

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

**Sedalia
Public
Library**
131st Edition

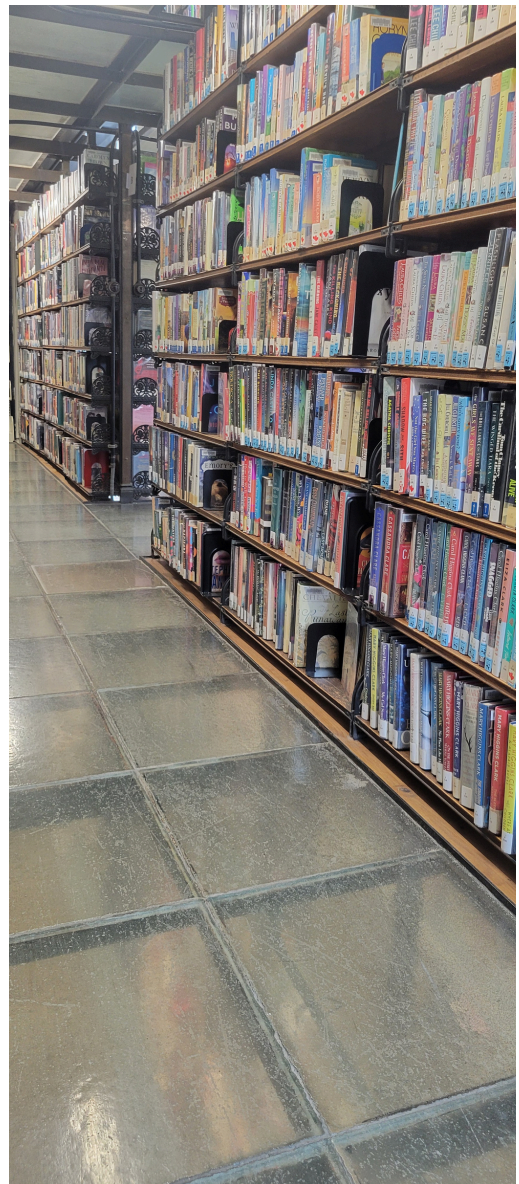


Board Approved June 8, 2026

OUR VISION & MISSION

The Sedalia Public Library strives to be a trusted source at the heart of our community, connecting every person to opportunities, enriching lives, inspiring curiosity, and leading to a lifetime of learning.

**Bringing
individuals,
information, and
ideas together.**



STAFF

Library Staff 2025-2026

Full Time Staff:

Jamie Sparks, Director

Ashley Beck, Circulation Supervisor

Bob Brown, Custodian

Tara Clark, Outreach & Adult Services

Judy Poole, Technical Services Librarian

Kristen Whisnant, Children's Librarian

Part Time Staff:

Stephanie Sneed, Office Manager

Skylar Brines, Library Clerk

Molly Greene, Library Clerk

Cindy Lea-Thompson, Library Clerk

Sydney Whittall, Library Clerk

Substitute Staff:

