



Royal Oak  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# **FY 2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT**

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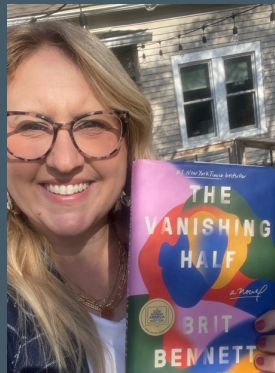
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# 2024-25 LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Royal Oak Public Library provides opportunities  
for all to learn, connect, create, and innovate.



## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Royal Oak Public Library has had another stellar year! Our mission to provide opportunities for all to learn, connect, create and innovate has really come to life over this past year, and it is all thanks to the ingenuity of the staff and the commitment and oversight of the Board of Trustees.

This past year experienced the highest circulation of materials in our history, with 593,404 items (both physical & electronic) checked out. We are thrilled that our collection is meeting the needs of our community – from books to electronics, puzzles & games to story time together kits and beyond!

Your millage dollars funded necessary structural upgrades to the building. The new roof was installed, paving the way for adding rooftop solar. The loading dock was repaired, and new railings were mounted. We upgraded the security cameras, providing a safe environment for everyone who enters our doors.

As a way to better serve our residents on the north end of the city, we added a library book vending machine to the café at Woodward Corner Market. Stocked with bestselling books, the LibCabinet is your go-to spot for new titles, especially when the library is closed.

Thank you, Royal Oak, for your ongoing support and use of your library!

**SANDY IRWIN**  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR



## REVENUES

Categories	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Millage	\$2,765,417	\$3,616,053	\$3,849,362
Penal Fines	\$86,983	\$78,082	\$79,961
State Aid	\$58,113	\$59,030	\$61,318
Local Community Stabilization	\$84,764	\$35,863	\$82,812
Fines, Fees, & Miscellaneous Revenues	\$9,710	\$12,442	\$88,583 incl. \$70,000 from EBSCO for solar
Grants/Gifts	\$227,986	\$75,824	\$20,790
Interest	\$44,342	\$101,602	\$131,014
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$22,732	\$0	\$0
Total Revenues	\$3,300,048	\$4,000,896	\$4,313,840



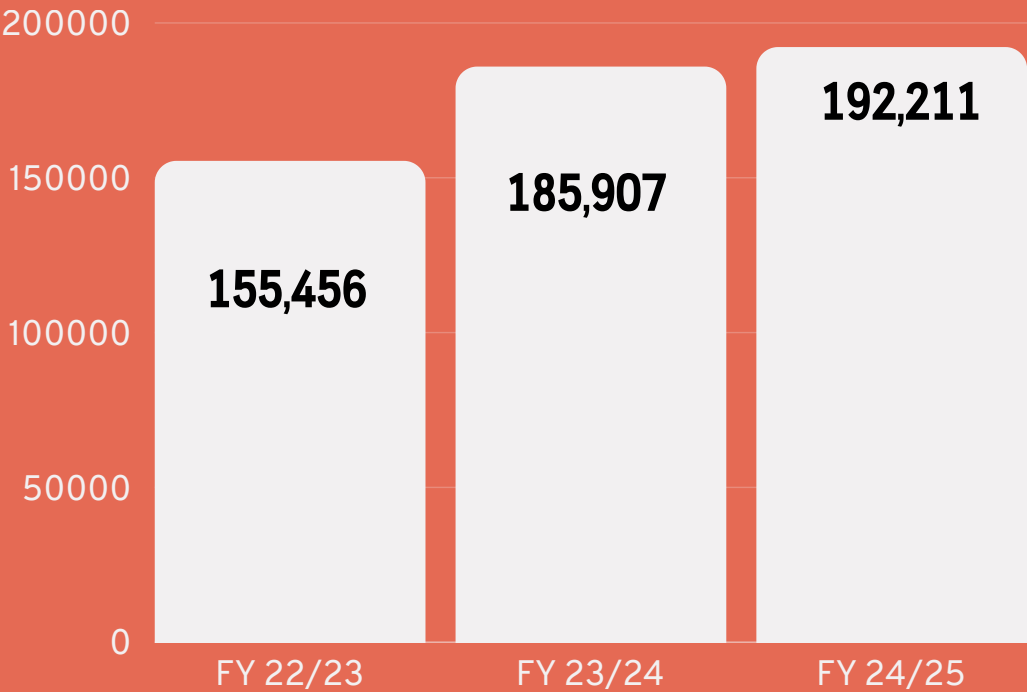
# EXPENDITURES

Categories	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personnel	\$1,941,478	\$2,121,277	\$2,267,858
Materials	\$307,219	\$401,584	\$411,324
Capital	\$184,565	\$54,765	\$697,629
Other	\$866,786	\$571,432	\$661,100
Total Expenditures	\$3,300,048	\$3,149,058	\$4,037,911

