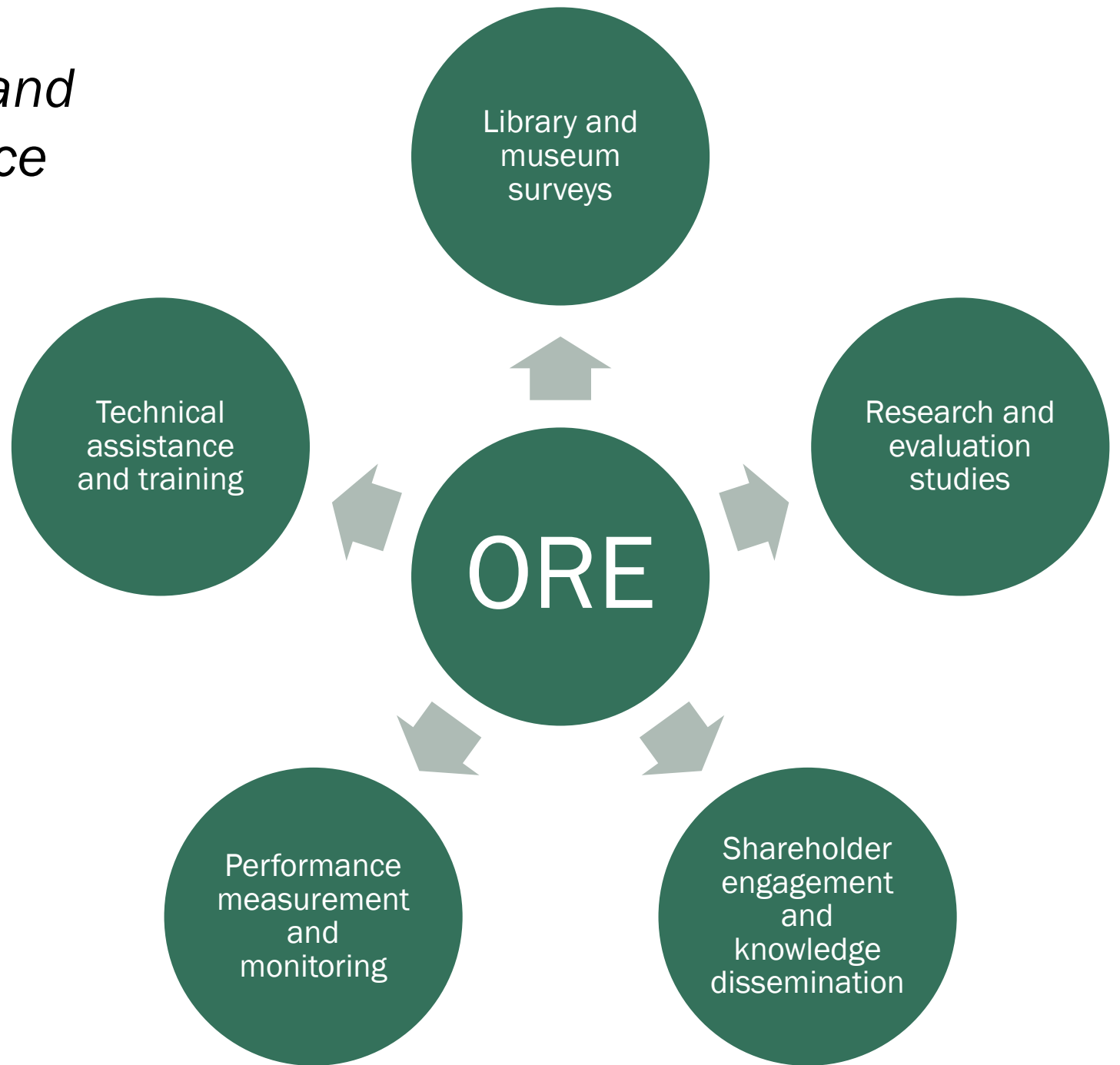


Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) Update

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ORE helps IMLS generate and transform data into evidence to inform discussions and investments in museums, archives, and libraries to enhance the wellbeing of America's communities.





Current Projects

- Public Libraries Survey (PLS)
- State Library Administrative Agency (SLAA) Survey
- National Museum Survey (NMS)
- Child Reading Highlights
- Infrastructure Study



Public Libraries Survey



Annual survey of the nation's 9,200+ public library systems, 17,000+ branches and bookmobiles



Fourth decade of existence, ~95% response rate



Oversight: Federal statistical system, federal-state cooperation, Library Statistics Working Group (LSWG)



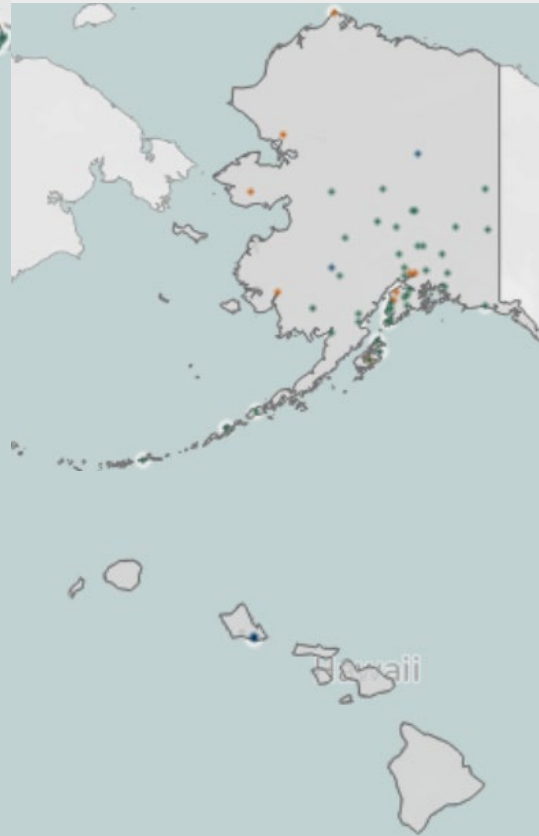
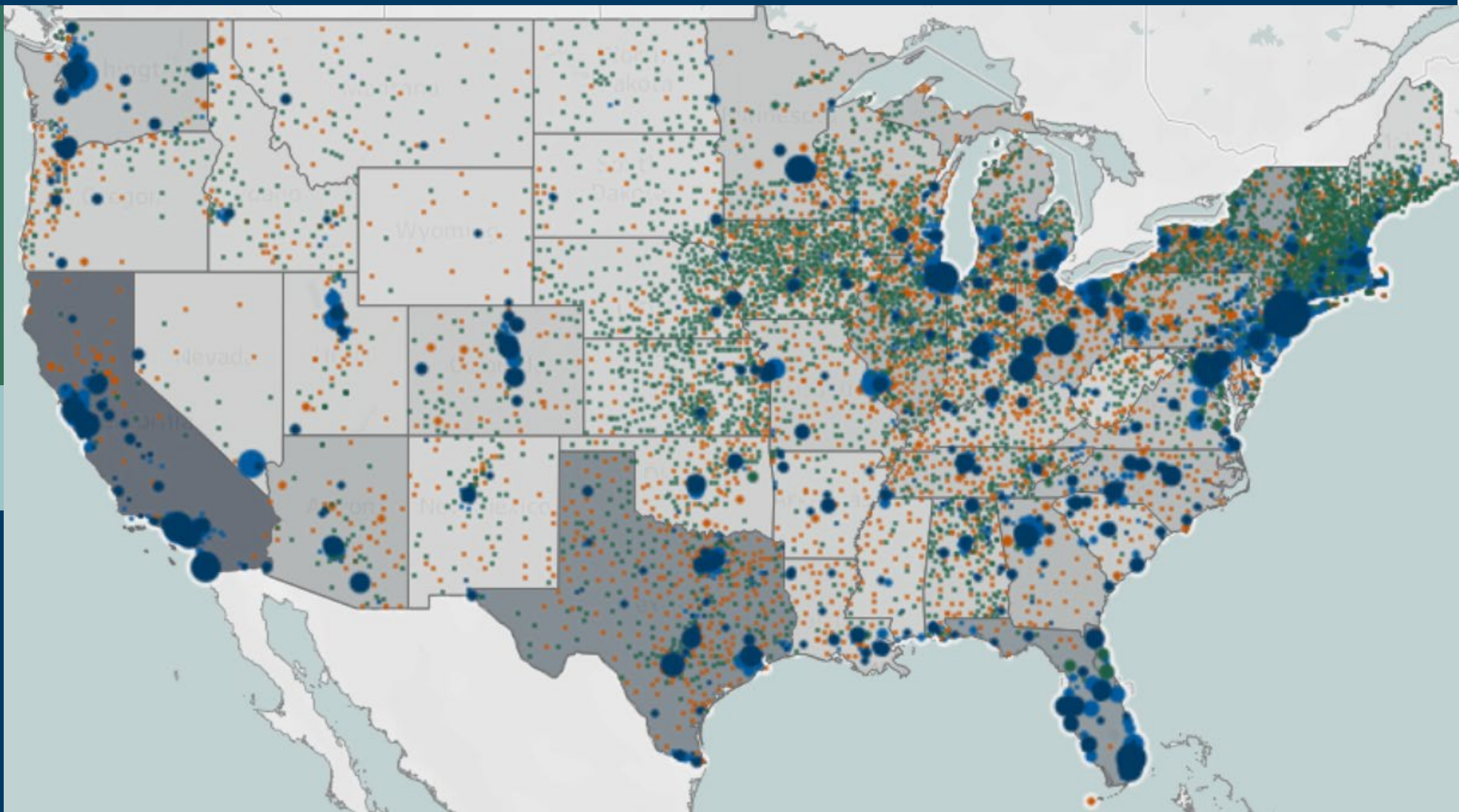
Concurrent management: At any single point in time, 4-5 annual PLS collections are at different points of their cycles (2023-2027 currently)



Over 9,000 Public Library Systems in the United States

Locale

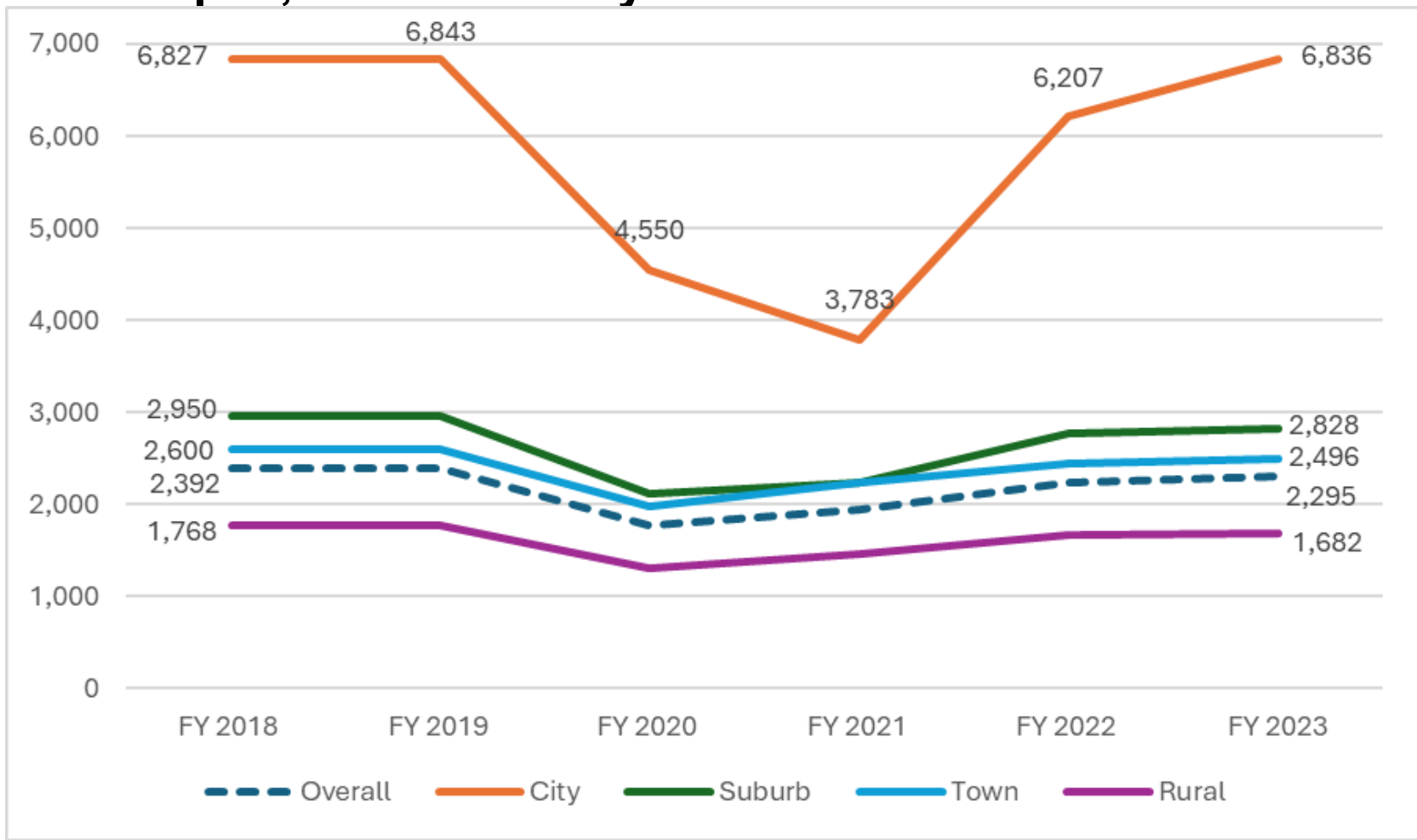
- City
- Rural
- Suburban
- Town





Urban library buildings were most affected by COVID-19 closures but have largely recovered

