Checkout and Patron Statistics for 2025
International English Library

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Contents

This document is a report of the International English Library's item checkouts and membership for the year 2025, including also historical graphs.

The data for this report was exported from the library's catalogue management system Koha. The library has been using Koha only since 2016, therefore anything before does not represent the library's historical checkout data.

The library was closed for 18 months from 2020 to 2022 due to Covid and due to moving to a new location (from Kasernenstr. in the Altstadt to Mecumstr. in Bilk).

1 Total checkouts & patrons over time

The library has seen a continuous growth in total number of checkouts as well as distinct patrons over time.

1.1 History and growth from 2016 to 2025

This chart shows the total number of checkouts alongside distinct patrons since the library started using Koha.

year	total_items	distinct_patrons
2016	1465	80
2017	4403	111
2018	5541	145
2019	6533	186
2020	5639	208
2021	1157	89
2022	5395	363
2023	10733	524
2024	12507	577
2025	13929	610

Checkouts and patrons over time

Bars = total items checked out; line = number of unique patrons who checked out items
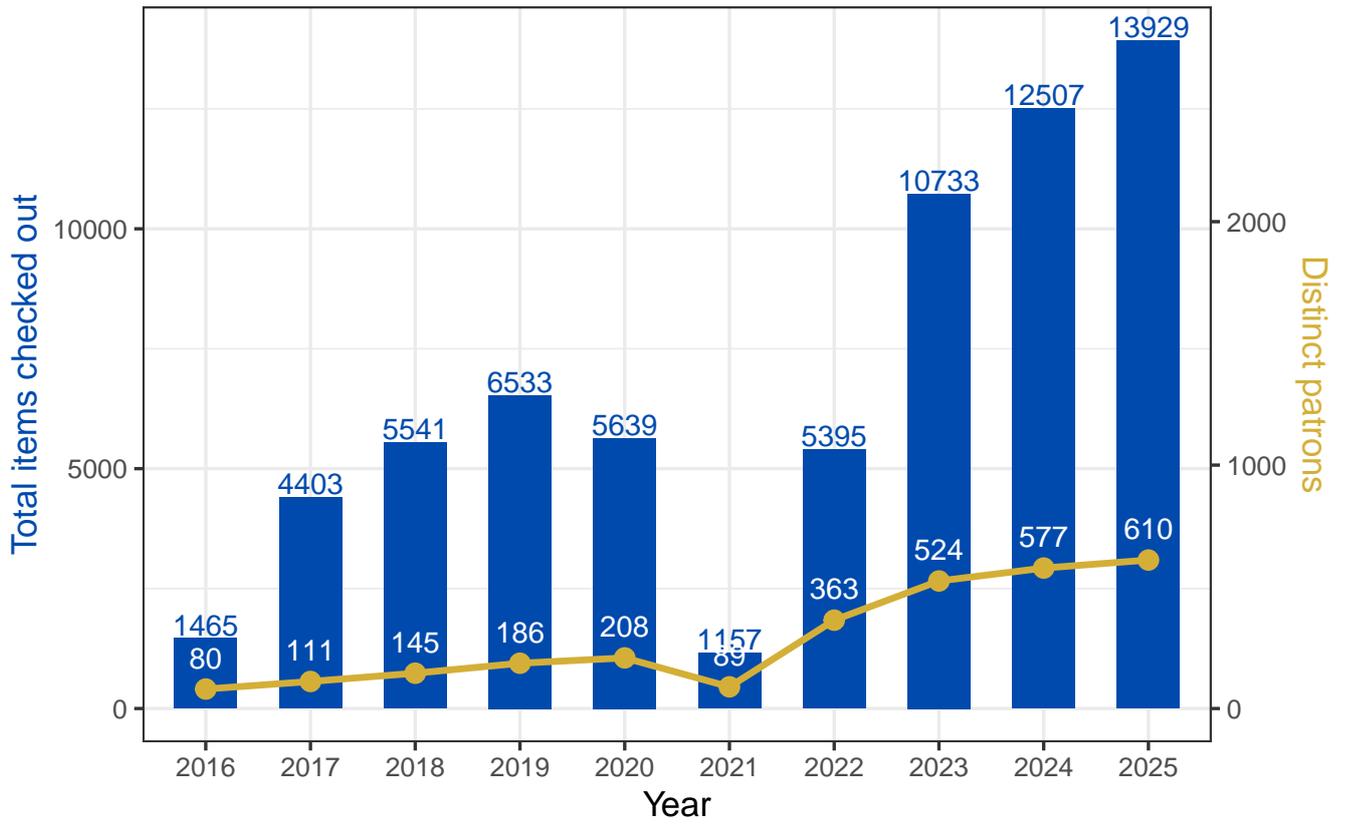
1.1.1 Averages

Calculating an average of how many books a patron takes out over the year, it would be an average of the following for each year:

year	avg_checkouts_per_patron
2016	18.31250
2017	39.66667
2018	38.21379
2019	35.12366
2020	27.11058
2021	13.00000
2022	14.86226
2023	20.48282
2024	21.67591
2025	22.83443

I.e. in 2025, patrons took out an average of 22 books.

1.2 Checkout statistics by month for 2025

This chart shows the total number of checkouts alongside distinct patrons for each month in 2025.

month	total_items	distinct_patrons
1	1282	218
2	1030	180
3	1073	206
4	1038	212
5	1111	209
6	1128	196
7	1346	217
8	1333	222
9	1274	231
10	1234	225
11	1153	199
12	927	182

Checkouts and patrons in 2025

Bars = total items checked out; line = number of unique patrons who checked out items
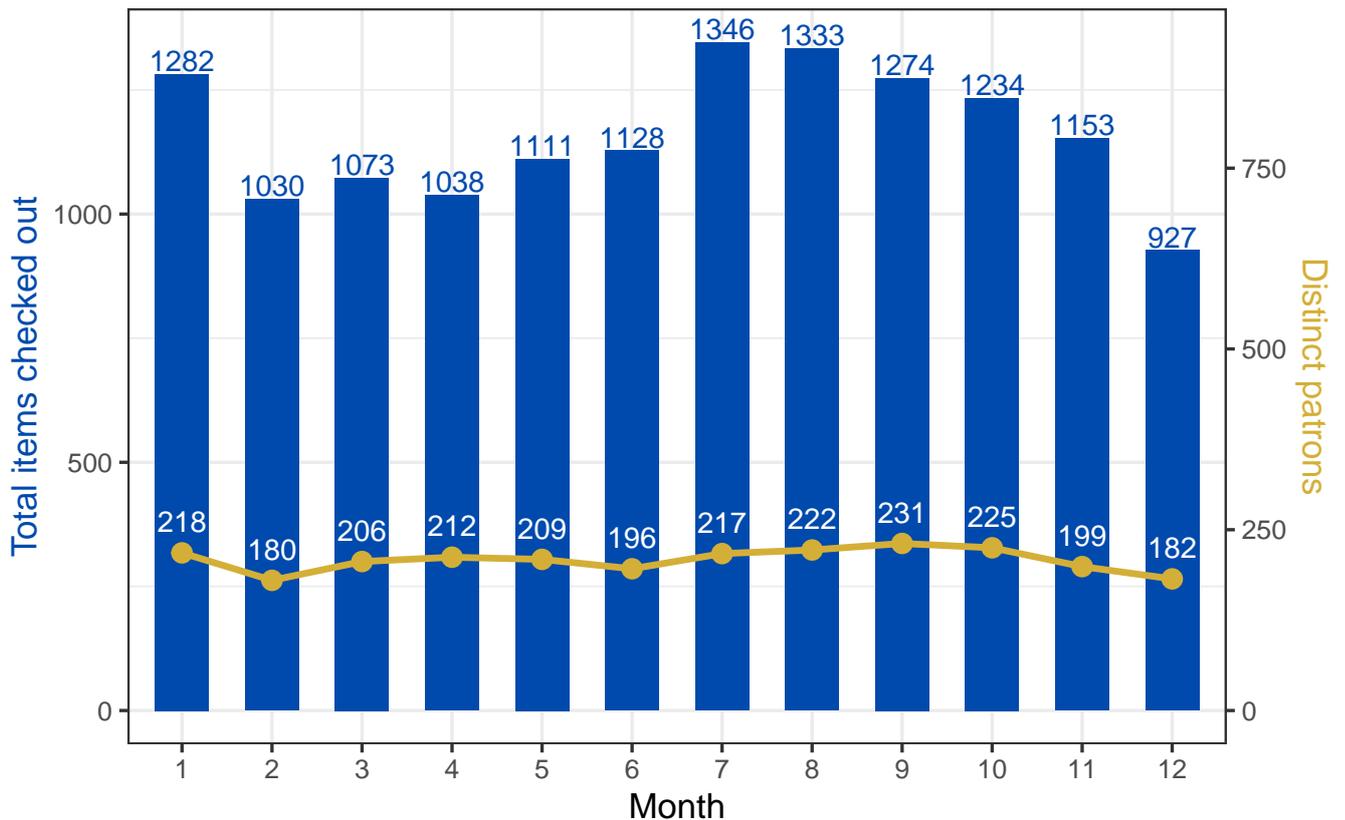
1.2.1 Means and medians