Bridget Lenhardt

Deana Pomajzl

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Billie Dunn, President

Emily Schmidt, Vice President

Dana Foster, Secretary/Treasurer

Tessa Childers

Lakin Janke

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Byron Matson

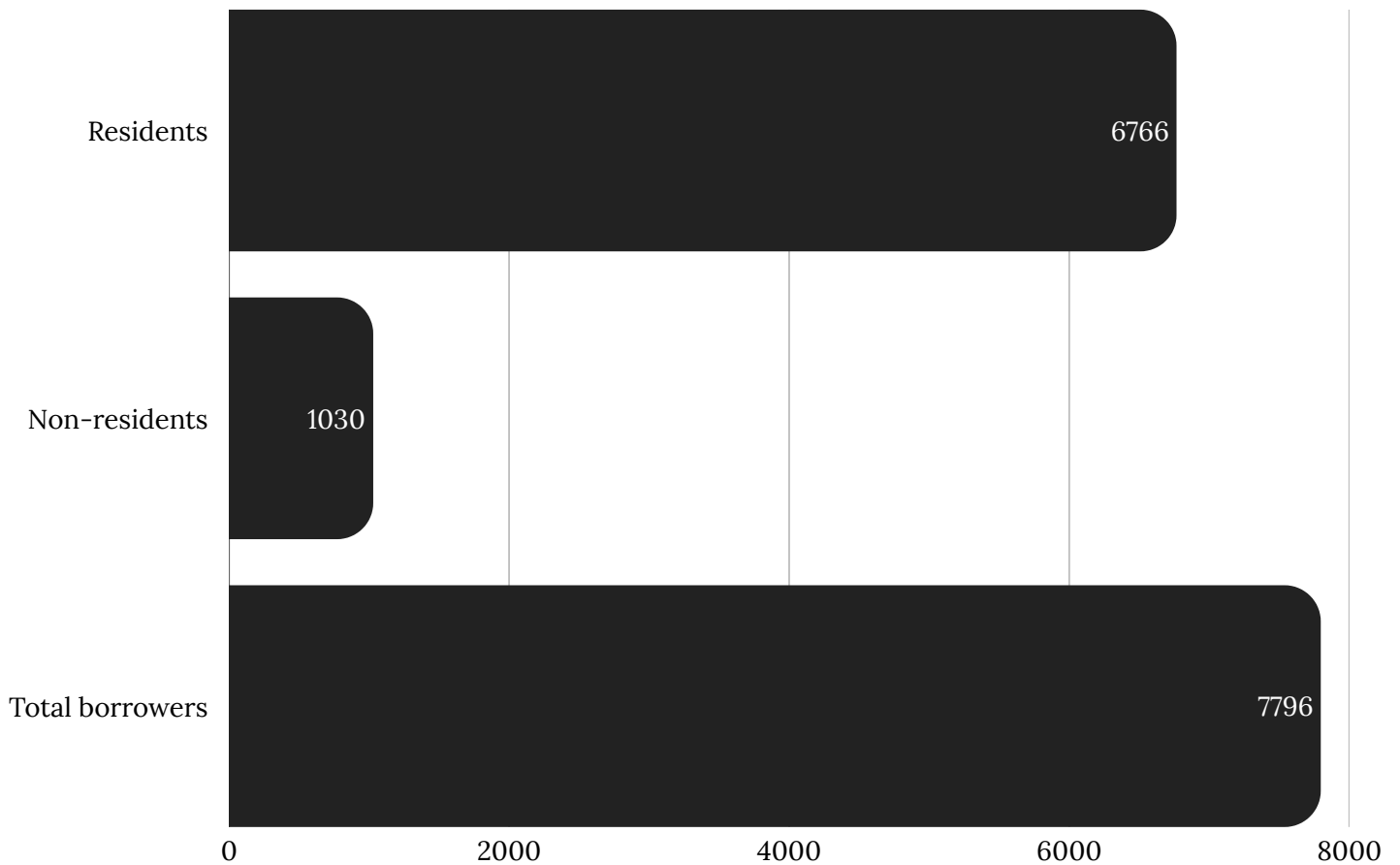
Kathryn Stanley-Dietzman

Melissa Turner

PATRONS

Total Patrons: 7,796

THE LEGAL SERVICE AREA OF THE LIBRARY DISTRICT IS 20,022 (AS OF 2020).