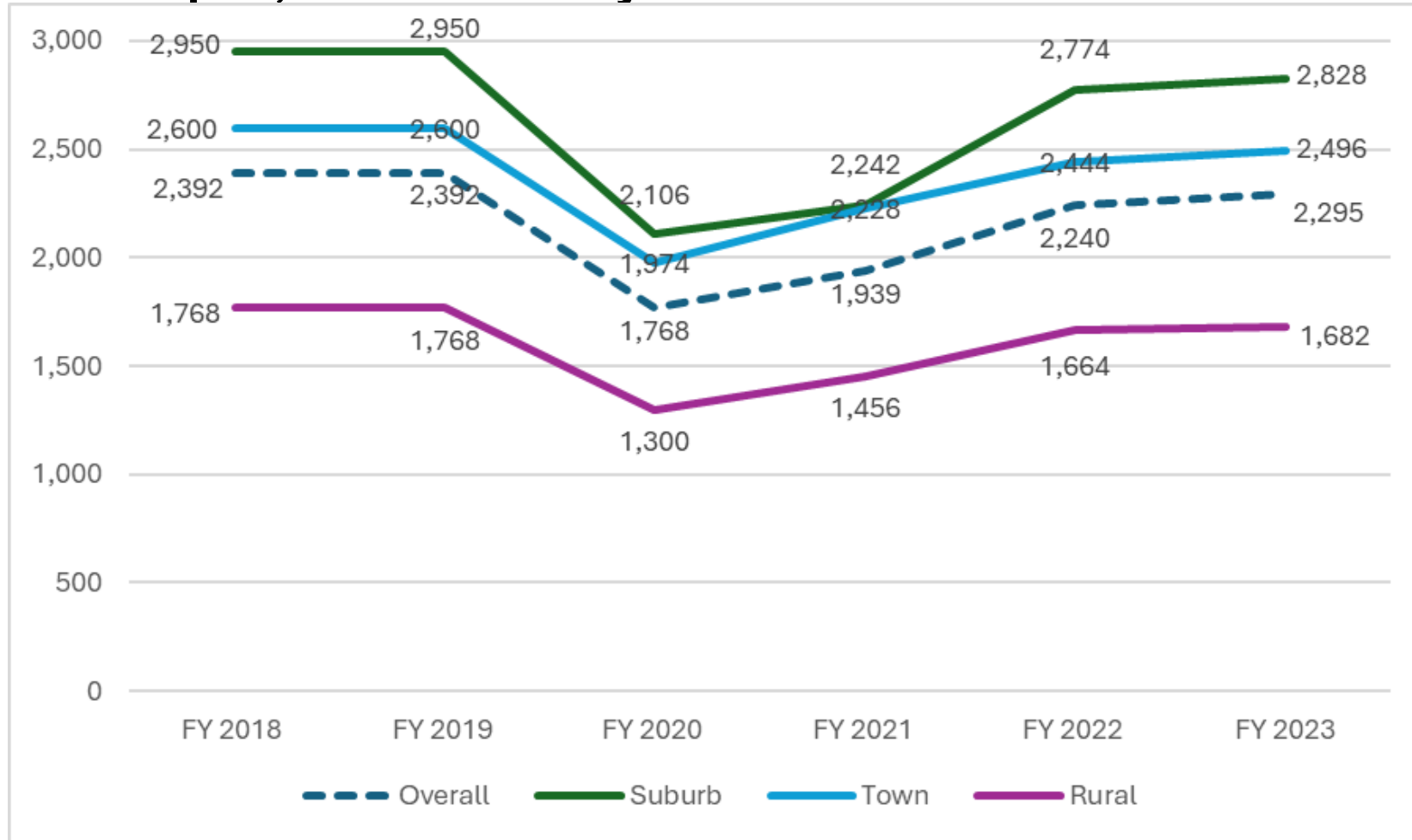
Median Hours Open, Overall and By Locale: FY 2018 – FY 2023





Suburb, town, and rural libraries are nearly back to pre-COVID levels for hours open

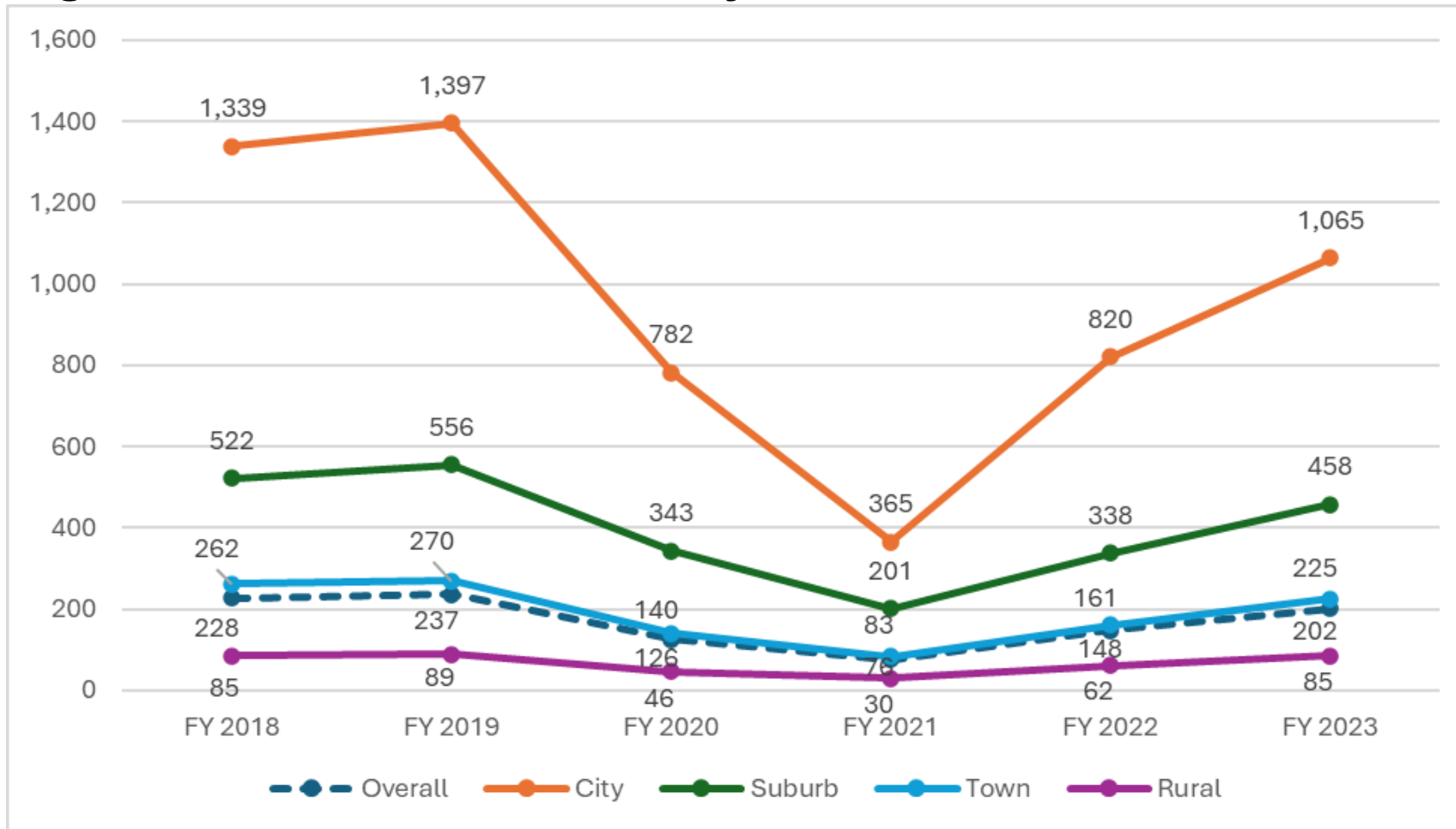
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Libraries in urban areas had largest loss of programming during pandemic

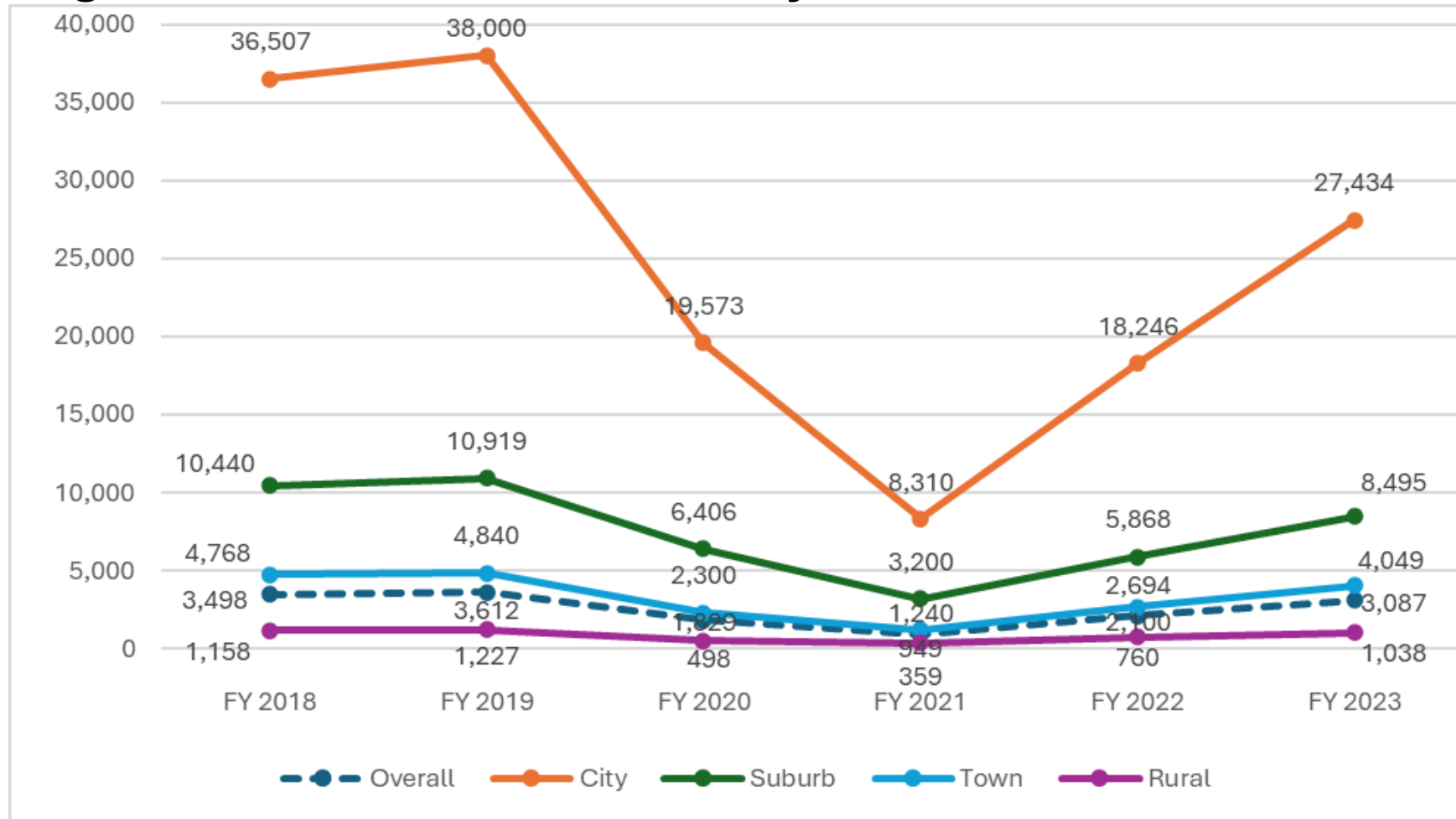
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We see a similar pattern in program attendance...