Looking at means and medians on a monthly basis, regarding total checked out items, the mean would be

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## [1] 1160.75
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and the median would be

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## [1] 1140.5
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per month.

On average, 1160 items are checked out every month.

Regarding distinct patrons, the mean would be

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## [1] 208.0833
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and the median would be

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## [1] 210.5
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On average, 208 unique patrons visited the library per month in 2025.

2 Types of media and genres

Where do patrons check items out from? The following table and chart show the raw number of checkouts, demonstrating that half of our *checkouts* make up books from the Children's Area.

2.1 Total checkouts by shelving location

location_name	num_checkouts	fraction	ymax	ymin
Children's Area	6891	0.4947588	0.4947588	0.0000000
New Books	2826	0.2029006	0.6976594	0.4947588
Fiction	2330	0.1672889	0.8649483	0.6976594
Non-Fiction	1263	0.0906806	0.9556289	0.8649483
Videos/Audiobooks	390	0.0280011	0.9836301	0.9556289
New DVDs	218	0.0156519	0.9992820	0.9836301
Display Table	9	0.0006462	0.9999282	0.9992820
Reference	1	0.0000718	1.0000000	0.9999282

Total number of checkouts

Percentage of item checkouts by shelving location
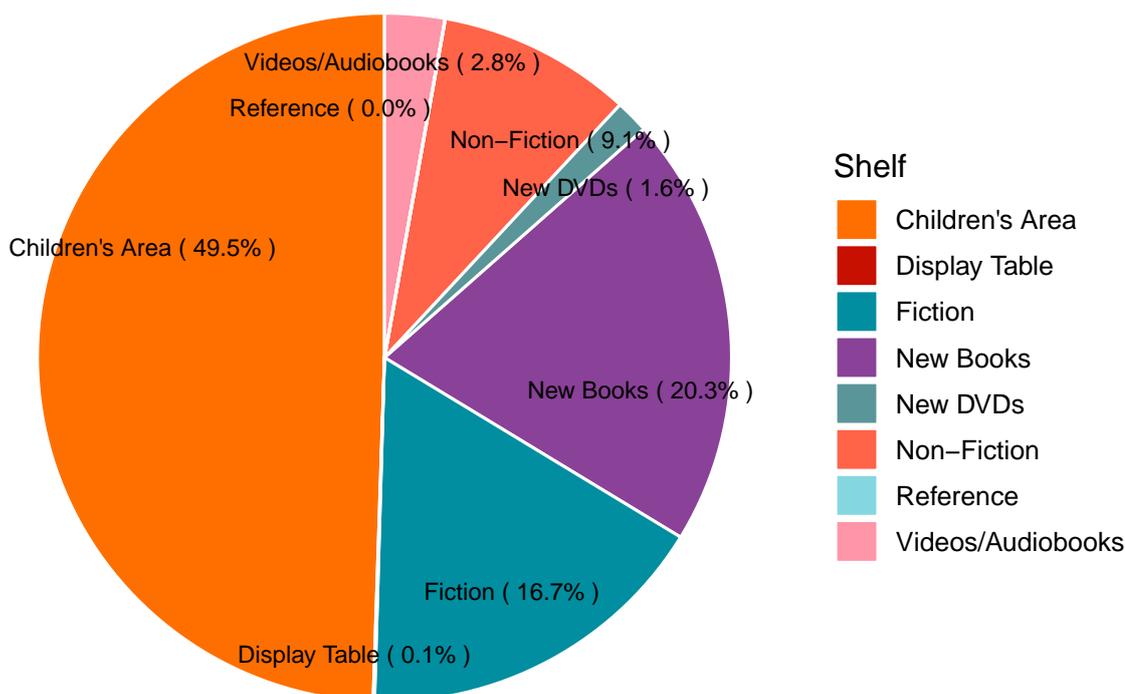
However, this is not representative of our patrons, as many patrons who take out children's books, take out 10-20 books at a time. In order to get a better picture of our patrons, we need to look at the unique number of patrons, rather than checkouts.

2.2   Number of patrons by shelving location

This chart counts distinct **patrons**, rather than the total number of checkouts. This illustrates only 17% of total distinct patrons make up patron checkouts from the Children's Area, while the vast majority check out Fiction, Non-Fiction and New Books.

location_name	num_patrons	pct	pct_label
New Books	435	0.2734129	27.3%
Fiction	415	0.2608422	26.1%
Non-Fiction	310	0.1948460	19.5%
Children's Area	279	0.1753614	17.5%
Videos/Audiobooks	83	0.0521684	5.2%
New DVDs	61	0.0383407	3.8%
Display Table	7	0.0043997	0.4%
Reference	1	0.0006285	0.1%

Checkouts by unique patrons
Percentage of shelves from which distinct patrons checked out items

Videos/Audiobooks (5.2%)

Children's Area (17.5%)

Reference (0.1%)

Display Table (0.4%)

Non–Fiction (19.5%)

Fiction (26.1%)

New DVDs (3.8%)

New Books (27.3%)