Active borrowers-have checked out materials in the last 6 months

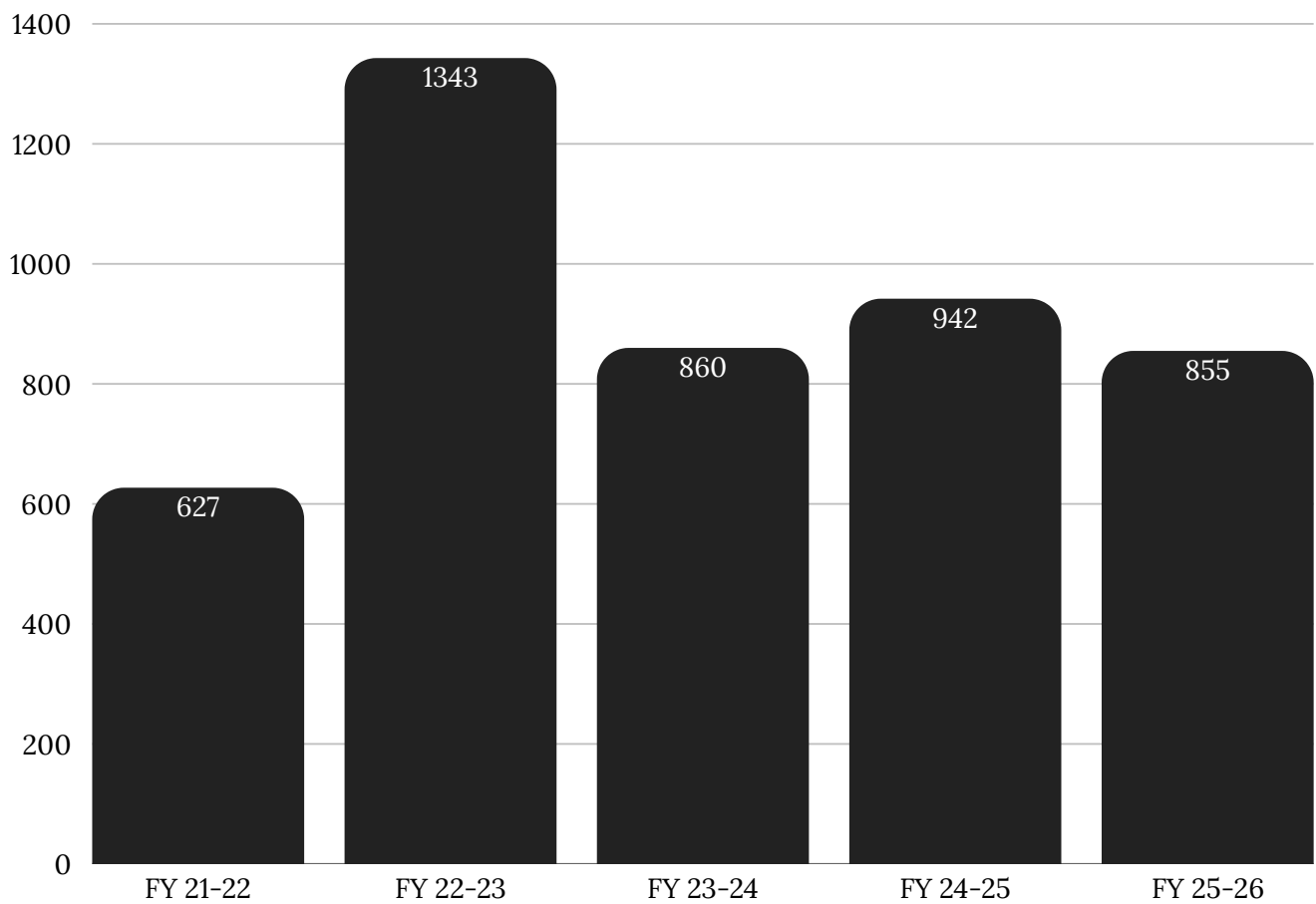
FY 25-26: 13.74%

FY 24-25: 9.78%

FY 23-24: 10.75%

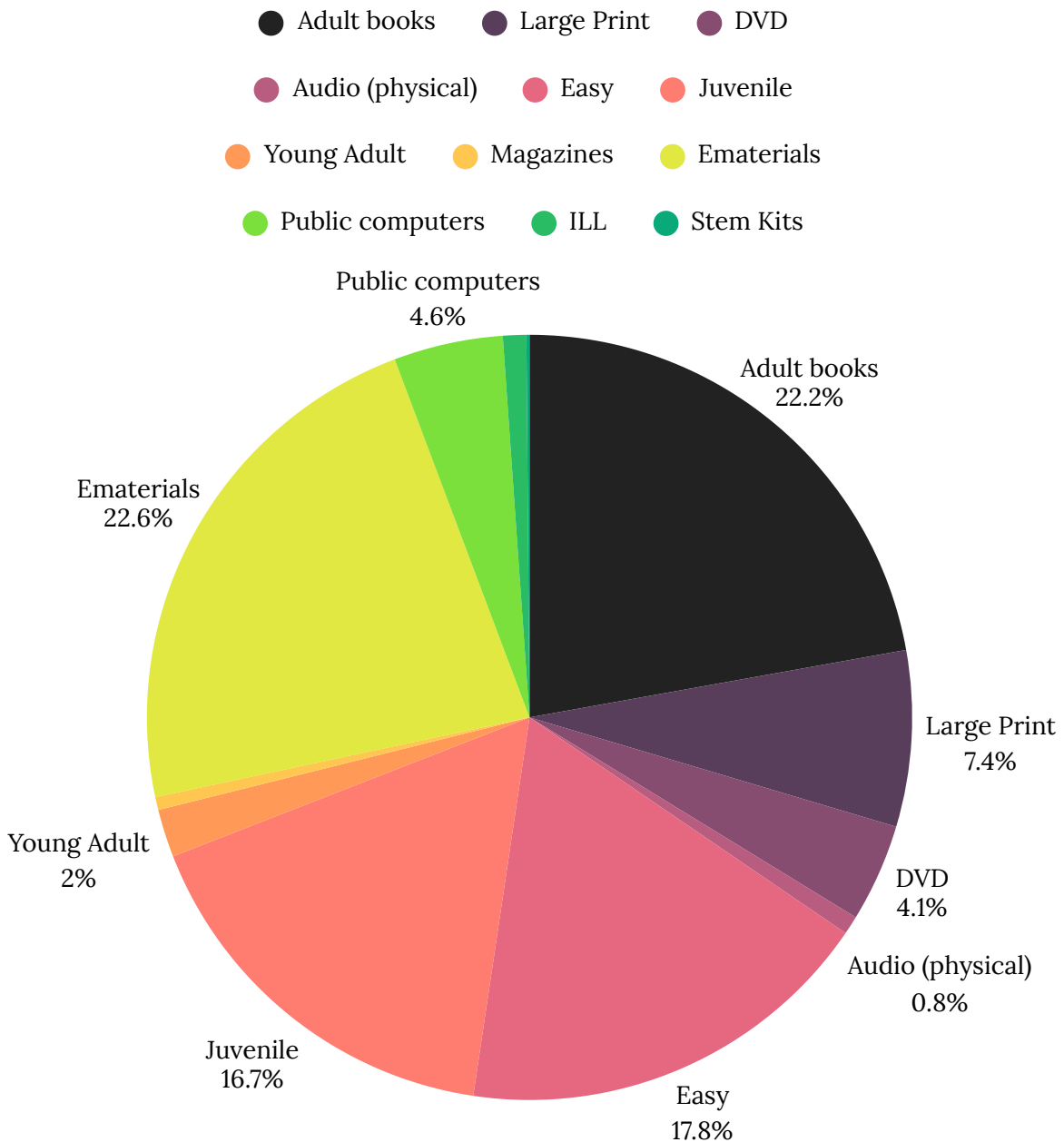
FY 22-23: 8.63%

NEW OR RENEWED PATRONS



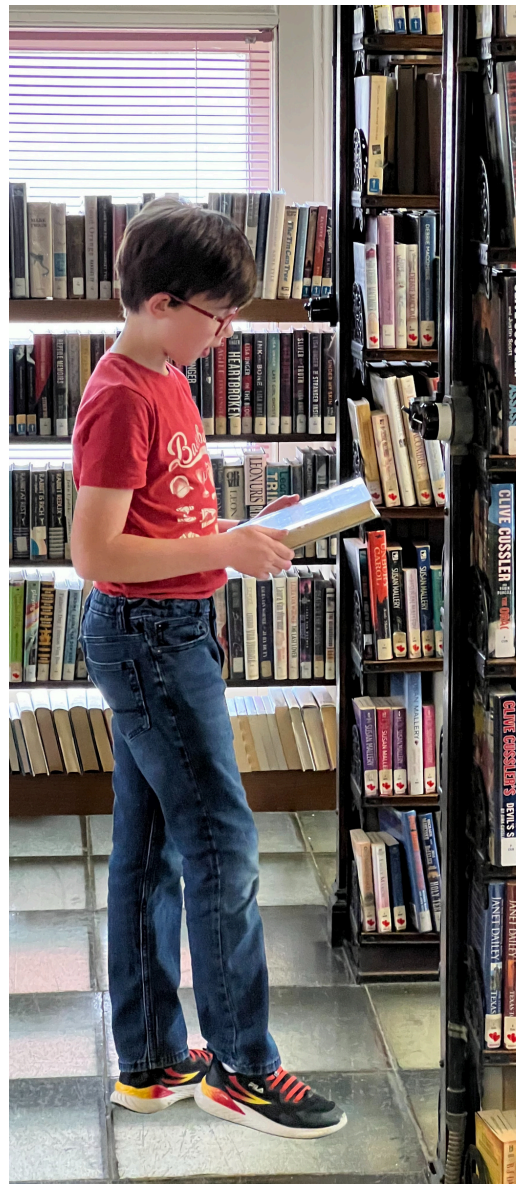
CIRCULATION

Total circulations: 63,591



PROGRAMS- CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

- Weekly Preschool Storytime
- LEGO club
- Bookworms-elementary age
- Read to a Therapy Dog
- Summer Reading Program
- Messtival Kick off Party
- Science Heroes
- STEM kits
- Laughing Matters Show
- Power Up Arcade Finale Party for Summer Reading
- Fire Safety
- MO Willems book party and SFCC theater guests
- Santa Visit
- Cookie Decorating