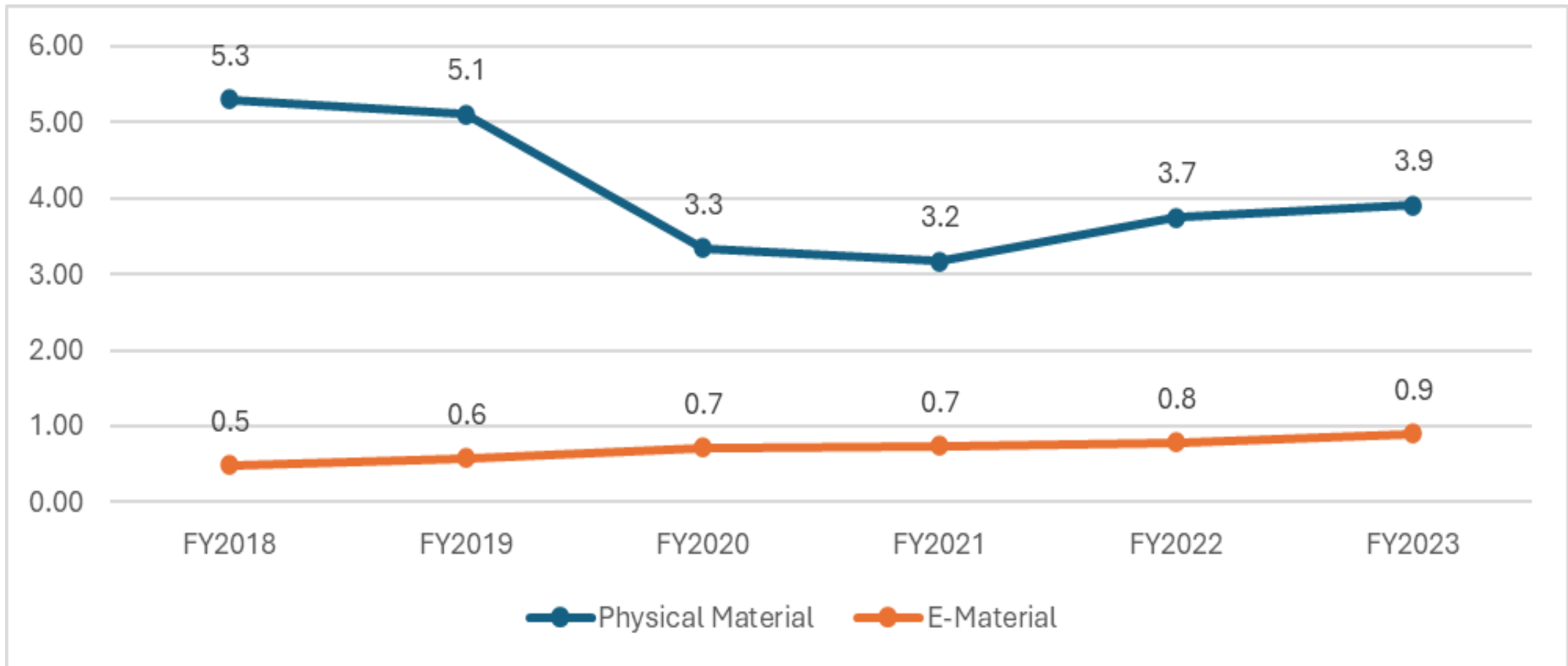
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Physical circulation slower to recover and e-material circulation continues to grow

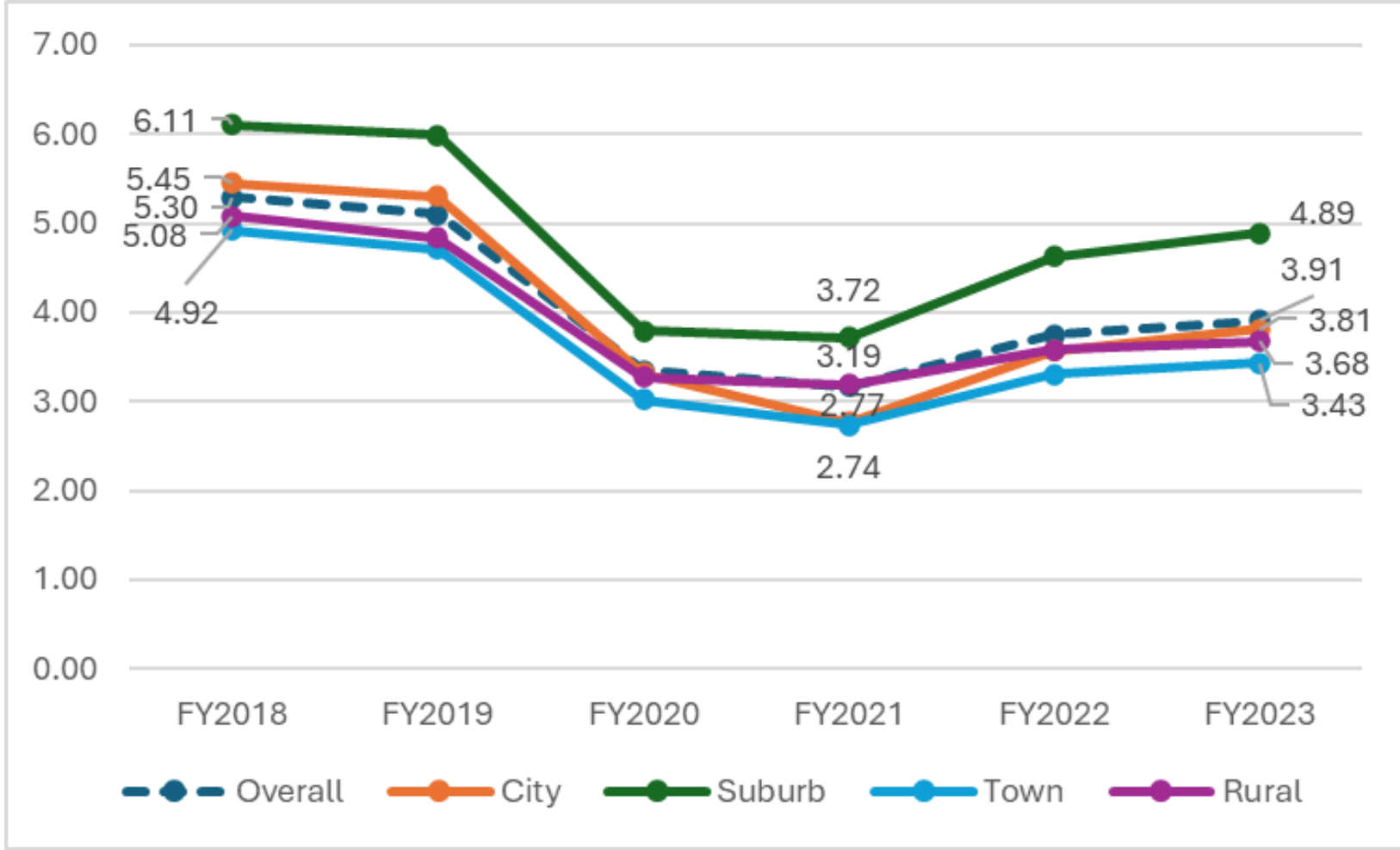
Median Physical and E-Material Circulation per Person, Overall: FY 2018 – FY 2023





Suburban libraries have higher physical material circulation; urban libraries were hardest hit during pandemic

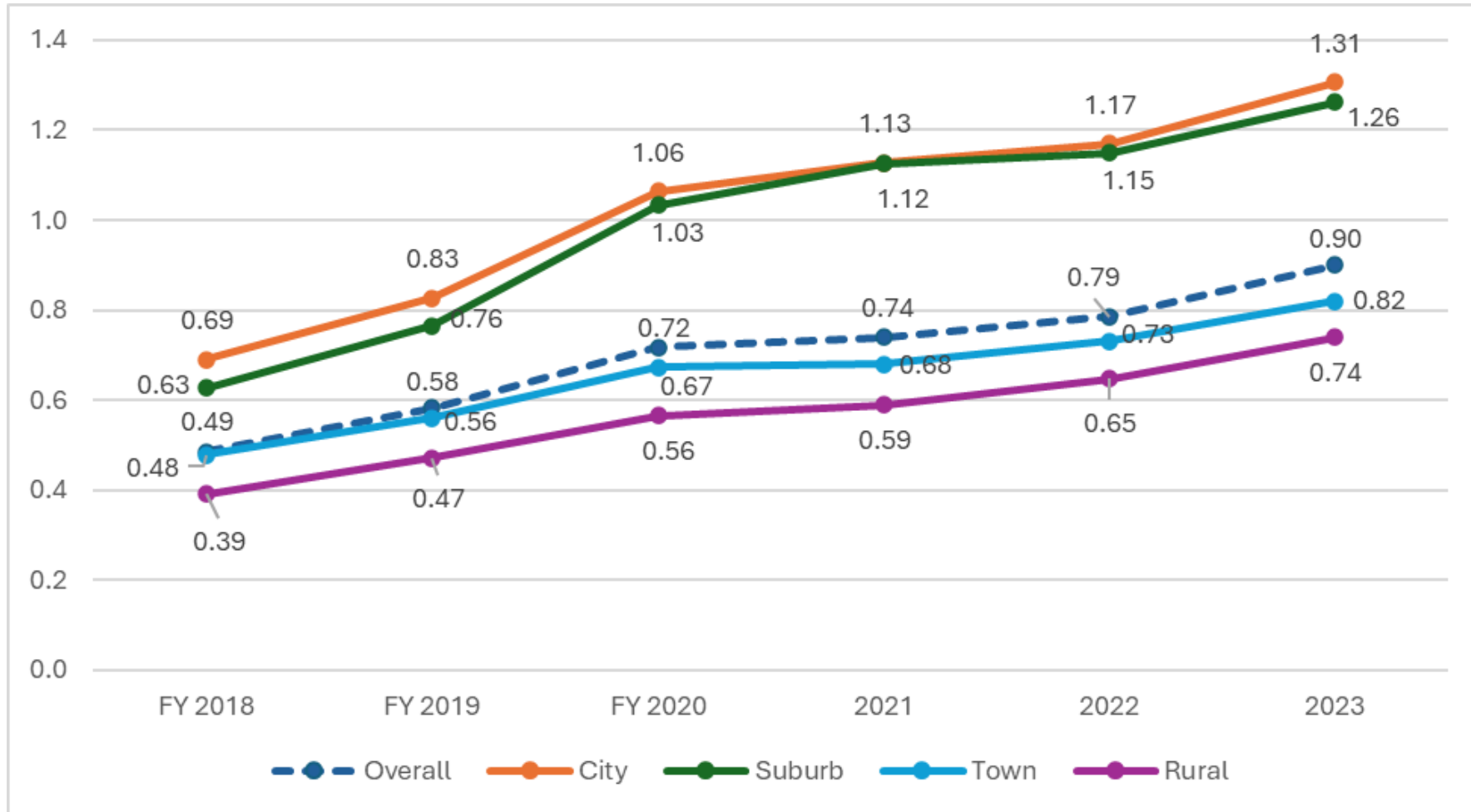
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E-material circulation by locale

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FSCS Library Name

VA0036 HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ▾

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SLAA MAP

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SLAA Dashboard

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Updates to IMLS Library Tools Launching in Early April!

What's New?