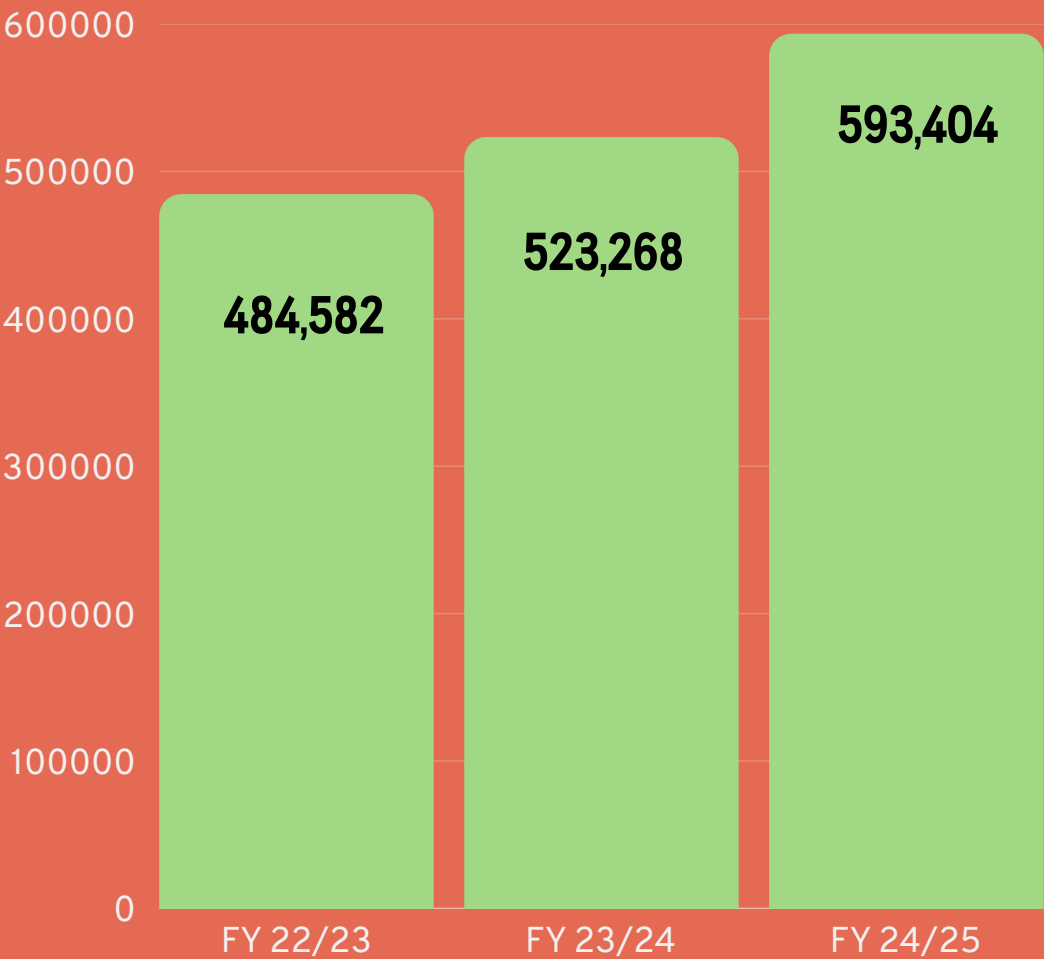


# STATISTICS

## Visits

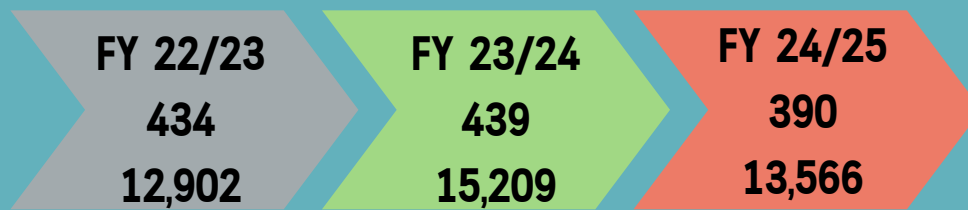


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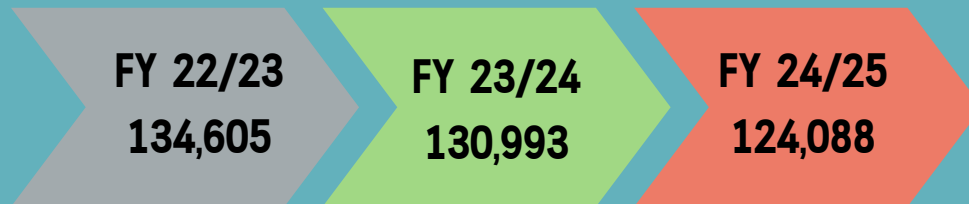




