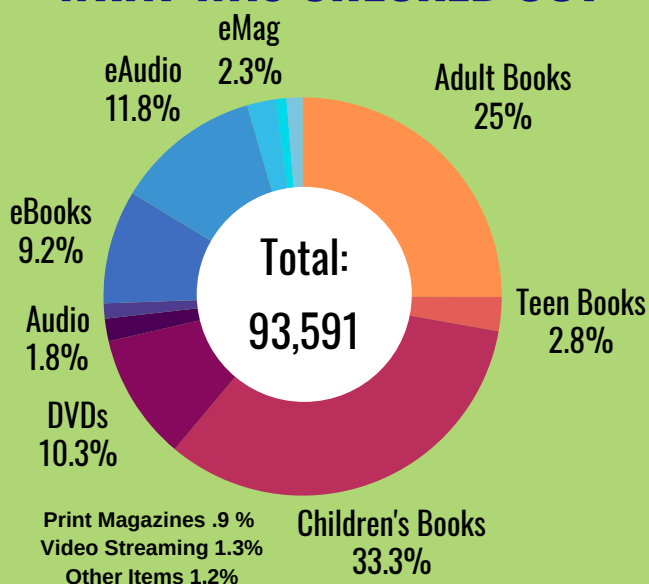




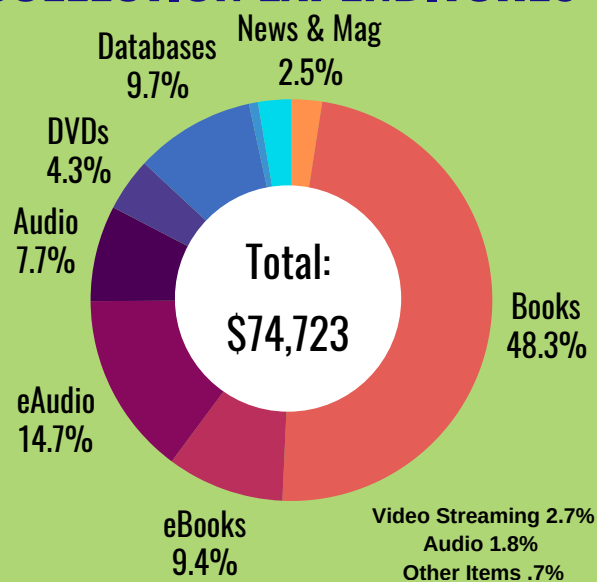
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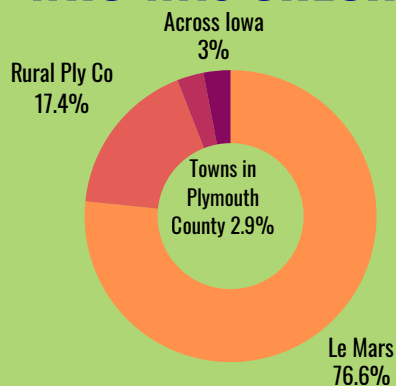
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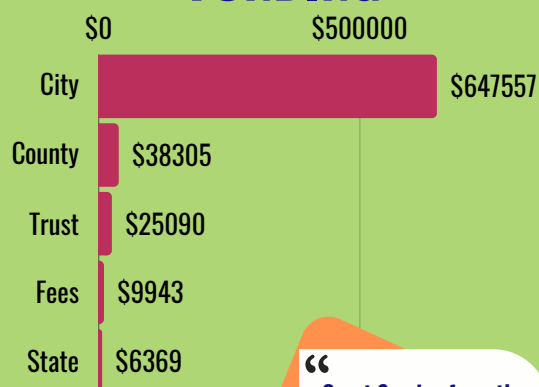
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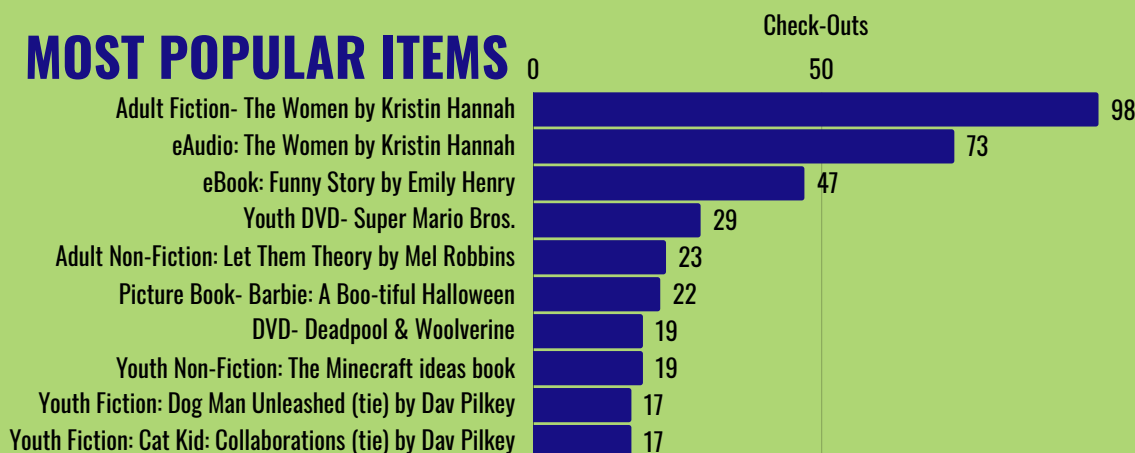
### CIRCULATION FROM TOP 5 TOWNS