Shelf
- Children's Area
- Display Table
- Fiction
- New Books
- New DVDs
- Non–Fiction
- Reference
- Videos/Audiobooks
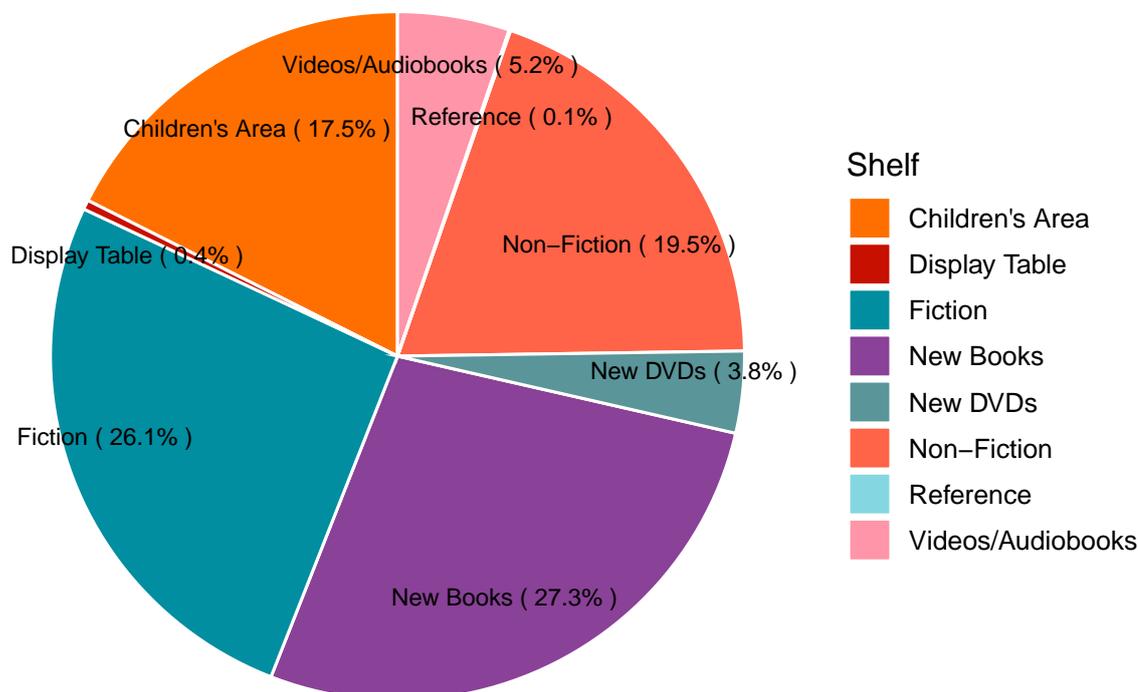
2.3   Deep dive of number of patrons by genre

Shelving locations are not particularly useful in the analyses of our checkouts, as they are not representative of the collection and the genres (and they are not actively maintained). To get a better picture of which types of genres patrons really check out, the following analyses shows the library's genres, re-categorized into thematic clusters (distinct from shelving location).

The numbers represent the number of distinct *patrons* who check out these books, not the total number of checkouts.

genre_group	num_patrons	pct_total_patrons	fraction
Fiction	435	71.31148	26.968382
Short Stories	63	10.32787	3.905766
Graphic Novels & Comics	137	22.45902	8.493490
Non Fiction	299	49.01639	18.536888
Biography	114	18.68852	7.067576
Coursebooks & Teaching	80	13.11475	4.959702
Travel	87	14.26230	5.393676

genre_group	num_patrons	pct_total_patrons	fraction
Children	299	49.01639	18.536888
Video	99	16.22951	6.137632

2.3.1 What is the difference between the values?

pct_total_patrons uses the total patron count from the original data frame. In 2025, we had 610 unique patrons overall. If 435 of them ever borrowed a Fiction book, then Fiction's pct_total_patrons is 435 / 610 = 71.3%. This tells us how big the Fiction audience is compared to everyone who ever borrowed anything.

fraction uses the sum of the num_patrons (distinct number of patrons) values shown in the table. Because we first calculated distinct patrons by genre_group, a single patron can appear in multiple rows (if they borrowed books from several genres). So the sum of num_patrons is larger than the true total number of unique patrons. In the example, the sum of num_patrons is about 1,613 (because many patrons are counted more than once). The fraction for Fiction is 435 / 1,613 = 27%. This tells us the proportion of genre-specific patron counts that belong to Fiction, not the proportion of all unique patrons.

To summarize:

- pct_total_patrons = "How many of the library's individual patrons love this genre?"
- fraction = "If we look at all the genre-patron connections (including duplicates), what slice does this genre occupy?"

Because patrons can belong to several genres, the two percentages will usually differ: pct_total_patrons adds up to 100 % across all patrons, while fraction adds up to 100% across all genre-patron pairs (which can exceed the number of unique patrons).

2.3.2 All genres, grouped

This table shows the above categories, split up into genres (ccode in Koha). It lists the distinct number of patrons who checked out items from this collection.
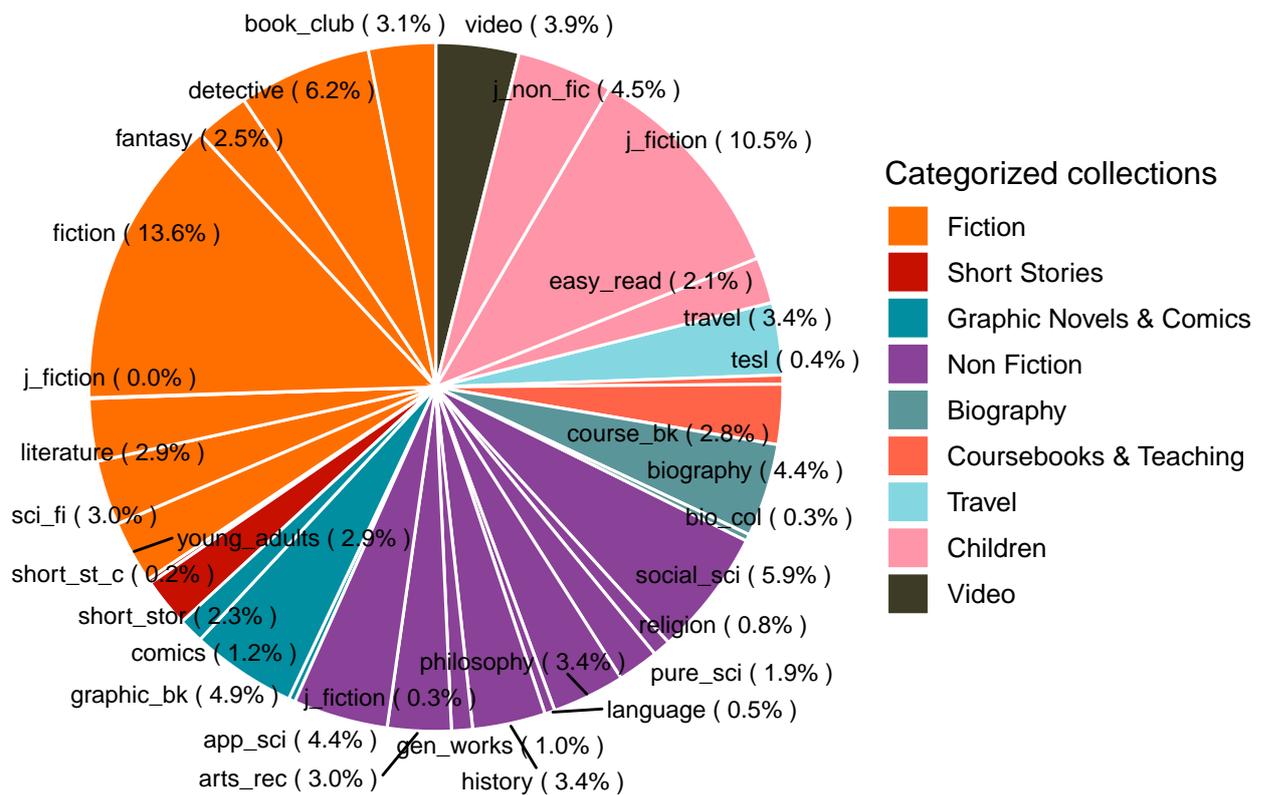
ccode	genre_group	num_patrons	pct_total_patrons	fraction
BOOK_CLUB	Fiction	80	13.1147541	3.1237798
DETECTIVE	Fiction	159	26.0655738	6.2085123
FANTASY	Fiction	65	10.6557377	2.5380711
FICTION	Fiction	349	57.2131148	13.6274893
J_FICTION	Fiction	1	0.1639344	0.0390472
LITERATURE	Fiction	75	12.2950820	2.9285435
SCI_FI	Fiction	78	12.7868852	3.0456853
YOUNG_ADULTS	Fiction	75	12.2950820	2.9285435
SHORT_ST_C	Short Stories	5	0.8196721	0.1952362
SHORT_STOR	Short Stories	59	9.6721311	2.3037876
COMICS	Graphic Novels & Comics	30	4.9180328	1.1714174
GRAPHIC_BK	Graphic Novels & Comics	126	20.6557377	4.9199531
J_FICTION	Graphic Novels & Comics	8	1.3114754	0.3123780
APP_SCI	Non Fiction	113	18.5245902	4.4123389
ARTS_REC	Non Fiction	76	12.4590164	2.9675908
GEN_WORKS	Non Fiction	25	4.0983607	0.9761812
HISTORY	Non Fiction	87	14.2622951	3.3971105
LANGUAGE	Non Fiction	12	1.9672131	0.4685670
PHILOSOPHY	Non Fiction	87	14.2622951	3.3971105
PURE_SCI	Non Fiction	49	8.0327869	1.9133151
RELIGION	Non Fiction	21	3.4426230	0.8199922
SOCIAL_SCI	Non Fiction	152	24.9180328	5.9351816
BIO_COL	Biography	8	1.3114754	0.3123780
BIOGRAPHY	Biography	112	18.3606557	4.3732917
COURSE_BK	Coursebooks & Teaching	72	11.8032787	2.8114018
TESL	Coursebooks & Teaching	11	1.8032787	0.4295197
TRAVEL	Travel	87	14.2622951	3.3971105
EASY_READ	Children	55	9.0163934	2.1475986
J_FICTION	Children	270	44.2622951	10.5427567
J_NON_FIC	Children	115	18.8524590	4.4904334
VIDEO	Video	99	16.2295082	3.8656775