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FIND PEERS

Peer Libraries Results for VA0036 HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

COUNT OF MATCHING LIBRARIES BY CHARACTERISTICS



Choose which characteristics to prioritize in the list of your peers below. **Administration** Yes, **FTE Category** Yes, **Legal Basis** Yes, **Locale** Yes, **Population** Yes, **Revenue** Yes, **State** All

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Explore data on: Library Collection NUMBER OF SELECTED PEERS: 7

FSCS Key	Library Name	Locale	Service Area Population	Similarity	Books and Other Print Materials	E-Books	Audio-Downloadable	Audio-Physical	Video-Downloadable	Video-Physical	Total Databases	Other Physical Circulation
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Current Library Characteristics

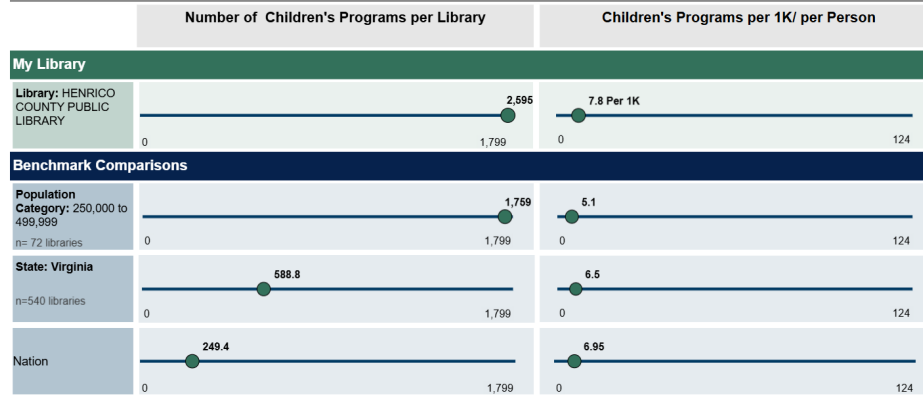
Library Name: HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Population: 993,657
 Population Category: 250,000 to 499,999
 State: VA

Step 1: Select a Category

- Circulations
- Collections
- Library Services
- Operating Expenditures
- Operating Revenue
- Paid Staff (FTE)
- Programs Attendance
- Programs Offered
- Technology

Step 2: Select a Sub Category

- Children's Programs
- Total Library Programs
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Select a library and these 5 pages will provide details about the selected library, help identify peer libraries, and offer different comparison options

The previous search tool is still available to deep dive into the full list of Libraries and new links to the benchmarking and SLAA tools provide easier access



HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

1700 NORTH PARHAM ROAD, HENRICO, VA 23229

Locale: Suburban (21)

Fiscal Year: 2023

Service Area Population: 331,219 Central Library: 0 Branch Library: 10 Bookmobiles: 1

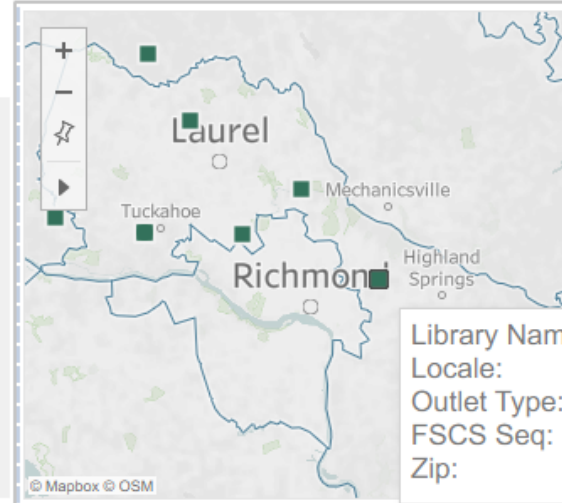
OPERATING REVENUE (\$)			PROGRAMS OFFERED			COLLECTIONS		
	Total	Per Person		Total	Per 1K		Total	Per Person
Total Operating Revenue	\$21,071,105	\$63.62	Total Library Program	4,173	12.6	Total Physical	499,035	1.5
Local Revenue	\$20,774,476	\$62.72	Children's Program	2,595	7.8	Books and Other Print Mater..	449,927	1.4
State Revenue	\$261,629	\$0.79	Children's Program 0-5	2,144	6.5	Audio-Physical	14,698	0.0
Federal Revenue	\$0	\$0.00	Children's Program 6-11	451	1.4	Video-Physical	34,410	0.1
Other Revenue	\$35,000	\$0.11	Young Adult Programs	358	1.1	Other Physical Items	467	0.0
Capital Revenue	\$0	\$0.00	Adult Programs	1,187	3.6	E-Books	117,940	0.4
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0.00	General Interest Programs	33	0.1	Audio-Downloadable	73,939	0.2
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OPERATING EXPENDITURE (\$)			PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE			CIRCULATIONS		
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Staff Expenditures	\$16,556,062	\$49.99	Children's Program Attendan..	67,608	204.1	Print Material Circulation	2,460,195	7.4
Total Collection Expenditure	\$1,846,831	\$5.58	Children's Program Attend..	51,876	156.6	Electronic Material Circulation	1,083,633	3.3
Print Expenditures	\$857,171	\$2.59	Children's Program Attend..	15,732	47.5	Other Physical Item Circulati..	414	0.0
Electronic Expenditures	\$942,424	\$2.85	Young Adult Program Audie..	5,433	16.4	Children's Circulation	1,023,968	3.1
Other Collection Expendi..	\$47,236	\$0.14	Adult Program Attendance	9,311	28.1	As Percentage of Total Circul..	29	0.0
Other Operating Expenditur..	\$2,770,139	\$8.36	General Interest Program Au..	728	2.2	Other E-Content Use	1,110,951	3.4
PAID STAFF (FTE)			LIBRARY SERVICES			TECHNOLOGY		
	Total	Per 1K		Total	Per Per..		Total	Per 1K
Total Paid Staff	226.5	0.7	Physical Visits	1,338,271	4.0	Internet Computers	598	1.8
Total Librarians	73.0	0.2	Registered Users	278,289	0.8	Computer Uses	170,333	514.3
ALA-MLS Librarians	73.0	0.2	Reference Transactions	417,977	1.3	Wireless Sessions	2,806,298	8,472.6
All Other Paid Staff	153.5	0.5	Inter-Library Loans to Other Libraries	795	0.0	Web Visits	1,535,213	4,635.0
			Inter-Library Loans from Other Libr..	420	0.0			

Data Notes: -1= Missing data; -3 = Library temporarily closed; -4=Not applicable; -9= Suppressed for privacy purposes.

Administrative Data on Library Branches

BRANCHES

Library Names	FSCSKey	Seq	Locale	Type	Square Feet	Total Hours	Total Weeks Op..
LIBRARY	VA0036	006	(21)	Library	430	2,364	52
NORTH PARK BRANCH LIBRARY	VA0036	007	Suburban (21)	Branch Library	15,000	2,964	52
SANDSTON BRANCH LIBRARY	VA0036	008	Suburban (21)	Branch Library	7,833	3,432	52
TUCKAHOE AREA LIBRARY	VA0036	009	Suburban (21)	Branch Library	53,000	3,432	52
TWIN HICKORY AREA LIBRARY	VA0036	014	Suburban (21)	Branch Library	40,000	3,432	52
VARINA AREA LIBRARY	VA0036	010	Suburban (21)	Branch Library	40,000	2,080	52

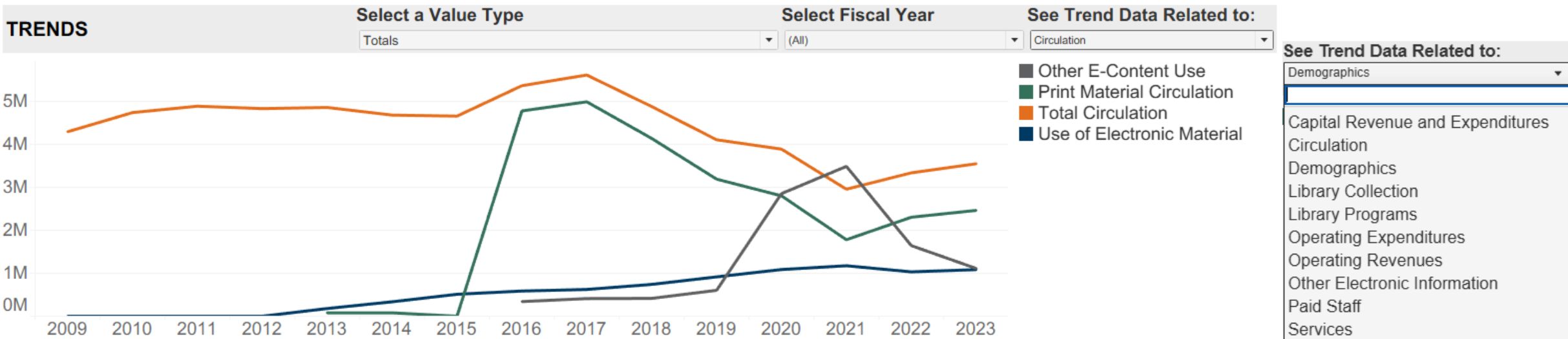


Branch Locale
■ Suburban (21)

Outlet Type
● Bookmobile(s)
■ Branch Library

Library Name: **HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**
 Locale: **Suburban (21)**
 Outlet Type: **Branch Library**
 FSCS Seq: **003**
 Zip: **23223**

Library Trends



Public Library Data PDFs

Revenues, Expenditures, and Staff

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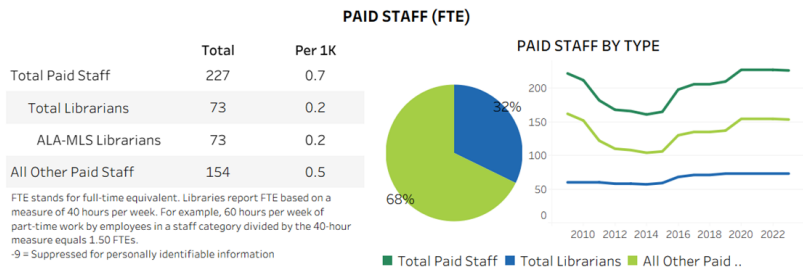
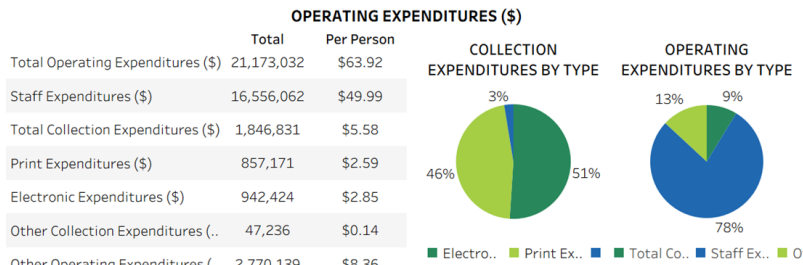
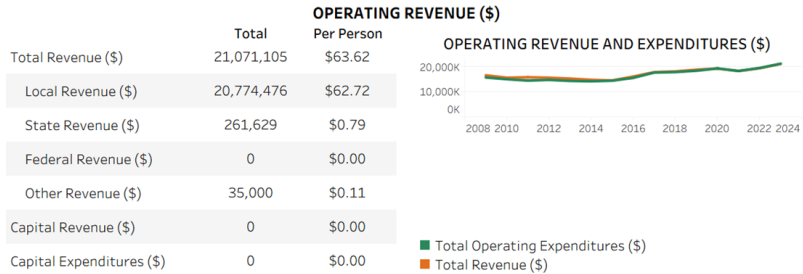
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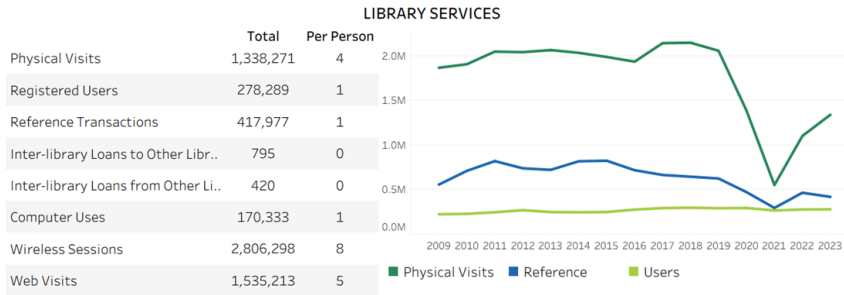
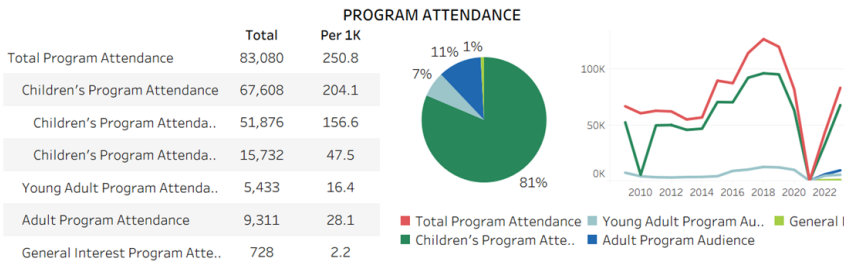
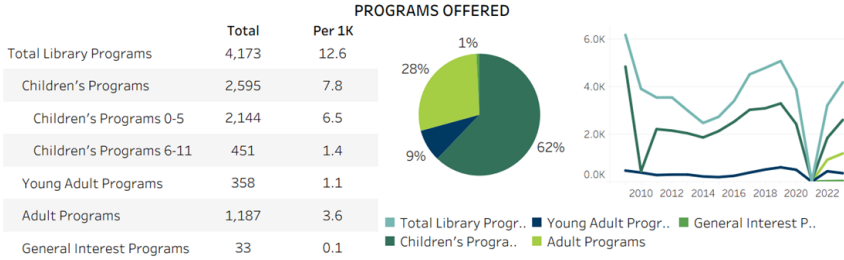
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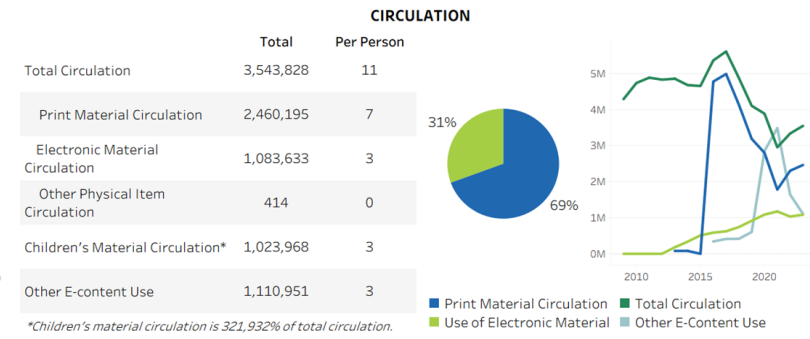
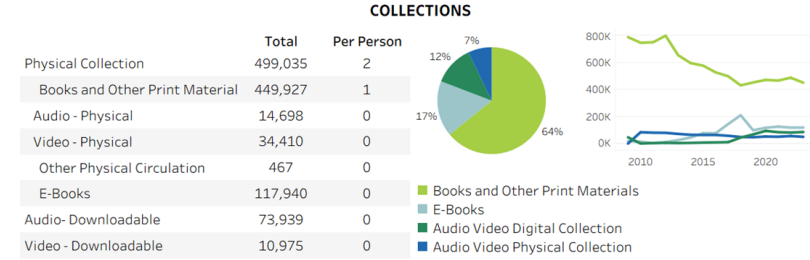
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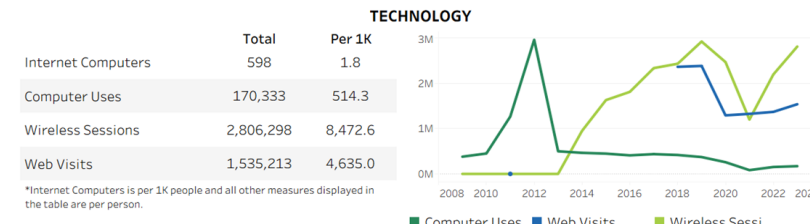
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LIBRARY COLLECTIONS