- 1) HINTON: 956
- 2) REMSEN: 899
- 3) MARCUS: 827
- 4) MERRILL: 809
- 5) STRUBLE: 610

## FUNDING



## MOST POPULAR ITEMS

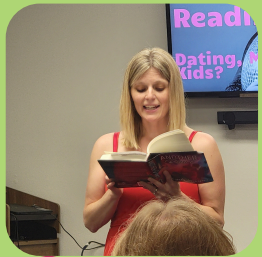


“Great Service from the librarian. Very Helpful! Square Customer Feedback, -Dec 2, 2024”

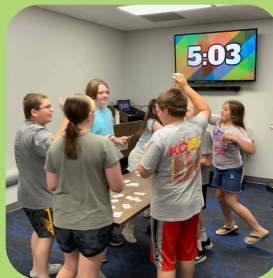
“What I asked for wasn't readily available, but the employee searched for the answer I needed. Everyone is always helpful. - Square Customer Feedback, Nov 9, 2024”

## NEW & NOTABLE

- Continuing Education Process Implemented for Staff
- Upgraded People Counter System
- Temporary loan of laptops to Rock Valley Public Library
- Donated surplus shelving to Rock Valley Public Library
- Everbright Mini feature installed
- Added online access to the Wall Street Journal
- Youth Coding League offered to 5th & 6th grade students
- New STEM & STEAM kits created by Le Mars Community Challenge Students & Library Staff
- Expanded graphic novel shelving
- Met with Congressional Delegation staff regarding federal funding for libraries
- Successful launch of Second Chapter Gently Used Books



“  
Very polite helpful and kind nice people there -  
Square Customer  
Feedback Jun 30, 2025  
”



“  
Very helpful staff.  
Super Friendly.  
5-Star Google Review  
Sept 24, 2024  
”



“  
Used computer and printed off needed forms. Smooth easy and librarian very helpful -  
Square Customer  
Feedback Jun 29, 2025  
”

## KEY DATA POINTS

82 STEM Pack Check-Outs  
119 Instagram followers  
186 Hotspot Check-Outs  
285 Explore With Me! Story Kit Check-Outs  
406 Books Borrowed to Support Local Book Clubs  
426 Children's Programs  
533 Items Borrowed from Other Libraries to Fill Patron Requests  
588 Library Programs (all types)  
643 Items Lent to Other Libraries  
714 Unique Digital Patrons (Libby eBooks/audio)  
869 Unique Computer Users  
1,641 Miles; the farthest a book traveled to fill a patron request (Bellingham, WA)  
2,219 Unique Patrons Checked Out Physical Items  
3,184 Hours Open  
3,965 Reference Questions Answered  
4,412 Public Computer Sessions  
1,823 Facebook followers, top post had 3,680 views  
5,833 People at Children's Programs  
7,642 Total Program Attendance  
9,818 WIFI Sessions  
35,000 TikTok views in this past year, with 2,200 likes and 876 followers  
55,000 Annual Door Count

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

July 2024-June 2025

Kjersten Rathke, President  
Jennifer Bahr, Vice President  
Pam Jeneary, Secretary  
Allan Gates  
Tom Schuch  
Kim Wick  
Pat Rosacker

## LIBRARY STAFF

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Ashleigh Pederson  
Shelby Puhl  
Nancy Ramirez  
Tammy UitDeFlesch  
Lisa Vander Sluis  
Shirley Taylor, Director

## SUMMER READING

**Youth:** 299 registrations  
175 Programs  
2,392 Attending  
715 Math Monsters packets returned  
5,725 Hours of youth reading  
5,850 Books read to toddlers  
176 Yard Signs (earned by reading 10 hours)  
**Teen:** 40 registrations  
9 Programs  
67 Attending  
**Adult:** 65 registrations  
13 Programs  
123 Attending