Please note that some of these groupings are inaccurate. **graphic_bk** for example includes Graphic Novels both aimed at adults and at children. Similarly **easy_read** can be both.

The above table is visualized in the following chart.

What genres do our patrons check out?
Percentage of patrons who check out which catalogue collections

Legend — Categorized collections:
- Fiction
- Short Stories
- Graphic Novels & Comics
- Non Fiction
- Biography
- Coursebooks & Teaching
- Travel
- Children
- Video

Pie chart labels:
- book_club (3.1%)
- video (3.9%)
- detective (6.2%)
- j_non_fic (4.5%)
- fantasy (2.5%)
- j_fiction (10.5%)
- fiction (13.6%)
- easy_read (2.1%)
- travel (3.4%)
- tesl (0.4%)
- j_fiction (0.0%)
- course_bk (2.8%)
- biography (4.4%)
- literature (2.9%)
- bio_col (0.3%)
- sci_fi (3.0%)
- young_adults (2.9%)
- social_sci (5.9%)
- short_st_c (0.2%)
- religion (0.8%)
- short_stor (2.3%)
- philosophy (3.4%)
- pure_sci (1.9%)
- comics (1.2%)
- j_fiction (0.3%)
- language (0.5%)
- graphic_bk (4.9%)
- app_sci (4.4%)
- gen_works (1.0%)
- arts_rec (3.0%)
- history (3.4%)

3 Junior Fiction

Junior Fiction makes up the majority of total checkouts - even though as we can see in the previous section, when taking into account all checkouts by distinct patrons, it is not our most popular genre. This is because the people who check out Junior Fiction, often check out a large amount of books at a time.

To get an idea of which types of Junior Fiction is most often checked out, we can look at the different age group categorizations.

jf_subject	total_items	num_patrons
Junior Fiction - Picture Books	3552	177
Junior Fiction - Age 3-5 - blue	328	77
Junior Fiction - Age 6-8 - green	645	80
Junior Fiction - Age 9-12 - red	685	98
Junior Fiction - Age 13 plus - yellow	107	51
Junior Graphic - yellow dot	991	96
Junior Fiction - Easy Reader - orange dot	247	53
Junior Fiction - Difficult Topics - purple dot	29	18
Junior Non-Fiction	140	61
NA	15	11

3.1   Total checkouts for Junior Fiction

Picture books are the most checked out type of items, as patrons tend to check out big batches of them at a time.

Total check outs of children's books
Total number of checkouts by Junior Fiction subject

Subject
- Junior Fiction – Picture Books
- Junior Fiction – Age 3–5 – blue
- Junior Fiction – Age 6–8 – green
- Junior Fiction – Age 9–12 – red
- Junior Fiction – Age 13 plus – yellow
- Junior Graphic – yellow dot
- Junior Fiction – Easy Reader – orange dot
- Junior Fiction – Difficult Topics – purple dot
- Junior Non–Fiction
- NA
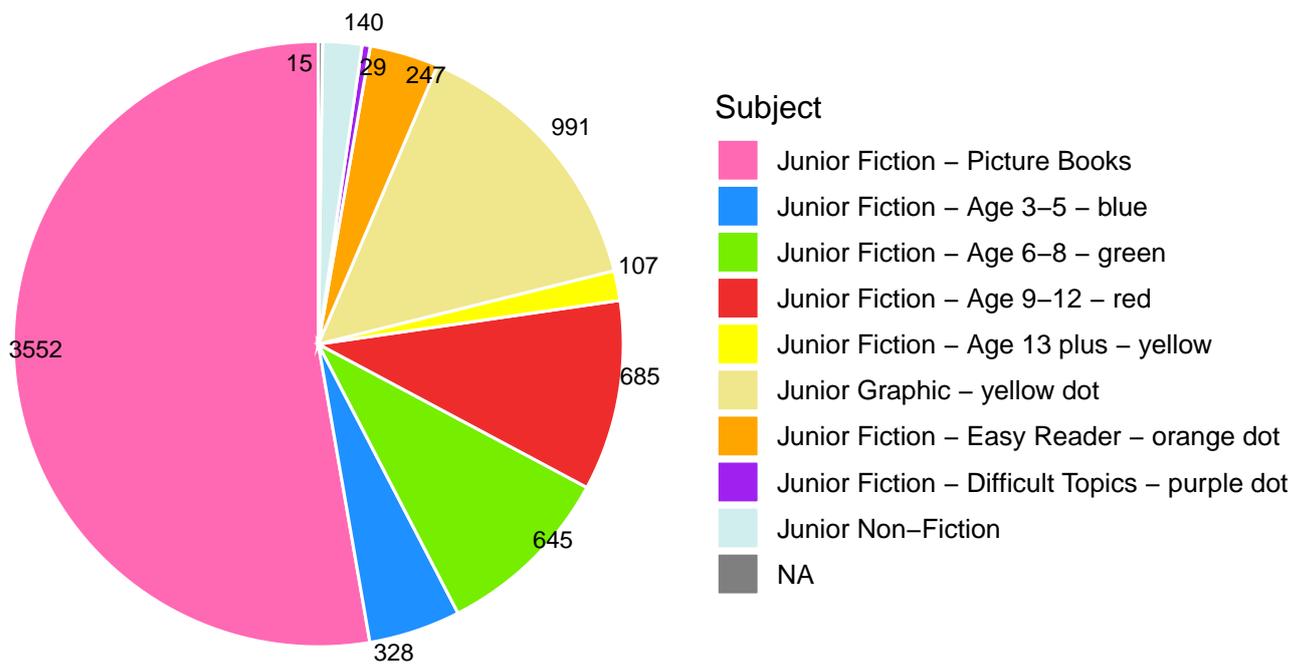
3.2 Percentage of patrons who check out Junior Fiction

When looking at distinct patrons instead of total checkouts, we can see that actually onyl 24% of all patrons who check out children's books, check out picture books.

