



HANNIBAL
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

It is my distinct honor to present the 2025–2026 Annual Report for the Hannibal Free Public Library. Over the past fiscal year, our library has served as a vibrant hub of learning, connection, and community engagement for the citizens of Hannibal and surrounding regions. Through expanded digital access, comprehensive summer reading initiatives, diverse programming, and thoughtful collection development, we have continued to fulfill our core mission of empowering individuals and strengthening our community.

In FY 2025–2026, the library welcomed 34,033 visitors through our doors and fulfilled an estimated 36,348 reference transactions. Whether assisting patrons with in-depth research, technological guidance, or early literacy development, our dedicated staff continues to deliver exceptional service to every individual who walks through our doors or accesses our resources remotely.

Currently, the Library maintains 8,779 registered borrowers, including 739 new cardholders welcomed this year and 1,217 card renewals. This was a significant increase from the previous year and shows the efforts of the dedicated staff members, as this year's goal was to increase the number of registered borrowers.

Geographically, our active user profile highlights our primary service footprint:

- City of Hannibal: 7,155 active borrowers (81.5%)
- Ralls County: 1,092 active borrowers (12.4%)
- Marion County (Out-of-City): 102 active borrowers (1.2%)
- Other Non-Residents: 430 active borrowers (4.9%)

Beyond physical borrowing, bridging the digital divide remains a primary operational commitment. Over the past year, the library provided 4,029 public Wi-Fi sessions and facilitated 1,532 public computer sessions. Furthermore, we sent 822 items and received 1,056 items via Inter-Library Loan, ensuring that local patrons have access to research materials from across the country.

To meet evolving patron preferences, Hannibal Free Public Library maintains a collection totaling 145,287 holdings. Our collection balances physical offerings with digital holdings available 24/7 through TumbleBook Library, EBSCO Databases, and the Libby App. Overall physical circulation reached 55,330 items, comprising 48,213 print materials and 5,585 audio-visual items.

Over the course of the fiscal year, the library hosted 328 programs, attracting a grand total of 16,272 attendees. From early childhood storytimes to adult workshops and multigenerational celebrations, programming represents one of our most direct tools for community enrichment.

A core highlight of the year was the 2025 Summer Reading Program. Across all age brackets, the summer campaign energized readers and fostered lifelong learning:

- Kids Program: 404 registered participants, 225 successful completers, and an impressive 17,912 books/ hours logged.
- Teen Program: 130 registered participants, 84 successful completers, and 6,396 total hours read.
- Adult Program: 209 registered readers with 1,916 books completed.

In total, 83 summer events were conducted, generating 6,352 in-person attendances across early childhood (1,383), children's (2,747), young adult (1,048), adult (255), and multi-generational (919) categories.

As we look forward to the upcoming fiscal year, the Hannibal Free Public Library remains steadfast in its dedication to serving as a vital educational and cultural pillar for Hannibal. Building upon the foundational achievements of 2025–2026, our priorities will focus on continuing to expand our digital offerings, enhancing inclusive community outreach, maintaining fiscal stewardship, and providing innovative programs for patrons of all ages.

Respectfully submitted,

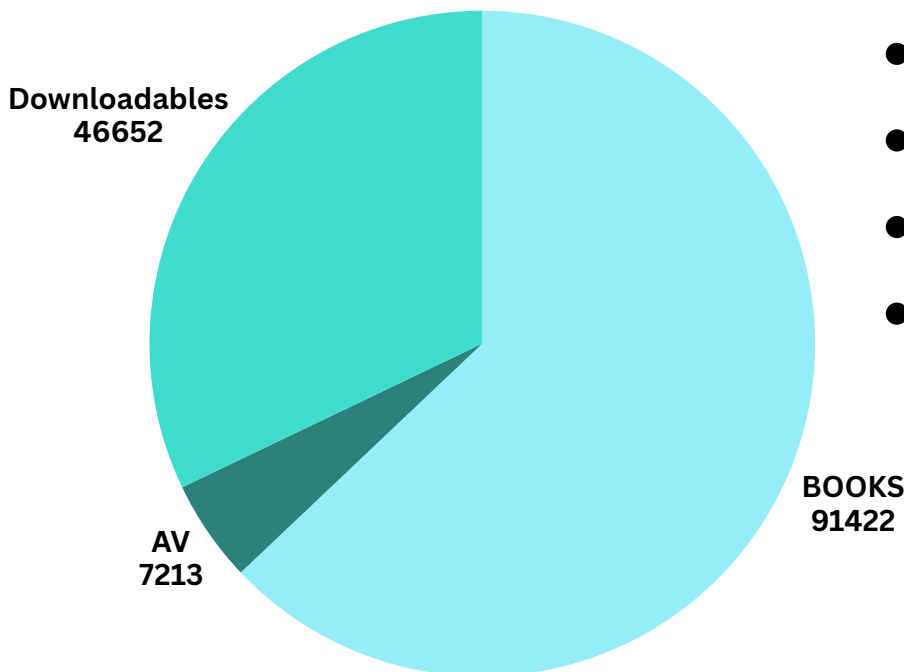
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OUR COLLECTION