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Find Peers

These are the 6 characteristics the libraries are compared against

Some libraries have few or no perfect matches. Change the filters here to prioritize which characteristics you are matching against

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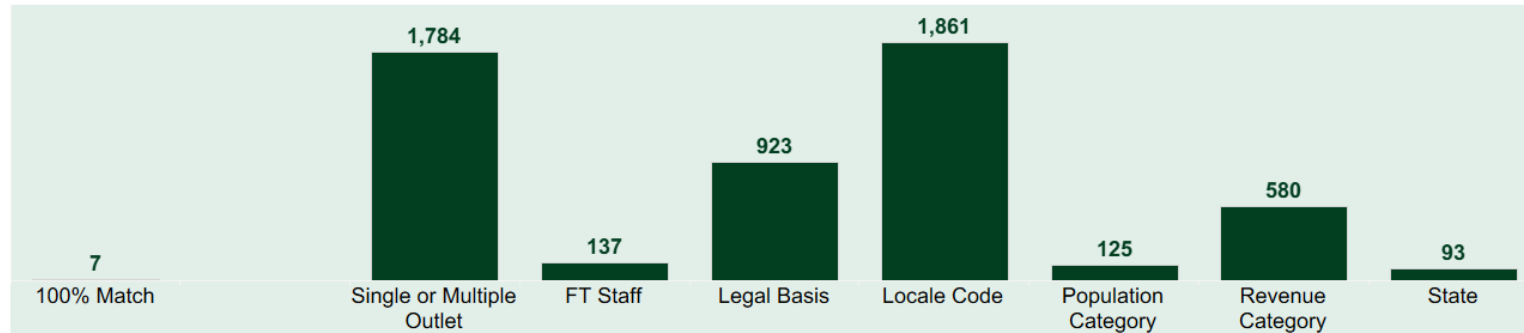
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Peer Libraries Results for VA0036 HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY COUNT OF MATCHING LIBRARIES BY CHARACTERISTICS

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE: Multiple
FTE: 100-249.99
POPULATION: 250,000 to 499,999

REVENUE: 5,000,000 or More
LOCALE: Suburban (21)
LEGAL: County/Parish

STATE: VA



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Choose if you want to view libraries in all states, only the same state, or only other states

See how many peer libraries are included in the list below based on your prioritized characteristics

Libraries Side-by-Side

FF Year 2023 Select Library to Compare
AK0001 ANCHOR POINT PUBLIC LIBRAR..

	HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (VA0036)	ANCHOR POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY (AK0001)
	Suburban (21)	Rural (43)
Service Area Population	331,219	2,202
Central Libraries	0	1
Branch Libraries	10	0
Bookmobiles	1	0

OPERATING REVENUE (\$)

	Total (\$)	Per Person (\$)	Total (\$)	Per Person (\$)
Total Operating Revenue	21,071,105	63.62	62,855	28.54
Local Revenue	20,774,476	62.72	0	0.00
State Revenue	261,629	0.79	12,016	5.46
Federal Revenue	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other Operating Revenue	35,000	0.11	50,839	23.09
Capital Revenue	0	0.00	0	0.00
Capital Expenditures	0	0.00	0	0.00

OPERATING EXPENDITURES (\$)

	Total (\$)	Per Person (\$)	Total (\$)	Per Person (\$)
Total Operating Expenditures	21,173,032	63.92	73,084	33.19
Staff Expenditures	16,556,062	49.99	-9	-9.00
Total Collection Expenditures	1,846,831	5.58	4,943	2.24
Print Expenditures	857,171	2.59	3,883	1.76
Electronic Expenditures	942,424	2.85	0	0.00
Other Collection Expenditures	47,236	0.14	1,060	0.48
Other Operating Expenditures	2,770,139	8.36	-9	-9.00

PAID STAFF (FTE)

	Total	Per 1K People	Total	Per 1K People
Total Paid Staff	226.5	0.7	1.4	0.6
Total Librarians	73.0	0.2	1.0	0.5
ALA-MLS Librarians	73.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
All Other Paid Staff	153.5	0.5	0.4	0.2

PROGRAMS OFFERED

	Total	Per 1K People	Total	Per 1K People
Total Library Programs	4,173	12.6	95	43.1
Children's Programs	2,595	7.8	88	40.0
Young Adult Programs	358	1.1	0	0.0
All Other Programs	1,220	3.7	7	3.2

Asynchronous Programs

All data from IMLS FY2023 Public Libraries Survey

Libraries Side-by-Side

HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (VA0036) ANCHOR POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY (AK0001)

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

	Total	Per 1K People	Total	Per 1K People
Total Program Attendance	83,080	250.8	1,235	560.9
Children's Program Attendance	67,608	204.1	973	441.9
Young Adult Program Attendance	5,433	16.4	0	0.0
All Other Program Attendance	10,039	30.3	262	119.0

Asynchronous Program Attendance

LIBRARY SERVICES

	Total	Per Person	Total	Per Person
Physical Visits	1,338,271	4.0	5,032	2.3
Web Visits	1,535,213	4.6	-1	-1.0
Library Card Holders	278,289	0.8	1,730	0.8
Questions Answered	417,977	1.3	356	0.2
Inter-Library Loans to Other Libraries	795	2.4	0	0.0
Inter-Library Loans from Other Libraries	420	1.3	11	5.0

COLLECTIONS

	Total	Per Person	Total	Per Person
Total Physical Items	499,035	1.5	23,028	10.5
Print Materials	449,927	1.4	19,054	8.7
Audio - Physical	14,698	0.0	203	0.1
Video - Physical	34,410	0.1	3,771	1.7
Other Circulated Physical Items	467	0.0	-1	-1.0
Digital				
E-Books	117,940	0.4	0	0.0
Audio - Downloadable	73,939	0.2	0	0.0
Video - Downloadable	10,975	0.0	0	0.0

CIRCULATION

	Total	Per Person	Total	Per Person
Total Circulation	3,543,828	10.7	10,655	4.8
Physical Material Circulation	2,460,195	7.4	10,655	4.8
Electronic Material Circulation	1,083,633	3.3	0	0.0
Other Physical Items Circulation	414	0.0	0	0.0
Circulation of Children's Material	1,023,968	3.1	2,932	1.3
As Percentage of Total Circulation (..)	29		28	

TECHNOLOGY

	Total	Per Person	Total	Per Person
Internet Computers	598	1.8	5	2.3
Computer Uses Per Year	170,333	0.5	693	0.3
Wireless Sessions	2,806,298	8.5	4,320	2.0

All data from IMLS FY2023 Public Libraries Survey

Peer Benchmarking

[Click here to change the selected library](#)

Current Library Characteristics

Library Name: HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Population: 993,657
 Population Category: 250,000 to 499,999
 State: VA

Step 1: Select a Category

- Circulations
- Collections
- Library Services
- Operating Expenditures
- Operating Revenue
- Paid Staff (FTE)
- Programs Attendance
- Programs Offered
- Technology

Step 2: Select a Sub Category

- Children's Programs
- Total Library Programs
- Young Adult Programs

Number of Children's Programs per Library

Children's Programs per 1K/ per Person

My Library

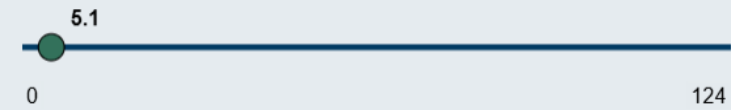
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Benchmark Comparisons

