

# 2023 STATE OF THINGS AT YOUR Faulkner County Libraries



## More visits, more patrons

Visits increased 16% to 320,000. Program attendance soared, climbing 83% over 2022. 4,500 new cardholders, an average of 14 per day.

We grew the collection by 16%, primarily by adding 257,000 items to our downloadable services.

## A Growing Collection

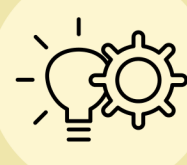



## Shared spaces, shared activities

We hosted 2,938 programs, welcoming 13,530 adults, 6,041 teens, and 40,024 children.

Faulkner County used our computers, our internet, and our printers for 34,504 hours in support of education, business, and recreation.

## Bridge the digital divide




## How can we help you?

We assisted Faulkner County with its information needs 47,512 times.

Our six locations are open a combined 251 hours per week. A new location in Guy will be added in 2024.

## Open for Business




## Return on Investment

Last year your Faulkner County Libraries returned \$2.99 in goods and services for every dollar spent.

96,948	Adult Books Borrowed	\$1,648,116
10,413	Young Adult Books Borrowed	\$124,956
135,100	Children's Books Borrowed	\$2,296,700
102,929	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$977,825
996	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$24,900
102,226	eBooks Downloaded	\$1,533,390
14,602	Magazines Read	\$73,010
52,224	Movies Borrowed	\$208,896
529	CDs Borrowed	\$5,263
293	Meeting Room Use (per hour)	\$7,325
13,530	Adult Programs Attended	\$202,950
6,041	Young Adult Program Attendance	\$72,492
40,024	Children's Programs Attendance	\$280,168
34,504	Computer Use (per hour)	\$414,048
1,685	Database Searches	\$33,616
47,512	Reference Assistance	\$332,584

**Total value of Library use \$8,236,240**