- Knead to Read Playdough Day
- School visits



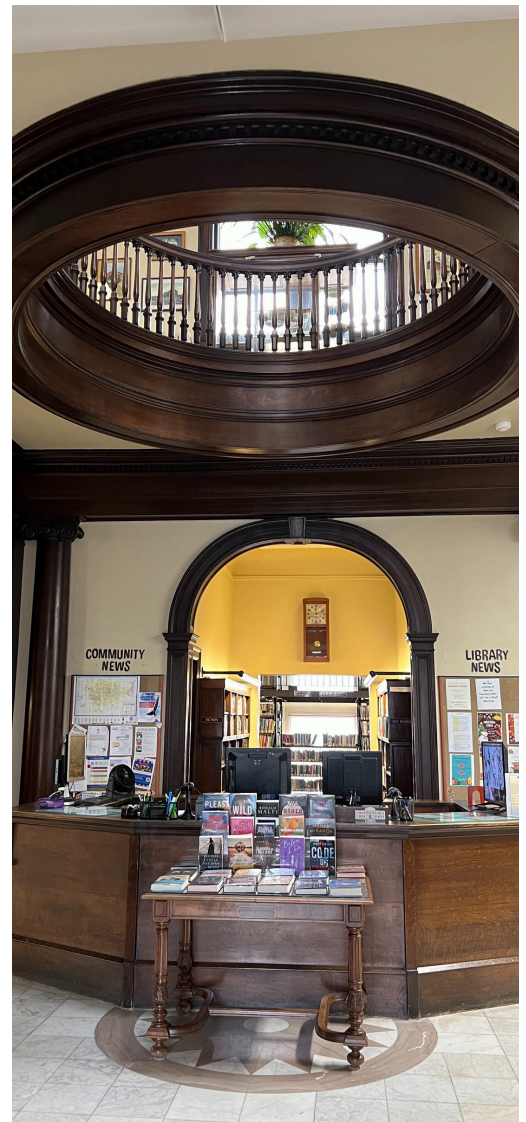
ADULT PROGRAMS

- Monthly Book Club
- Chess Club
- Create & Connect: An adult craft night (monthly)
- Local Author book signing
- MU Extension Programs
- Visible Mending Workshop
- Paint & Sip Summer Reading Party
- Bedazzled Books
- Bad Art-Teen event
- Intro to Canva
- Fourth Wing Series Deep Dive Book Club
- Book to Film Watch Party
- Family BINGO night
- Ghost Hunters Night for Teens & Adults
- Gilded Age Writing Workshop
- Valentine Cookie Decorating
- Evolution of Women's Fashion: Through the Decades Fashion show
- Free Swaps-plants, school supplies, games, puzzles



OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Independent Book Store Day
- Sedalia Area Literacy Council Tea & Auction
- Boys & Girls Club Clothing Drive
- Farmer's Market
- Donut Day
- First Thursday's
- National Library Card Sign Up Month
- Tiny Tots Visit at Heckart Community Center
- School visits



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FY 2025-2026

Revenue Budget: \$914,371

Actual Revenue Received: \$1,041,377.15

Expenditures-

Personnel Budget: \$530,500

Personnel Actual: \$517,580

Non-Personnel Budget: \$275,350

Non-Personnel Actual: \$312,613

Capital Expenditures Budget: \$36,013

Capital Expenditures Actual: \$34,562

COP Debt Service (loan) Budget: \$100,100

COP Debt Service (loan) Actual: \$100,099.30

Total Expenditures: \$964,855

Cash Reserve: \$1,173,989

Cash Investments: \$490,000