Population Category: 250,000 to 499,999

n= 72 libraries

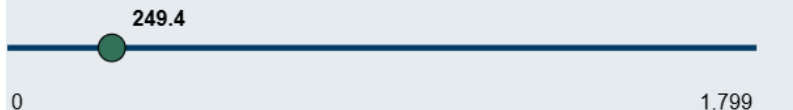


State: Virginia

n=540 libraries



Nation





SLAA Survey

Longitudinal survey in federal statistical system since 1994

Administered biennially since 2012; historic 100% response rate

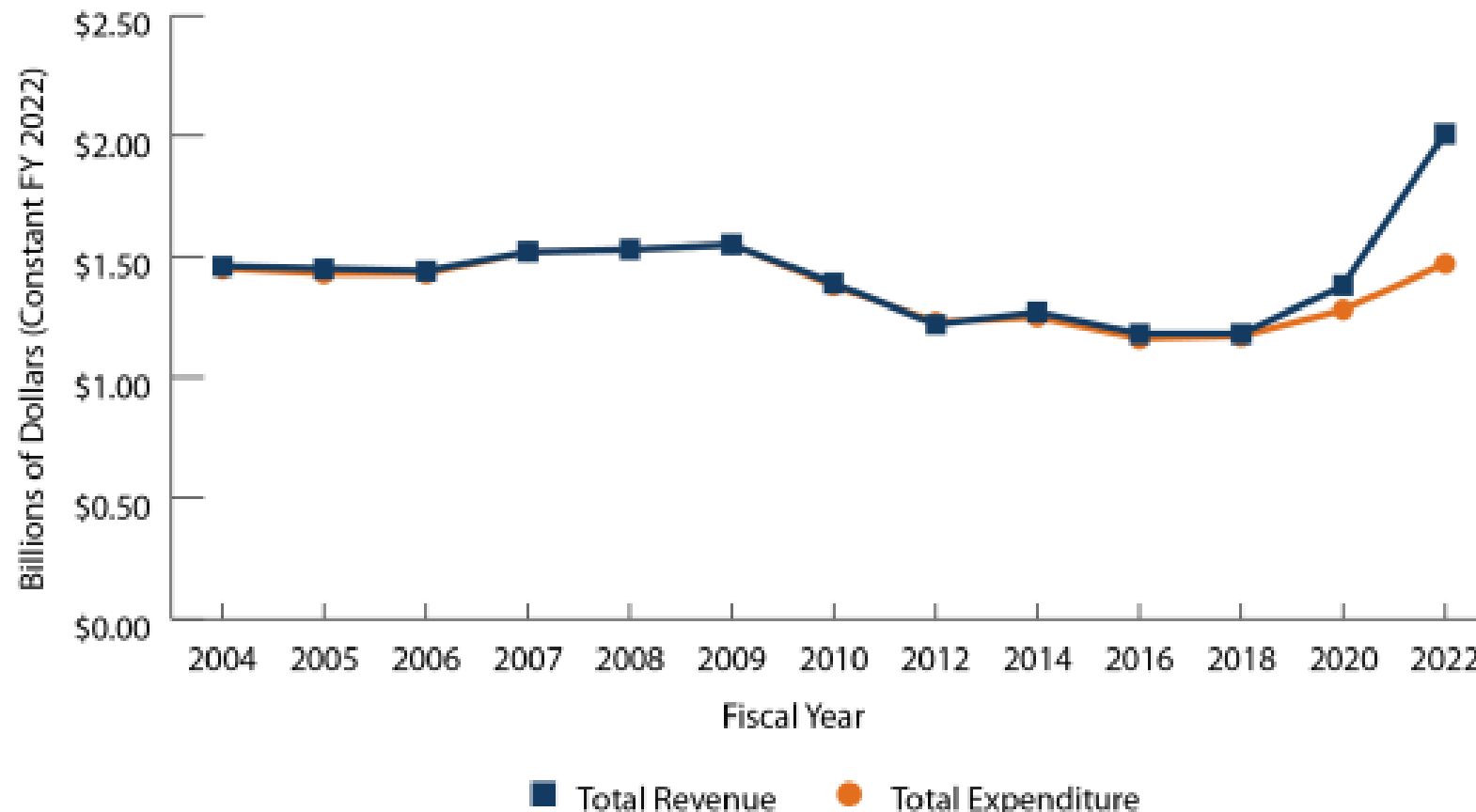
Roles and responsibilities vary across the states.

Complements Public Libraries Survey (PLS) and State Program Report (SPR)



What have been the long-term trends in SLAA revenues & expenditures?

Figure 6. Total Revenues and Expenditures for SLAAs, FYs 2004–2022



Source: IMLS, State Library Administrative Agencies Survey, FYs 2004–2010, FY 2012, FY 2014, FY 2016, FY 2018, FY 2020, and FY 2022.

Explore the SLAA Survey

Fiscal Year 2022

IMLS Grants

SLAA Survey



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Category

SLAA Overview

Topics

Total Expenditures (\$)

Choose one ...

Total Revenue (\$)

Total Expenditures (\$)

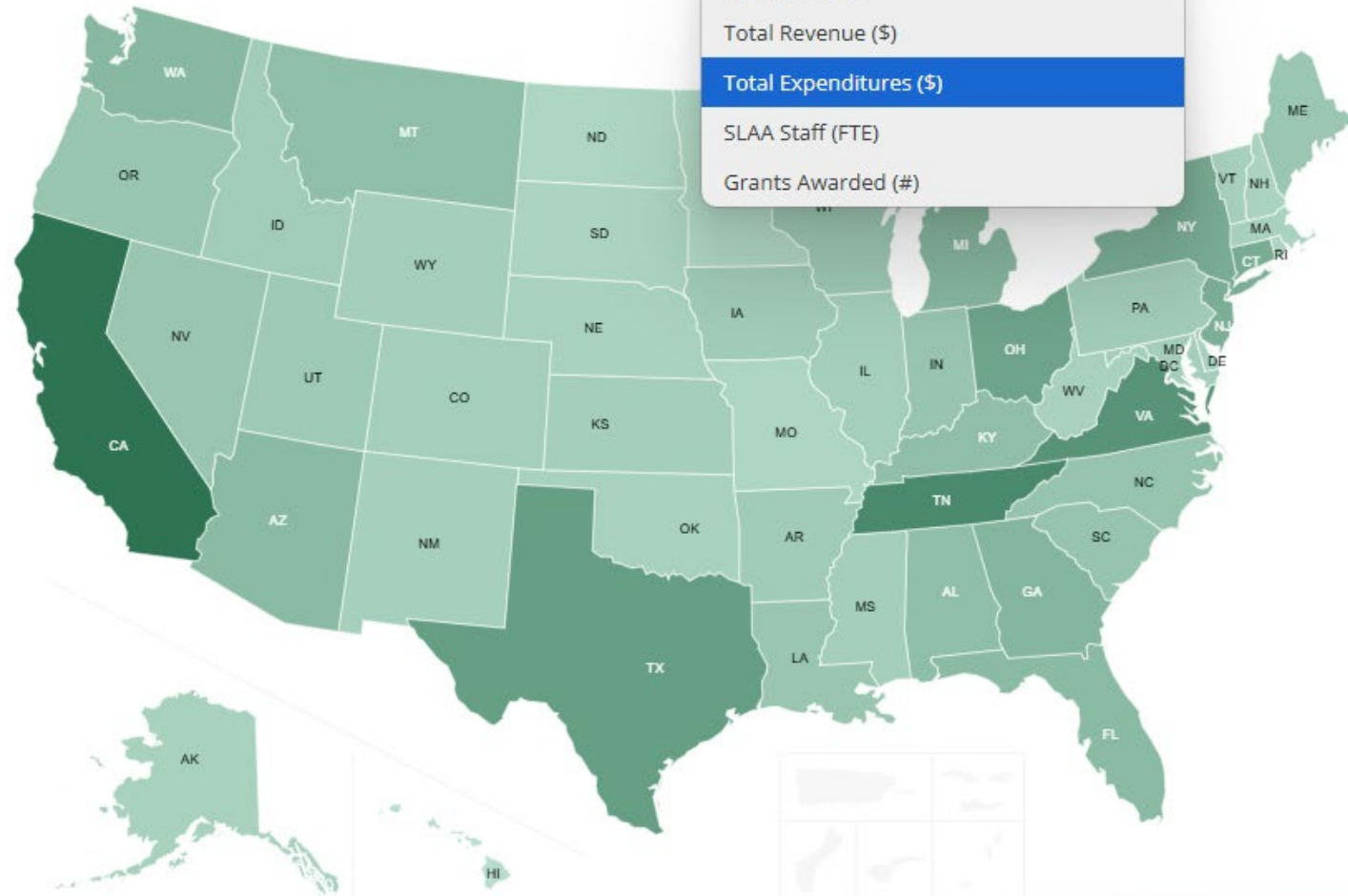
SLAA Staff (FTE)

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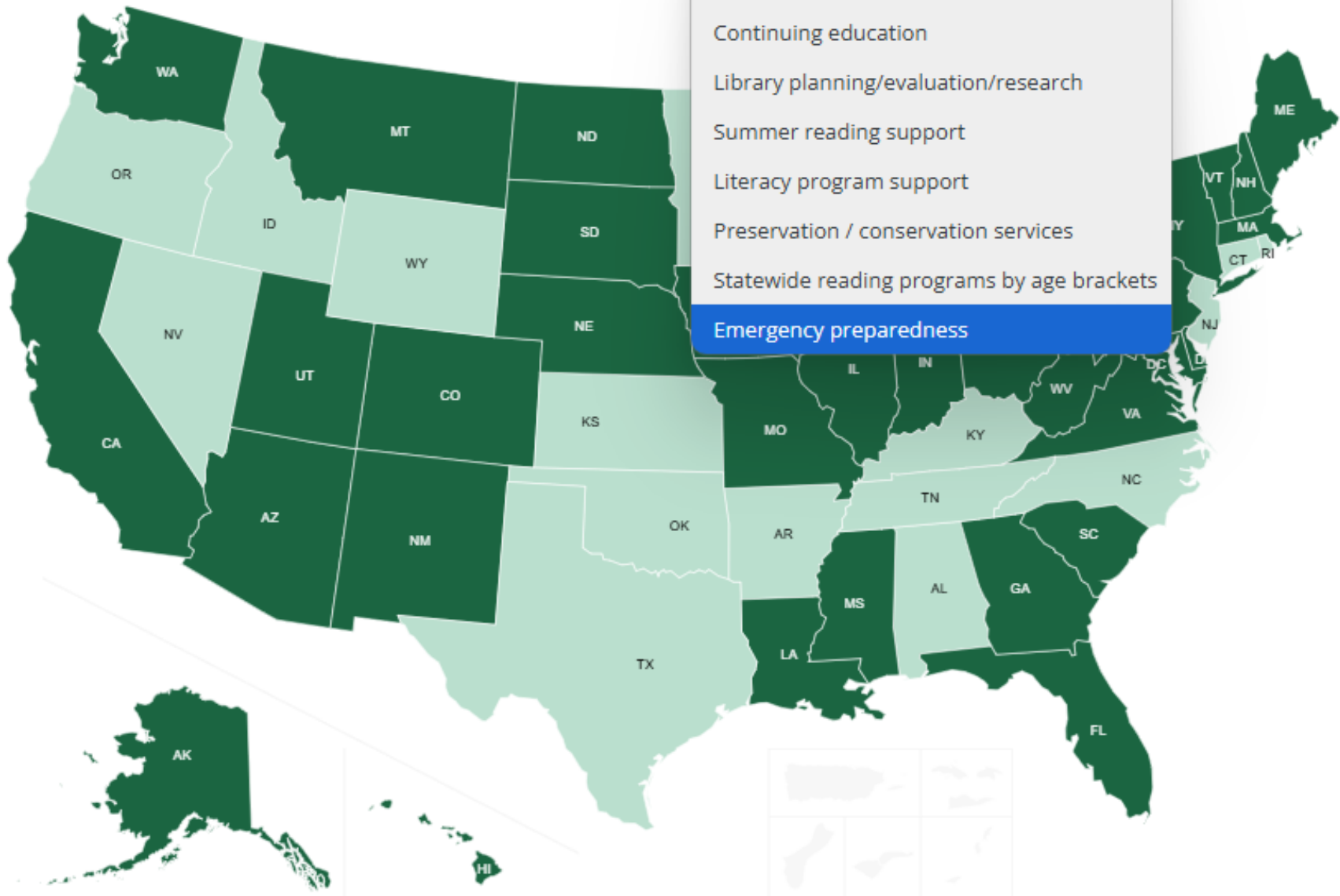
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Program Assistance (Yes / No) ▾

Topics

Emergency preparedness ▾

- Choose one ...
- Continuing education
- Library planning/evaluation/research
- Summer reading support
- Literacy program support
- Preservation / conservation services
- Statewide reading programs by age brackets
- Emergency preparedness**



Select state to view details

Florida



FY 2022 Overview (2021-07-01 to 2022-06-30)

Location in State Government - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OR STATE

State Center for the Book - No

Library for the Blind and Print Disabled - No

State Advisory Council for LSTA Program - Yes

Allied Operations - State Archives, State Records Management Service, STATE RECORDS CENT

Number of Outlets 2

Census Population 22,244,823

SLAA Revenue

Total Revenue	\$37,985,039
Federal Revenue	\$14,708,740
State Revenue	\$23,276,299
Other Revenue	\$0

SLAA Expenditures

Operating Expenditures	\$10,320,630
Staff	\$3,345,396
Collections	\$3,789,236
Other	\$3,185,998
Capital Outlay	\$0
Other Expenditures	\$762,995
Financial Assistance to Libraries	\$28,723,349

Select states to compare with Florida

Alabama

Georgia

Comparison category

Revenue and Expenditures (\$)