Children's books our patrons check out

Percentage of patrons and which types of children's books they check out
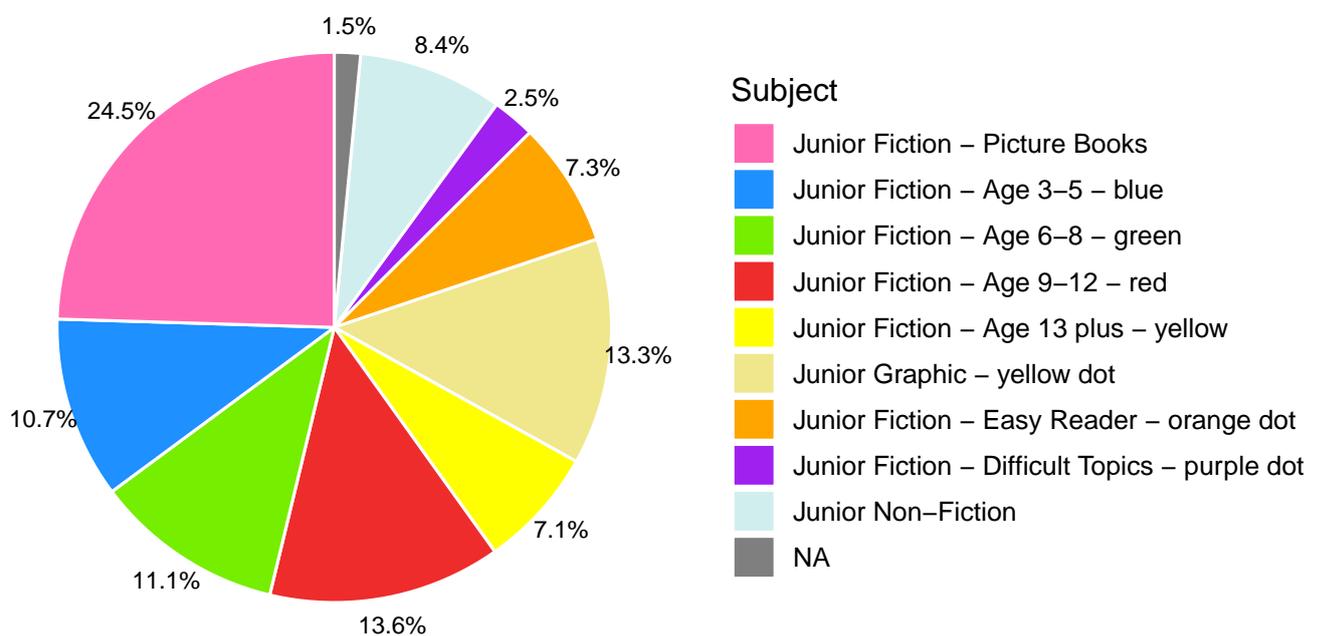
To summarize both charts, 24% of patrons who checked out any Junior Fiction books, checked out over 3000 Picture books in 2025.

4 Audiobooks

This table lists how many Audiobooks were checked out in the past years by how many unique patrons.

year	total_items	distinct_patrons
2016	8	5
2017	20	13
2018	30	17
2019	71	18
2020	43	21
2021	7	2
2022	40	18
2023	45	21
2024	31	13
2025	40	19

Audiobook checkouts and patrons over time
Bars = total audiobooks checked out; Line = unique patrons
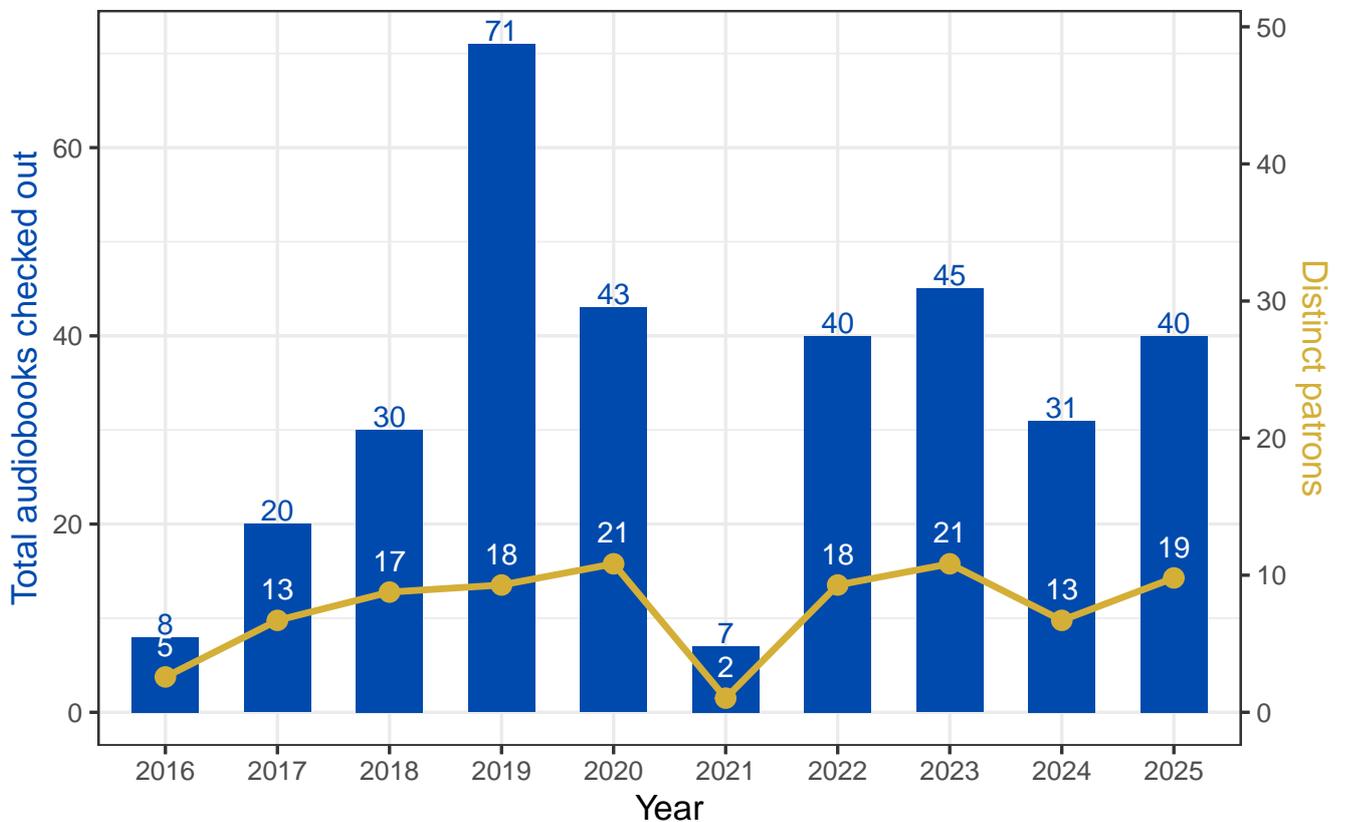

Audiobooks are declining in popularity steadily.