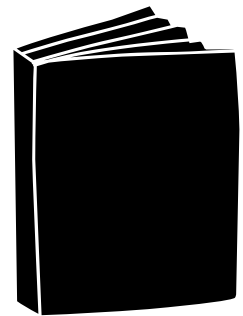
Total Items in Collection: 145,287

Materials By Type



Library Collection by Material Type:

- Adult: 65,617
- Juvenile: 28,694
- Young Adult: 4,324
- Downloadables: 46,652



Local Collections

- Hannibal Authors: 181
- Hannibal Living: 581
- Missouri Room Reference: 5,301

Consortia-Held Digital Items



- e-Books: 49,326
- e-Audiobooks: 16,714
- e-Magazines: 6,855



OUR PATRONS

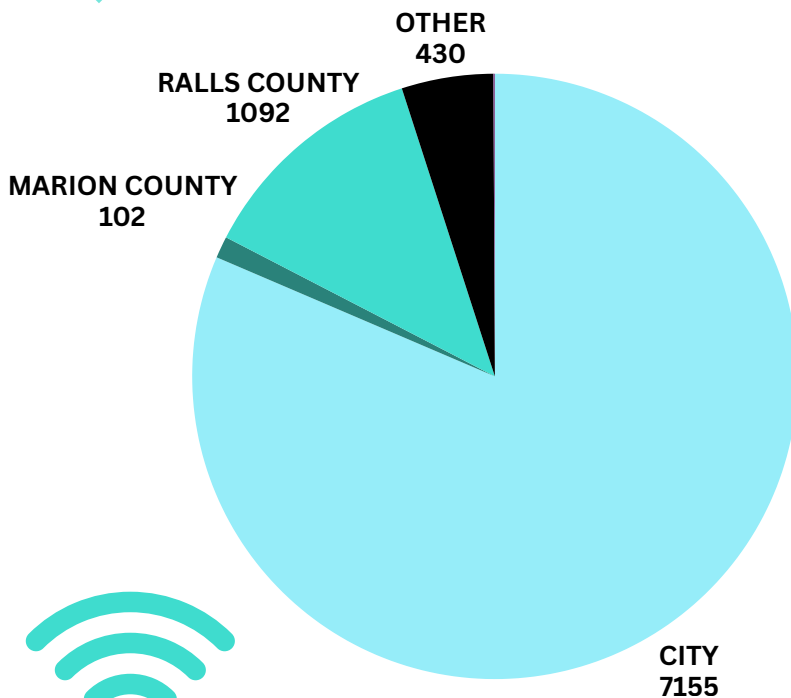


Total Registered Borrowers: 8,779



- Renewal Cards: 1,217
- New Cards: 739

ACTIVE USERS (JUNE 2021)



**Circulation of
Adult
Collection**
27,105

**Circulation of
Children's
Collection**
25,808

**Circulation of
Young Adult
Collection**
2,417

**TOTAL
CIRCULATION**
55,330



PUBLIC WI-FI USE:
4,029



**Inter-Library Loan Items
Received:**
1,056

CIRCULATION: CIRCULATION OF PRINT MATERIALS:

48,213

CIRCULATION OF AV MATERIALS:

5,585

PUBLIC USE OF COMPUTERS:

1,532

CIRCULATING EQUIPMENT:

0



**Inter-Library Loan
Items Sent:**
822

FIGURES



 **NUMBER OF LIBRARY VISITS: 34,033**

**REFERENCE TRANSACTIONS
(ESTIMATED BY AVERAGE)**

36,348

2025 SUMMER READING PARTICIPATION

KIDS

Number Registered: 404
Successful Completions: 225
Books and Hours Read: 17,912

TEENS

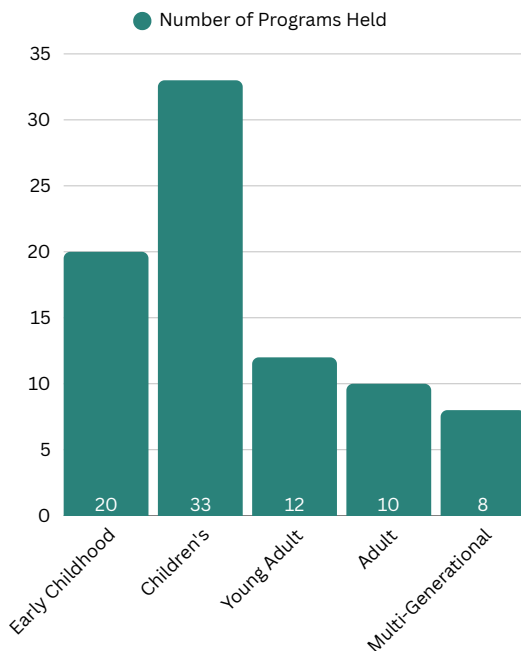
Number Registered: 130
Successful Completions: 84
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ADULT

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**2025-2026
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**SUMMER READING NUMBER OF
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EVENTS HELD:
83
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6,352**

**SUMMER READING EVENT
ATTENDANCE**