Comparison topic

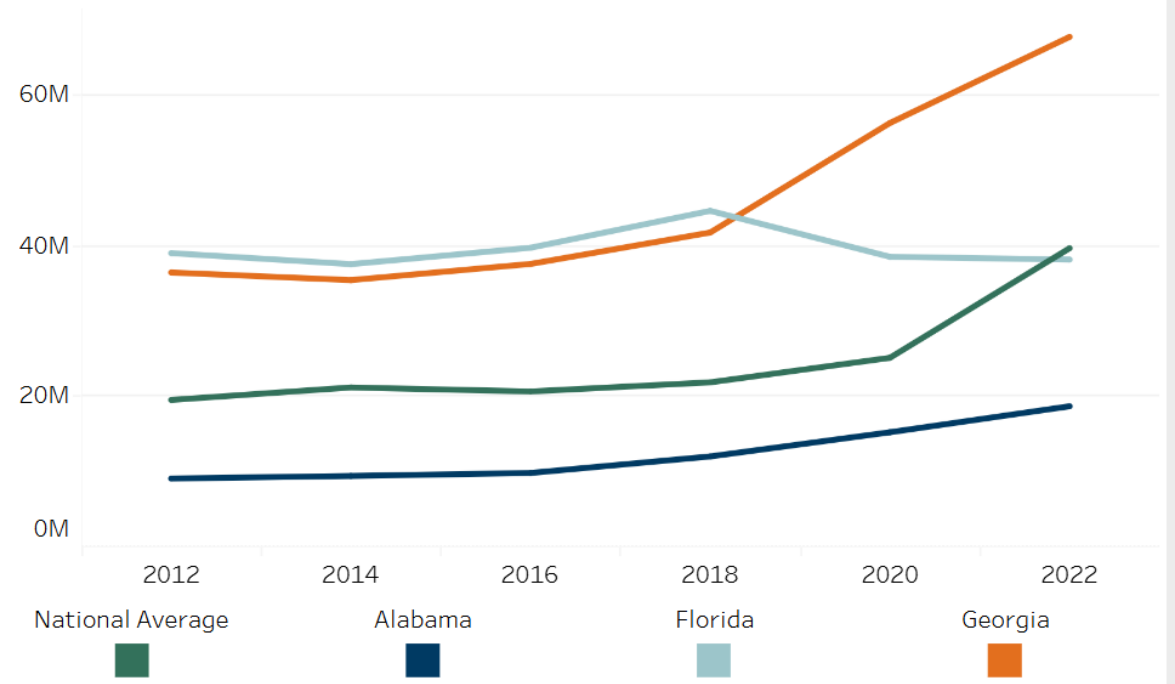
Total Revenue

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Chart

Table

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Comparison category

SLAA Staff (FTE)

Comparison topic

Total Staff

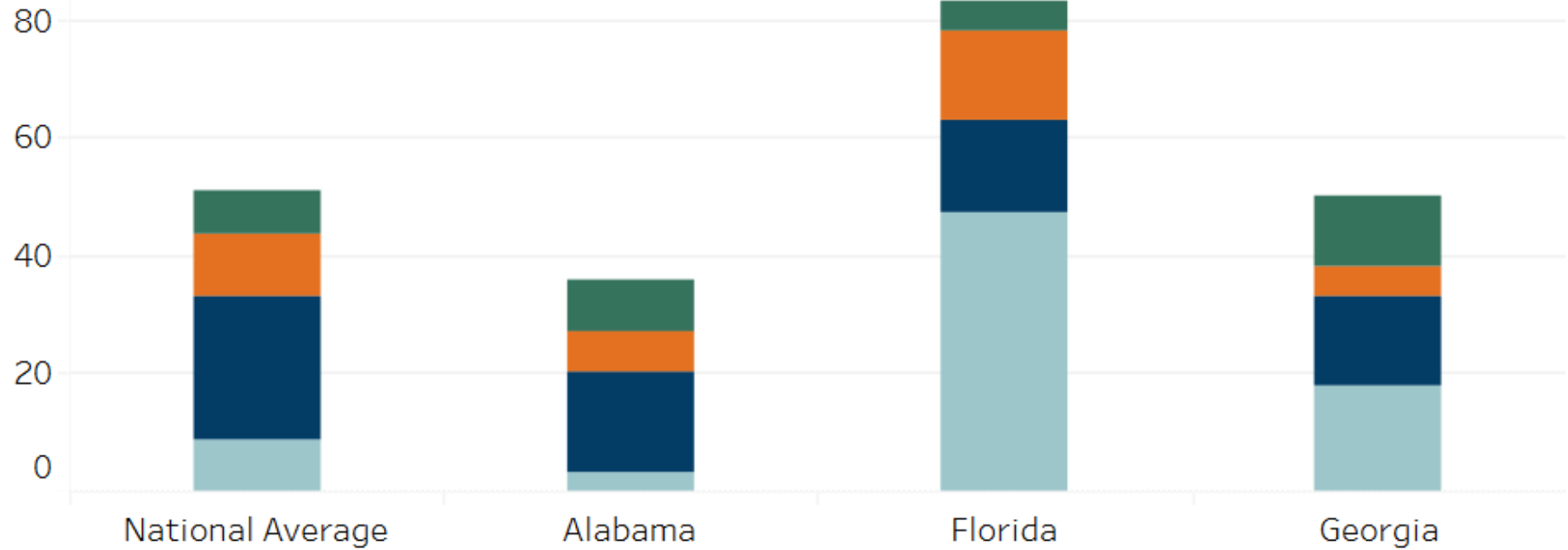
	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
National Average	55.18	52.86	51.62	49.50	49.63	50.85
Alabama	30.00	31.00	38.00	33.50	34.00	36.00
Florida	73.00	65.00	65.00	69.00	83.13	83.13

Comparison Category

- SLAA Staff (FTE) By Type
- Total Revenue By Source (\$)
- Expenditure By Type (\$)
- SLAA Staff (FTE) By Type

- Chart
- Table

FY 2022



- Staff in Administration
- Staff in Library Development
- Staff in Library Services
- Staff in Other Services

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Snapshot Overview

- Allied Operations
- Financial Health
- Workforce
- Collections
- Library Development
- Transactions

Texas

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

FY 2022 Overview (2021-09-01 to 2022-08-31)

Location in State Government - INDEPENDENT OR LEGISLATIVE AGENCY

State Center for the Book - Yes

Library for the Blind and Print Disabled - Yes

State Advisory Council for LSTA Program - No

Allied Operations - State Archives, State Records Management Service

Number of Outlets 2

Census Population 30,029,572

SLAA Revenue

Total Revenue	\$26,369,580
Federal Revenue	\$13,171,167
State Revenue	\$11,141,970
Other Revenue	\$2,056,443

SLAA Expenditures

Operating Expenditures	\$18,432,599
Staff	\$10,727,782
Collections	\$113,364
Other	\$7,591,453
Capital Outlay	\$1,741,284
Other Expenditures	\$2,318,019
Financial Assistance to Libraries	\$3,460,739
Statewide Databases	\$2,318,019

LSTA Expenditures

Total Program Expenditure	\$11,369,690
Grants	\$2,028,254
LSTA administration	\$479,828

SLAA Staff

Total Staff	175.50
Administrative	27.00
Development	23.00
Services	81.50
Other	44.00

SLAA Collections

Total Book Count	1,401,903
Total Audio Count	26

SLAA Transactions

Circulation	159
Interlibrary loans to	330
Interlibrary loans from	39
Reference Transactions	3,619
Library Visits	4,441
Grants Awarded	428

Library Development Transactions

Events	127
Attendance	13,637

Services Information

DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

- Services to Libraries and Library Cooperatives
- Operational Assistance and Coordination/Integration Services
- Program Assistance Services
- Consulting Services
- Digital Services and Emerging Technologies

	Public	Academic	School	Special	Library Cooperative
Community workforce development	✓				
Continuing education programs	✓	✓			✓
Digital object preservation					
Digitization	✓	✓		✓	✓
Emergency preparedness	✓				
Library planning/evaluation/research	✓	✓			✓
Literacy programs *	✓				
Preservation / conservation services	✓				✓
Statewide reading programs by age brackets *	✓				
Summer reading programs	✓				

Library Type: Public
 Service Name: Literacy programs *
 Service Value: Yes
 Language, Numerical, Information, Digital, Financial, Health, Family,

* Hover over the checkmarks to view additional details in the tooltip



FY24 SLAA Survey Release Coming Soon!

April 2026

- Data files and documentation
- Updated SLAA Survey Overview and Comparison Tool

July 2026

- FY24 SLAA Survey research report

Sneak Peek: NMS Data Portal



NMS DATA PORTAL

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See the bigger picture about institution **participation across the nation** including key metrics such as facility size, median revenue, total staff, digital presence, and visitor counts.

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View how institutions **compare on key metrics by regions and states**. Use filters to change characteristics displayed on the map and further refine the types of institutions represented within the map.

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Research and Evaluation Project Updates

- Childhood Reading Study
- Infrastructure Studies
 - U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Studies
 - IMLS Study

Childhood Reading Updates

Secondary Research Report

Published: [Child Reading Literacy and the Role of Public Libraries](#)

Focuses on children's engagement in reading, role of libraries, best practices, and more

- Ages 0-12, public library context
- Methodology: literature review, document review, IMLS interviews, grant review

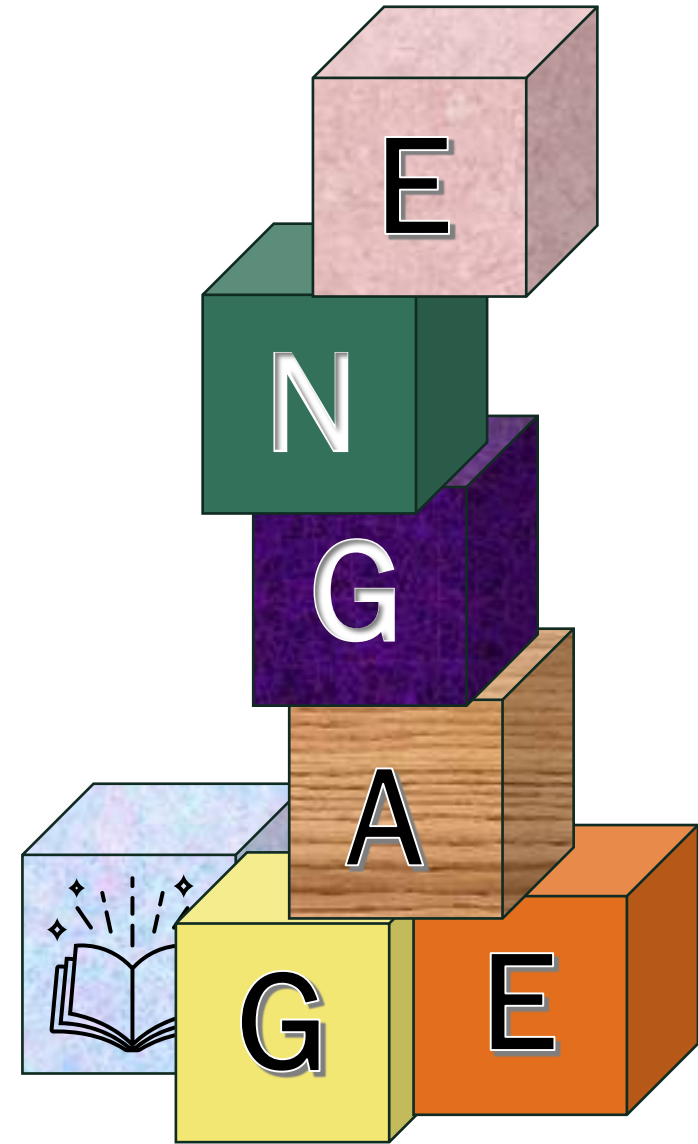


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Reading Engagement

1. How is **engagement in reading defined** at different developmental ages? What are measurable outcomes of engaged reading in the public library context?