5 DVDs

This table lists how many DVDs were checked out in the past years by how many unique patrons.

year	total_items	distinct_patrons
2016	282	32
2017	1255	64
2018	1255	54
2019	1095	71
2020	652	63
2021	123	20
2022	513	63
2023	847	80
2024	691	72
2025	600	99

DVD checkouts and patrons over time

Bars = total DVDs checked out; Line = unique patrons
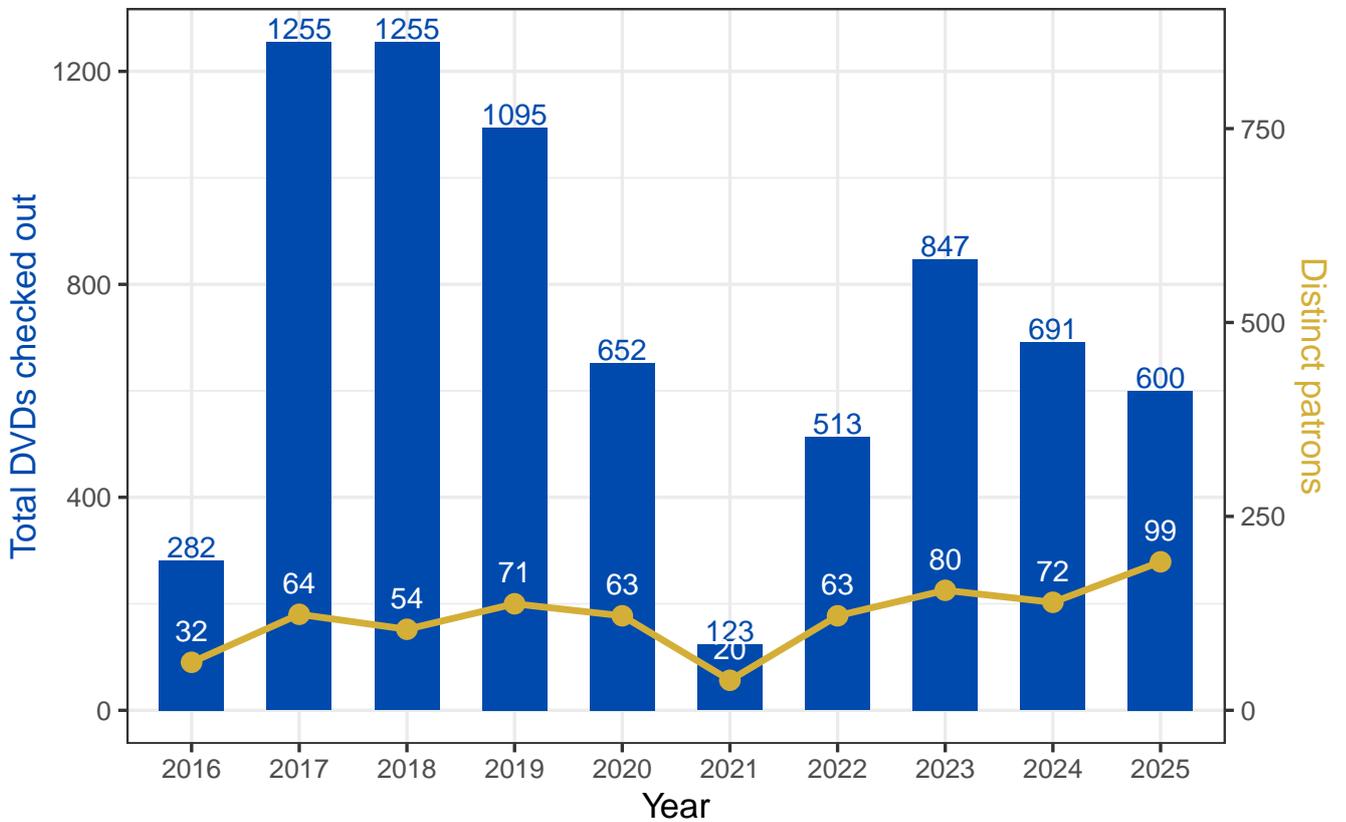
Before covid, patrons checked out significantly more DVDs.

6 Most popular media in 2025

This section lists the Top 10 items by number of checkouts indicated as **(n)** in the last column of each table for several different collections for 2025. It illustrates which titles are most popular among our patrons.

6.1 Top 10 items in 2025 (by total checkouts)

6.1.1 Top 10 Items, unfiltered

Includes all media (books, DVDs, audiobooks). Books from our children's area dominate this chart, as they are checked out most often.

item_title	item_author	n
DOG MAN #1	Pilkey, Dav	24
The Gruffalo's Child	Donaldson, Julia | Scheffler, Axel	21
Orbital	Harvey, Samantha	20
DOG MAN #7 - For Whom the Ball Rolls	Pilkey, Dav	18
DOG MAN #13: Big Jim Begins	Pilkey, Dav	17
DOG MAN #9 - Grime and Punishment	Pilkey, Dav	17
Monkey Puzzle	Donaldson, Julia | Scheffler, Axel	17
Cat Kid Comic Club : Collaborations (No. 4)	Pilkey, Dav	15
DOG MAN #10 - Mothering Heights	Pilkey, Dav	15
DOG MAN #2 - Unleashed	Pilkey, Dav	15

6.1.2 Top 10 Books

This list excludes DVDs, but is still dominated by children's area titles.

item_title	item_author	n
Orbital	Harvey, Samantha	20
DOG MAN #1	Pilkey, Dav	17
DOG MAN #7 - For Whom the Ball Rolls	Pilkey, Dav	11
DOG MAN #9 - Grime and Punishment	Pilkey, Dav	11
Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow	Zevin, Gabrielle	11
Excellent Women	Pym, Barbara	10
James	Everett, Percival	10
Project Hail Mary	Weir, Andy	10
Second Best	Foenkinos, David	10

item_title	item_author	n
The Kamogawa Food Detectives	Kashiwai, Hisashi	10

6.1.3 Top 10 Fiction Books

Filtered to only adult fiction, these are our 10 most popular titles, alongside their collection code.

item_title	item_author	ccode	n
Orbital	Harvey, Samantha	FICTION	20
Second Best	Foenkinos, David	FICTION	10
The Kamogawa Food Detectives	Kashiwai, Hisashi	DETECTIVE	10
A Grave in the Woods	Walker, Martin	DETECTIVE	9
Babel	Kuang, R.F.	FANTASY	9
A Killing of Innocents	Crombie, Deborah	DETECTIVE	7
Death at the Sign of the Rook	Atkinson, Kate	DETECTIVE	7
Excellent Women	Pym, Barbara	BOOK_CLUB	7
I Who Have Never Known Men	Harpman, Jacqueline	FICTION	7
Murder at the Bookstore	Minix, Sue	DETECTIVE	7

6.1.4 Top 10 Non Fiction Books

These are our 10 most popular non-fiction books, alongside their collection code.

item_title	item_author	ccode	n
Monsters	Dederer, Claire	ARTS_REC	9
The Border	Fatland, Erika	TRAVEL	8
The Data Detective	Harford, Tim	GEN_WORKS	8
Atomic Habits - Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results	Clear. James	PHILOSOPHY	7
Ikigai	Garcia, Hector | Miralles, Francesc	APP_SCI	7
Spoon-Fed	Spector, Tim	APP_SCI	7
The Culture Map	Meyer, Erin	APP_SCI	7
A Travel Guide to the Middle Ages	Bale, Anthony	HISTORY	6
Abundance	Klein, Ezra | Thompson, Derek	SOCIAL_SCI	6
Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing	Perry, Matthew	BIOGRAPHY	6

6.1.5 Top 10 Fantasy Books

item_title	item_author	item_series	n
Babel	Kuang, R.F.		9
Fourth Wing	Yarros, Rebecca	Fourth Wing	6
Iron Flame	Yarros, Rebecca	Fourth Wing	6
A Court of Thorns and Roses	Maas, Sarah J.	A Court of Thorns and Roses	5
Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands	Fawcett, Heather	Emily Wilde	5
The Poppy War	Kuang, R.F.	The Poppy War	5
A Hero Born	Yong, Jin	Legends of the Condor Heroes	4
The Bright Sword	Grossman, Lev		4
The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring	Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Lord of the Rings	4
A Darker Shade of Magic	Schwab, V.E.	Shades of Magic	3

6.1.6 Top 10 Sci-Fi Books

item_title	item_author	item_series	n
This Is How You Lose the Time War	El-Mohtar, Amal | Gladstone, Max		7
Golden Son	Brown, Pierce	Red Rising	6
Project Hail Mary	Weir, Andy		6
Red Rising	Brown, Pierce	Red Rising	6
Foundation	Asimov, Isaac	The Foundation Saga	5
Morning Star	Brown, Pierce	Red Rising	5
The Three-Body Problem	Liu, Cixin	Remembrance of Earth's Past	5
Dark Matter	Crouch, Blake		4
The Complete Stories - Volume 1	Asimov, Isaac		4
The Coral Bones	Swift, E.J.		4