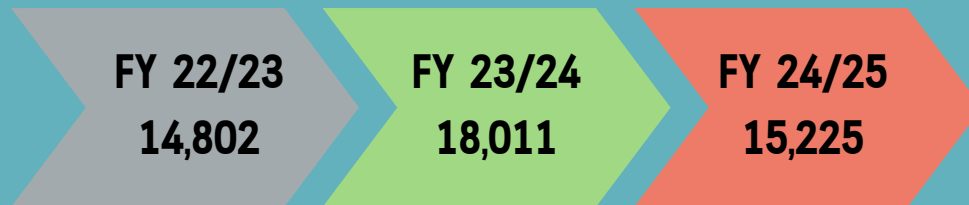
## # of Programs & Outreach Visits and Attendance



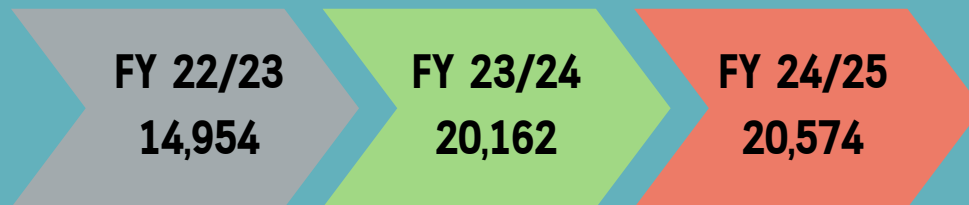
## Physical Collection Size



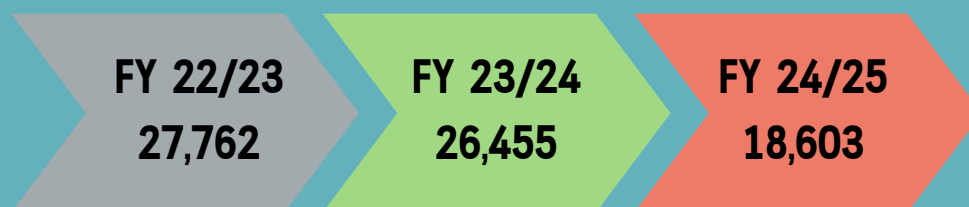
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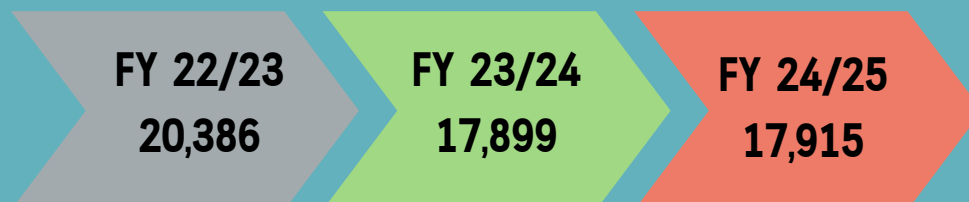
## WiFi Use



## Database Use



## Reference Questions





## 2024/25 HIGHLIGHTS

- We welcomed Trevor Winn as our Adult Services Supervisor
- New staff were hired - Keri & Mac in Access Services, Ivoire, Andrew & Gabby in Adult Services, and Erin in Youth Services.
- Roof replaced
- Loading dock repaired and new railings mounted
- New security cameras installed
- \$70,000 grant received from EBSCO for rooftop solar
- Remodeled the silent study room
- Upgraded the projector in the small conference room
- The LibCabinet, a vending machine for high-demand books, was installed in the café at Woodward Corner Market
- The Summer Reading Program had participation from 64 babies & toddlers, 187 Read to Me, 349 Readers, and 82 Teens
- 306 people participated in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Reading Challenge
- Hired Fast Forward Libraries as our Strategic Plan Consultant
- Staff training day with Dion Leadership who conducted the “Everything DiSC Workplace Training”
- We hosted a Tiny Art Contest/Show
- Partnered with Royal Oak Schools for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual student art show
- Not a highlight, but patrons returned DVDs with live bugs in them...