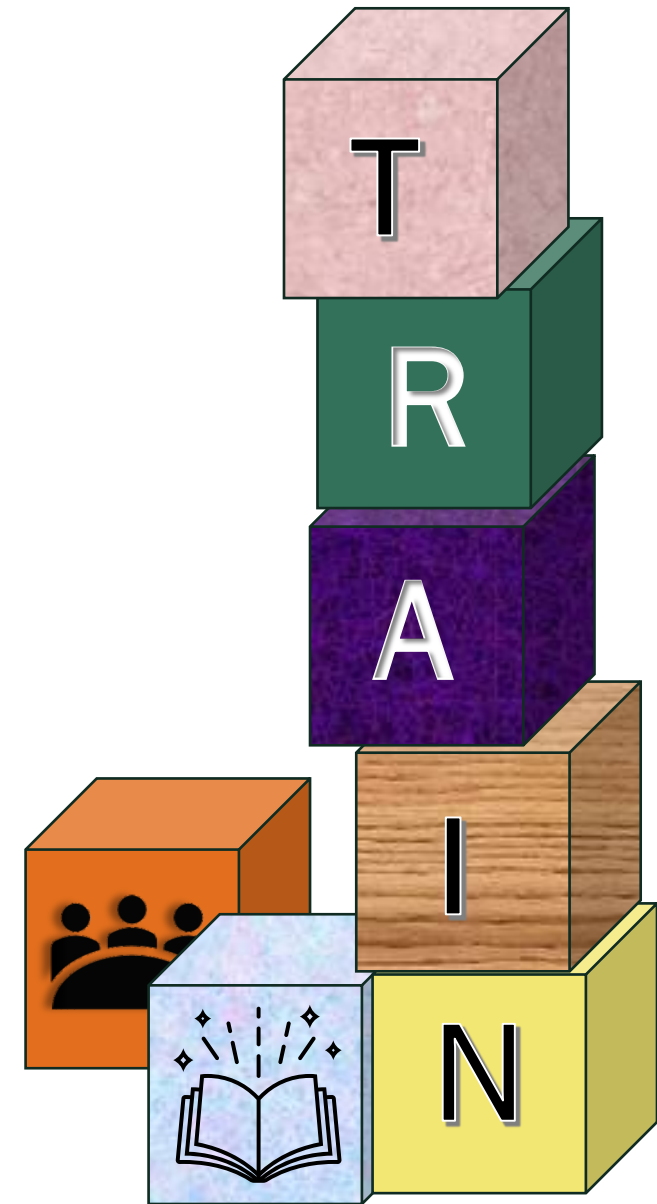
- **Engagement:** *“participation in a task that reflects interest, motivation, attention, or self-regulation.”*
- Reading engagement is a multidimensional construct that can be difficult for public libraries to measure directly.
 - Measures of engagement vary by age:
 - **Early childhood** (ages 0-5): e.g., language development, home reading environment
 - **Elementary school** (ages 6-12): e.g., reading comprehension, reading for pleasure, motivation to read
 - Libraries often measure proxies of engagement (e.g., attendance, books checked out, library cards issued, caregivers’ ratings of programming).
 - Engagement is more often/easily measured in educational settings.



Best Practices

2. What activities and outreach do public libraries see as **best practices to engage children in reading**? How do public libraries invest in staff and infrastructure to improve the implementation of these practices?

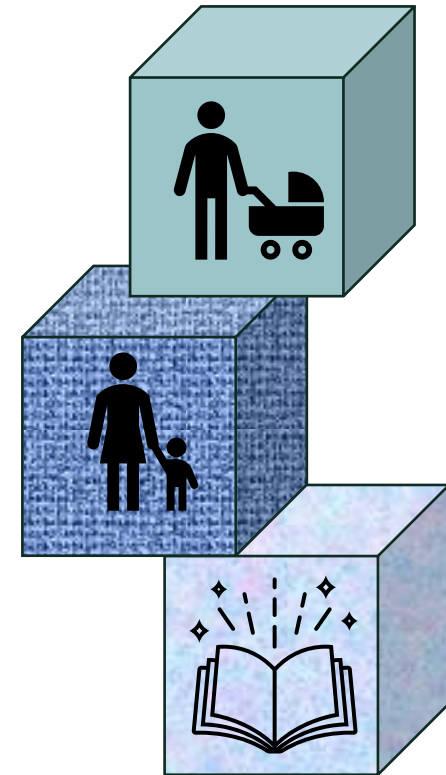
- **Public libraries prioritize investments in training for staff to deliver reading literacy programming.**
 - The literature and landscape reviews point to the importance of providing professional development to library staff.
 - Literacy-focused grants also commonly report providing such training to staff.



Engaging with Library Resources

3. How do children engage with public library resources supporting their reading engagement (individually or together with their caregivers)?

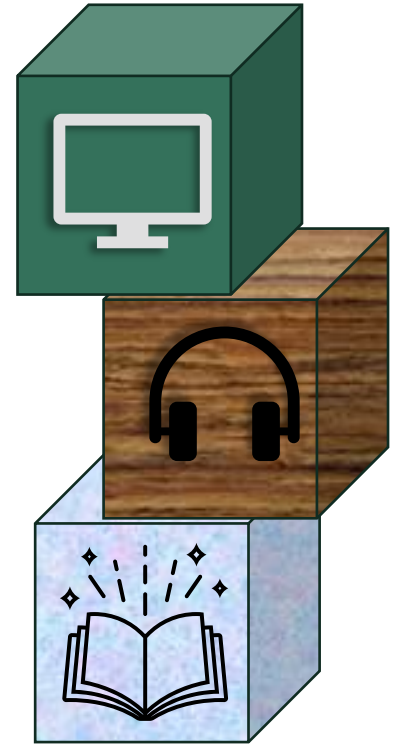
- Public libraries recognize the importance of involving caregivers in children's reading engagement.
 - The literature and landscape reviews strongly support this claim: caregivers are central to children's reading engagement.
 - The grant review showed that many grantees:
 - Directly engaged caregivers as participants in public library programming (e.g., storytimes).
 - Provided caregivers with resources, including ideas for literacy activities to conduct at home.



Digital and Online Resources

4. How has children's engagement in reading changed over time with the introduction of digital and online resources in public libraries?

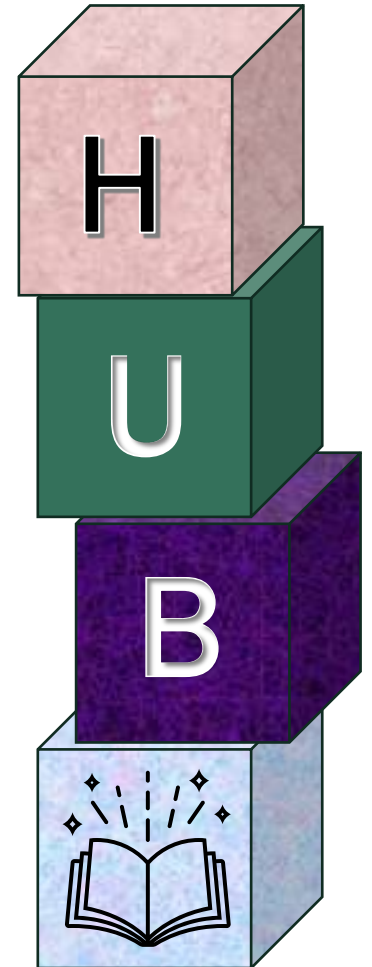
- Public libraries have expanded their digital offerings, but little evidence exists about how these tools have changed children's reading engagement.
 - Although some grant recipients invested in digital resources like audiobooks or e-books, there was little evidence on how the proliferation of these resources has influenced children's reading.
 - Additionally, there is mixed evidence about the efficacy of digital offerings and engagement in formal learning settings.



Healthy Literacy Ecosystems

5. What does existing research tell us about **what a healthy literacy ecosystem is**? Where is a **public library's best fit** as a contributor, and in what ways do public libraries contribute to the overall health of the system?

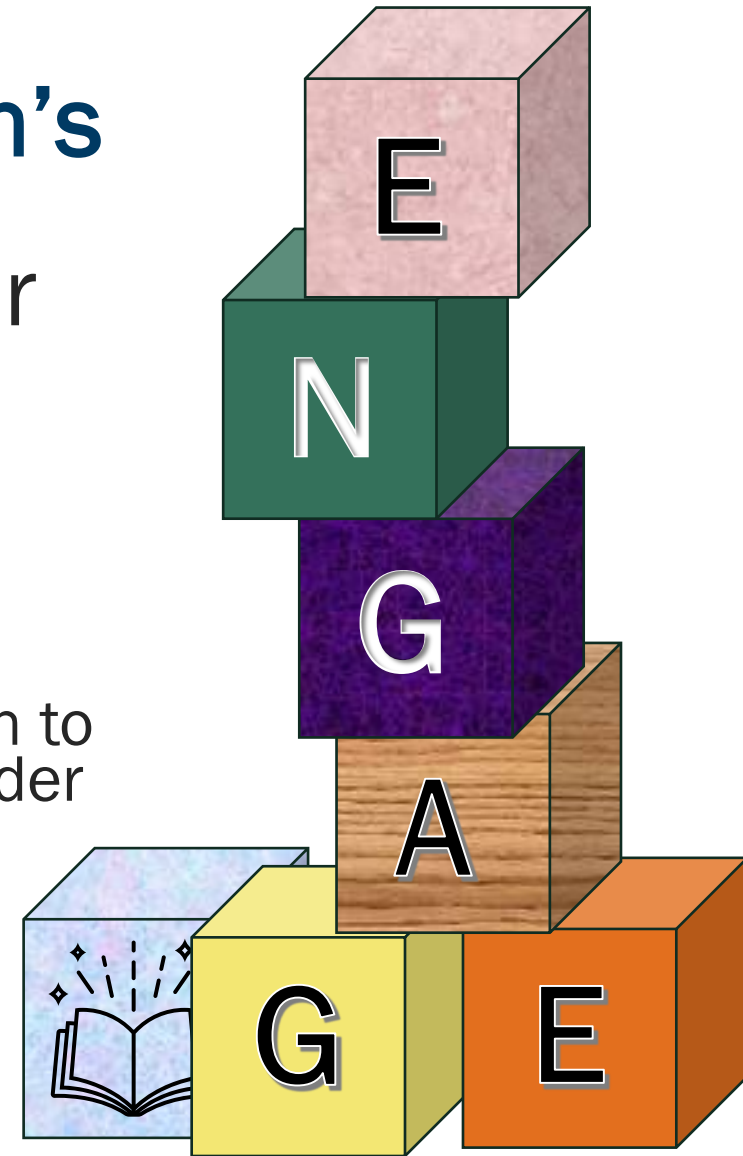
- **Public libraries play an important and multifaceted role in the literacy ecosystem.**
 - Children and caregivers can access public libraries free of charge. These libraries play a critical role in a healthy ecosystem that:
 - Emphasizes the importance of early reading.
 - Provides caregivers with the resources they need to support children's engagement in reading.
 - Public libraries fill a variety of roles in the literacy ecosystem, including as:
 - Resource hubs that offer reading literacy materials for children and caregivers.
 - Direct service providers of programs like summer reading.
 - Conveners of other community organizations devoted to improving children's reading literacy.



Patterns of Engagement

6. Are there **different patterns of children's engagement in reading** through public libraries by public library infrastructure or community characteristics?

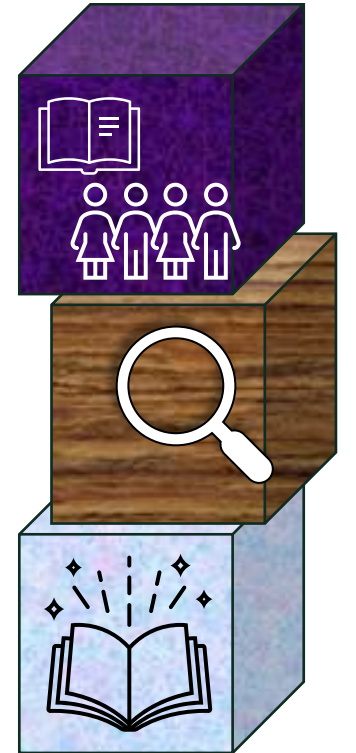
- Researchers and public libraries recognize the importance of engaging various populations.
 - Research suggests that, to engage communities most effectively in reading, public libraries must pay attention to linguistic, cultural, and economic factors that could hinder children's reading development.
 - Public libraries can act as important resource hubs, providing access to books with authors and characters that represent the communities they serve.



Future Studies

7. What are considerations for **future studies** examining the effectiveness of ways public libraries engage children in reading?

- **Opportunities exist to investigate the effectiveness of public library programming.**
 - The literature review and grant data:
 - Consistently indicate the importance of public library initiatives like storytime and summer reading programs in supporting engaged reading.
 - Reveal limited evidence about the effectiveness of these programs, suggesting research opportunities in this area.





GAO Library Infrastructure Study

- Public Libraries: Many Buildings Are Reported to Be in Poor Condition, with Increasing Deferred Maintenance
 - Quantitative work planned to supplement IMLS's qualitative work



GAO Infrastructure Study – Research Topics

- Availability of library facilities by geographic region
- Current physical conditions of library facilities
- Challenges to addressing facility repair needs
- Estimated cost to address facility repair needs



GAO Library Infrastructure Study

- More information available in the GAO report:
<https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-26-107262>



Questions?



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