6.1.7 Top 10 Detective Books

item_title	item_author	item_series	n
The Kamogawa Food Detectives	Kashiwai, Hisashi	Kamogawa Food Detectives	10
A Grave in the Woods	Walker, Martin	Bruno Courrèges	9
A Killing of Innocents	Crombie, Deborah	Duncan Kincaid & Gemma James	7
Death at the Sign of the Rook	Atkinson, Kate	Jackson Brodie	7
Murder at the Bookstore	Minix, Sue	The Bookstore Mystery	7
The Queen of Poisons	Thorogood, Robert	The Marlow Murder Club	7
A Chateau Under Siege	Walker, Martin	Bruno Courrèges	6
Hell Bay	Rhodes, Kate	DI Ben Kitto	6
Ruin Beach	Rhodes, Kate	DI Ben Kitto	6
The Bangalore Detectives Club	Nagendra, Harini	Bangalore Detectives Club Mystery	6

6.1.8 Top 10 Young Adult Books

item_title	item_author	item_series	n
It Starts With Us	Hoover, Colleen	It Ends with Us	6
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder	Jackson, Holly	A Good Girl's Guide to Murder	5
One of Us Is Lying	McManus, Karen M.	One of Us Is Lying	5
Almond	Sohn, Won-Pyung		4
Five Survive	Jackson, Holly		4
The Reappearance of Rachel Price	Jackson, Holly		4
This Savage Song	Schwab, V.E.		4
To All The Boys I've Loved Before	Han, Jenny		4
Good Girl, Bad Blood	Jackson, Holly	A Good Girl's Guide to Murder	3
If I Was Your Girl	Russo, Meredith		3

6.1.9   Top 10 Children's Area Books

item_title	item_author	item_series	item_subject	n
The Gruffalo's Child	Donaldson, Julia | Scheffler, Axel		Junior Fiction - Picture Books	21
DOG MAN #13: Big Jim Begins	Pilkey, Dav	DOG MAN	Junior Graphic - yellow dot	17
Monkey Puzzle	Donaldson, Julia | Scheffler, Axel		Junior Fiction - Picture Books	17
Cat Kid Comic Club : Collaborations (No. 4)	Pilkey, Dav	Cat Kid Comic Club	Junior Graphic - yellow dot	15
DOG MAN #11 - Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea	Pilkey, Dav	DOG MAN	Junior Graphic - yellow dot	14
Dog Man #12- The Scarlet Shedder	Pilkey, Dav	DOG MAN	Junior Graphic - yellow dot	14
DOG MAN #6: Brawl of the Wild	Pilkey, Dav	DOG MAN	Junior Graphic - yellow dot	14
Cat Kid Comic Club : Perspectives (No. 2)	Pilkey, Dav	Cat Kid Comic Club	Junior Graphic - yellow dot	11
Sunk!	Biddulph, Rob		Junior Fiction - Picture Books	11
The Squirrels Who Squabbled	Bright, Rachel | Field, Jim		Junior Fiction - Picture Books	11

6.1.10   Top 10 DVDs

item_title	item_author	n
Conclave	Berger, Edward (dir.) | Harris, Robert	12
The Outrun	Fingscheidt, Nora (dir.)	12
Lee	Kuras, Ellen (dir.)	8
A Complete Unknown	Mangold, James (dir.)	7
Small Things Like These	Mielants, Tim (dir.) | Keegan, Claire	6
The Brutalist	Corbet, Brady (dir.)	6
Anatomy of a Fall	Triet, Justine (dir.)	5
Past Lives	Song, Celine (dir.)	5

item_title	item_author	n
Perfect Days	Wenders, Wim (dir.)	5
Suzume	Shinkai, Makoto (dir.)	5

6.1.11   Top 10 Audiobooks

These are our most popular audiobooks, which are also largely from the children's area.

item_title	item_author	ccode	n
One Tiny Turtle	Davies, Nicola	J_FICTION	5
Cock-a-doodle-doo! Farmyard Hullabaloo	Andreae, Giles	J_FICTION	4
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days	Kinney, Jeff	J_FICTION	2
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth	Kinney, Jeff	J_FICTION	2
Hayley the Rain Fairy	Meadows, Daisy	J_FICTION	2
How to Train your Dragon	Cowell, Cressida	J_FICTION	2
The Lion King	Disney, Walt	J_FICTION	2
A Short History of Nearly Everything	Bryson, Bill	FICTION	1
At Home	Bryson, Bill	FICTION	1
Becoming	Obama, Michelle	BIOGRAPHY	1

6.2   Top 10 Authors in 2025 (by total checkouts)

The previous section listed our most popular titles. Here, we're looking at authors specifically, to see which authors are most read from our catalogue.

n = number of checkouts

6.2.1   Top 10 Authors

Unfiltered, including all genres and item types.

item_author	n
Pilkey, Dav	252
Willems, Mo	192
Donaldson, Julia | Scheffler, Axel	188
Kinney, Jeff	128
Various (dir.)	95
Christie, Agatha	78
Jeffers, Oliver	74
Seuss, Dr.	71
Donaldson, Julia	69
Green, John Patrick	65

6.2.2   Top 10 Fiction Authors

item_author	n
Christie, Agatha	78
Winspear, Jacqueline	29
Kuang, R.F.	26
Moyes, Jojo	26
Atkinson, Kate	24
Griffiths, Elly	24
Harvey, Samantha	24
Keegan, Claire	23
Connelly, Michael	22
Kang, Han	22

6.2.3   Top 10 Non-Fiction Authors

item_author	n
Harari, Yuval Noah	15
Erikson, Thomas	11
Fatland, Erika	11
Harford, Tim	10
Chesshyre, Tom	9
Coates, Ben	9
Dederer, Claire	9
Frankopan, Peter	9
Schumacher, E.F.	9
Munroe, Randall	8

6.2.4 Top 10 Fantasy Authors

item_author	n
Kuang, R.F.	19
Pratchett, Terry	13
Yarros, Rebecca	12
Tolkien, J.R.R.	11
Maas, Sarah J.	10
Yong, Jin	8
Jordan, Robert	7
Butcher, Jim	6
Weeks, Brent	6
Fawcett, Heather	5

6.2.5 Top 10 Sci-Fi Authors

item_author	n
Brown, Pierce	17
Asimov, Isaac	15
Weir, Andy	10
Liu, Cixin	9
El-Mohtar, Amal | Gladstone, Max	7
Herbert, Frank	7
Le Guin, Ursula	6

item_author	n
Leckie, Ann	6
Cline, Ernest	5
Corey, James S. A.	5

6.2.6   Top 10 Detective Authors

item_author	n
Christie, Agatha	77
Winspear, Jacqueline	29
Griffiths, Elly	24
Walker, Martin	22
Osman, Richard	21
Connelly, Michael	20
Nagendra, Harini	17
McDermid, Val	16
Mukherjee, Abir	16
Atkinson, Kate	15

6.2.7   Top 10 Young Adult Authors

item_author	n
Jackson, Holly	20
McManus, Karen M.	10
Collins, Suzanne	7
Schwab, V.E.	7
Bardugo, Leigh	6
Hoover, Colleen	6
Johnson, Maureen	6
Mafi, Tahereh	6
Pullman, Philip	6
Han, Jenny	4

6.3 Top 10 series in 2025

Finally, some genres have a lot of series. To see the popularity of the series in our catalogue, these lists show how often any item from a series was checked out in 2025.

Please note that a lot of items in Koha are missing series information (especially in the Detective section), therefore these are not very accurate.

