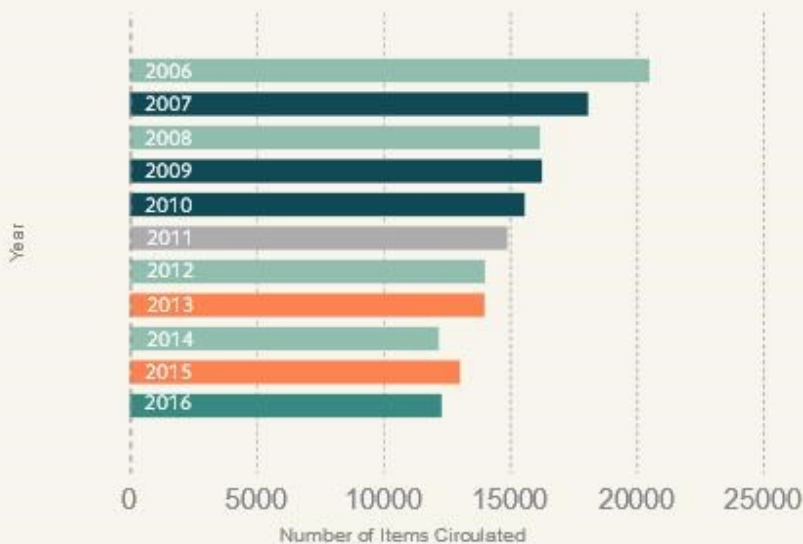


Blairstown Public Library

2015-2016

Annual Report

Circulation



Circulation Trends Nationwide

According to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the FY2013 public libraries survey released in 2016 shows a slowing in overall circulation nationwide with a decrease of 3.6% since a peak in 2010.

In that same time period, the Blairstown Public Library saw a decrease in circulation of approximately 1.1%, a bit below the national average.

By the Numbers

2015-2016

Total Circulation: 12,311
*Adult Books: 3,564
*Children's Books: 2,857
*Teen Books: 326
*E-books: 293

Total Program Attendance: 930
*Adult: 242
*Children: 663
*Teen: 25

Total Number of Visits: 15,120

Reference Transactions: 72

Interlibrary Loan Sent: 230

Rural Patrons Served: 3,128

Open Access Patrons Served:
1,722

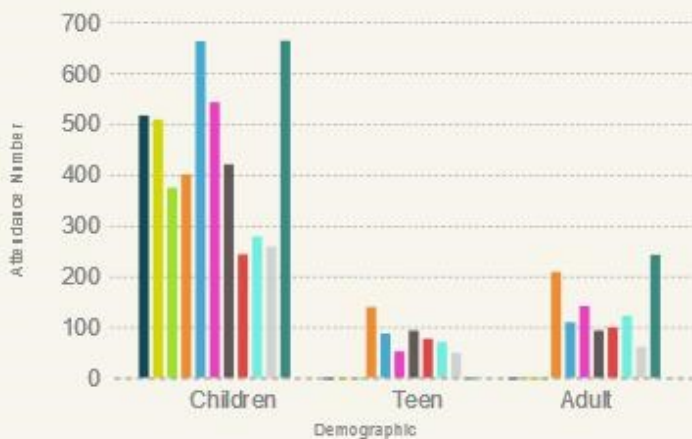
Library as a Community Space



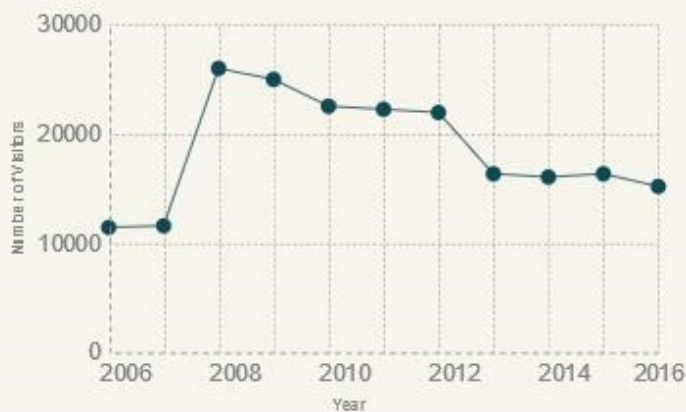
"Patrons value public libraries as safe places where they can bring their children to attend a program or meet others."
 -IMLS Director
 Kathryn K. Matthew



Programming Numbers



Visits



According to the fiscal year 2013 Public Libraries Survey from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, "as a critical resources in many communities, public libraries continually adjust programming to meet the needs of their service areas." In addition, "the role of public libraries as gathering places, attendance at public library programs has continued to increase over prior years, with an increase of 28.6% for all programs since FY 2006."

The Blainston Public Library has seen a very large increase in program attendance with children and adults. In FY 2015-2016, we had 663 children attend programs up from 258 in FY 2014-2015. 242 adults participated in programming at the library in FY 2015-2016, up from 61 in FY 2014-2015. Overall visits to the library dropped just slightly this past fiscal year to 15,120, down from 16,254 the previous fiscal year.

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