6.3.1 Top 10 Fantasy Series

item_series	total_items	distinct_patron_ids
Fourth Wing	12	7
A Court of Thorns and Roses	10	8
The Poppy War	10	6
Discworld	9	5
The Lord of the Rings	9	7
Legends of the Condor Heroes	8	4
The Wheel of Time	7	4
The Dresden Files	6	1
The Kingkiller Chronicle	6	4
Emily Wilde	5	5
Shades of Magic	5	4

6.3.2 Top 10 Sci-Fi Series

item_series	total_items	distinct_patron_ids
Red Rising	17	5
The Foundation Saga	9	5
Remembrance of Earth's Past	8	6
The Dune Novels	7	3
Imperial Radch	6	3
Ready Player	5	4
The Cosmic Trilogy	5	2
Children of Time	3	3
Lady Astronaut Universe	3	2
The Expanse	3	2
The Southern Reach Trilogy	3	3

6.3.3 Top 10 Detective Series

item_series	total_items	distinct_patron_ids
Bruno Courrèges	22	15
Maisie Dobbs	21	5
DI Ben Kitto	15	10
Jackson Brodie	15	9
Bangalore Detectives Club Mystery	14	10
Kamogawa Food Detectives	13	12
Dr. Ruth Galloway Mystery	11	4
Kate Shugak Investigations	11	5
Rivers of London	11	8
The Marlow Murder Club	11	9
Duncan Kincaid & Gemma James	8	8

6.3.4 Top 10 Young Adult Series

item_series	total_items	distinct_patron_ids
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder	12	5
One of Us Is Lying	8	6
The Hunger Games	7	4
It Ends with Us	6	5
Divergent Trilogy	3	2
His Dark Materials	3	3
The Maze Runner	3	2
This Woven Kingdom	3	2
Rebel of the Sands	2	2
The Grisha Trilogy	2	2
Ember Quartet	1	1

6.3.5 Top 10 Children's Area Series

item_series	total_items	distinct_patron_ids
DOG MAN	117	37
Elephant & Piggie	112	34
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	94	29

| item_series	total_items	distinct_patron_ids
The Baby-Sitters Club	84	18
Wings of Fire	68	22
InvestiGATORS	65	18
Cat Kid Comic Club	50	24
Ultimate Football Heroes	44	12
Dragon Girls	40	14
The Last Firehawk	37	6
Magic Tree House	31	12

7 Memberships

How many patrons enroll and renew their membership every year?

This table lists years of enrollment, renewals and (expected) expiries for all membership data in the catalogue.

Year	Enrolled	Renewed	Expired
1986	1	0	0
1990	1	0	0
1992	1	0	0
1996	1	0	0
1999	3	0	0
2000	6	0	0
2001	5	0	0
2002	6	0	0
2003	5	0	0
2004	2	0	0
2005	2	0	0
2006	2	0	0
2007	2	0	0
2008	5	0	0
2009	5	0	0
2010	12	0	0
2011	9	0	0
2012	7	0	0
2013	6	0	0
2014	9	0	0
2015	11	0	0
2016	16	0	0
2017	27	0	0
2018	39	1	0
2019	44	2	0
2020	51	2	2
2021	8	5	0
2022	208	75	7
2023	290	61	197
2024	299	99	249
2025	308	280	287
2026	37	30	560

While the historical data is very interesting, when plotted we should only take into account the last few years for an accurate picture of membership growth. The library was closed for 18 months during covid and due to moving to a new location, hence there is a significant gap. Also, the library has only been using Koha to track memberships since 2016, therefore anything before that date does not represent active library memberships.

This plot visualizes the memberships by year and the action for 2022 - 2025. Expired includes only memberships that were *not renewed in the same year*.
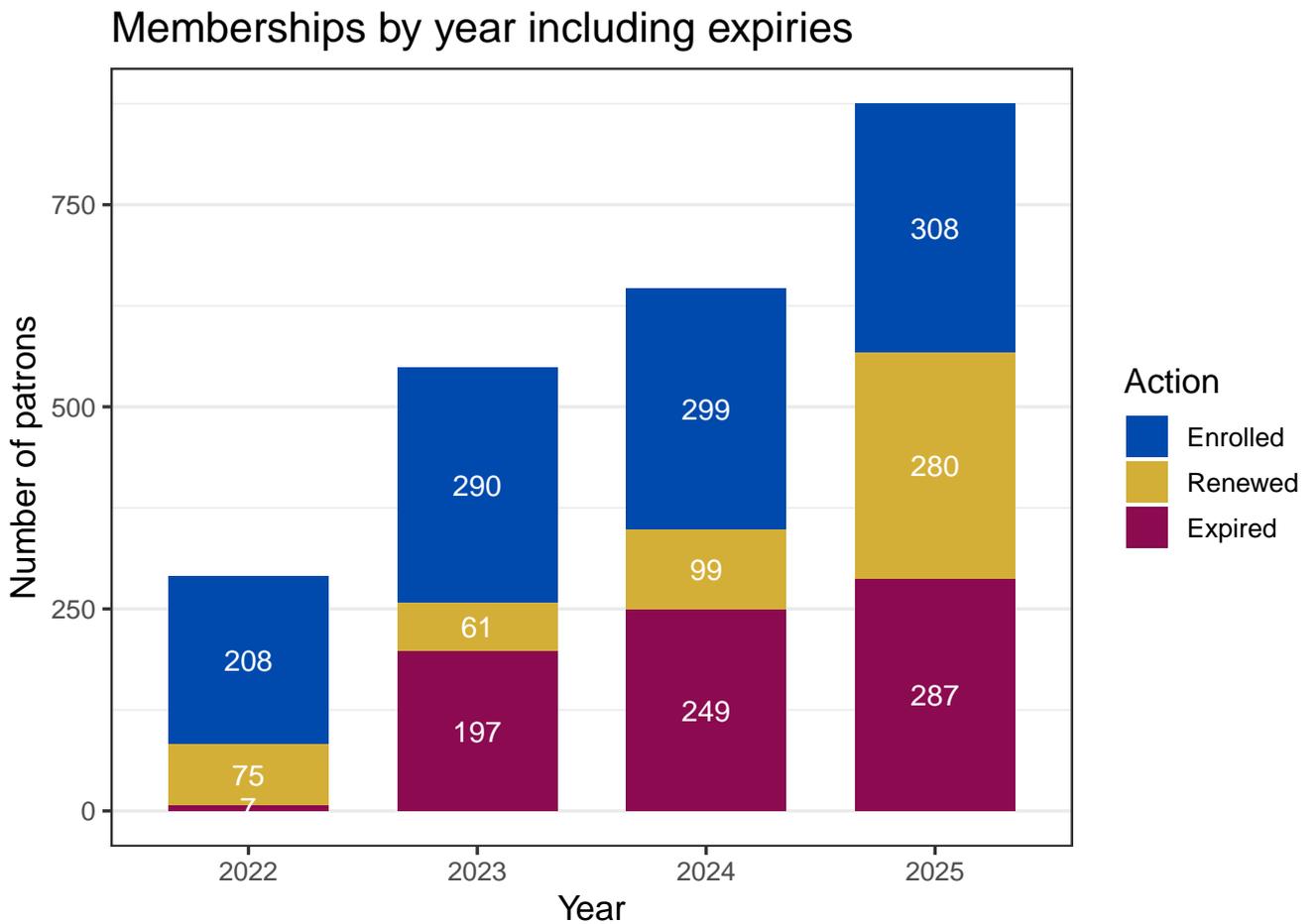
To get a more accurate picture of membership loyalty and growth, we can remove the expired (non-renewed) memberships from the graph, and we can see that we've steadily gained new patrons in the past few years.

Memberships by year