



St. Charles Parish LIBRARY

Our mission is to empower our community
to explore, learn, create, and connect.

Annual report to the Parish Council
March 24, 2025

Leann Benedict, MLIS
Library Director

East Regional Library

160 W. Campus Drive

985-764-2366

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm

Fri - Sat: 9am - 5pm



St. Rose Branch

90 East Club Drive

504-465-0646

Mon: 10am - 8pm

Tue - Thu: 10am - 6pm

Fri: 9am - 5pm

Sat: 10am - 2pm



Norco Branch

590 Apple Street

985-764-6581

Mon: 10am - 8pm

Tue - Thu: 10am - 6pm

Fri: 9am - 5pm

Sat: 10am - 2pm



West Regional Library Bookmobile, & Planetarium

105 Lakewood Drive

985-785-8471

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm

Fri - Sat: 9am - 5pm



Paradis Branch

307 Audubon Street

985-758-1868

Mon: 10am - 8pm

Tue - Thu: 10am - 6pm

Fri: 9am - 5pm

Sat: 10am - 2pm



Hahnville Branch

14996 River Road

985-783-2341

Mon - Fri: 9am - 5pm





The St. Charles Parish Library Team

- ▶ 86 Team Members
 - ▶ 53 full-time
 - ▶ 33 part-time
- ▶ 9 Full-Time Professional Librarians who hold a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science
- ▶ Director holds Executive Certificate from the State Board of Library Examiners
- ▶ 3 staff currently have a Library Support Staff Certification and 6 staff members are currently enrolled in the program and working towards gaining their LSSC

Library Cards

Library cards are free to anyone who lives, works, goes to school, or owns property in St. Charles Parish

- ▶ 40,270 registered borrowers
- ▶ 1,218 new library cards distributed in 2024
- ▶ Non-resident cards available for \$25/year

Services Available at All Branches

- ▶ 193,790 items available for checkout in our libraries including:
 - ▶ Fiction & Non-Fiction Books
 - ▶ Magazines
 - ▶ Audiobooks and DVDs
 - ▶ Launchpads (pre-loaded learning tablets)
 - ▶ Wi-Fi Hotspots
- ▶ Wi-Fi (available in the parking lots 24/7)
- ▶ Access to public computers (Internet, Microsoft Office)
- ▶ Photocopies and Computer Prints
- ▶ Study Rooms (first come first serve - 2-hour limit if there is a waitlist)
- ▶ Meeting Rooms (by reservation)
- ▶ Programs for All Ages

Digital Resources

71,543 Digital Items Available for Checkout

- ▶ OverDrive (Libby app) - eBooks and Audiobooks
- ▶ Hoopla - eBooks, Audiobooks, Comic Books, Magazines, Music, Movies, & TV Shows
- ▶ Flipster - Magazines
- ▶ New York Times Online
- ▶ Databases covering a wide variety of topics including business, history, consumer guides, food and recipes, genealogy, health job resources, language learning, test preparation, and more
- ▶ HomeworkLA.org - free online tutoring and homework help

Planetarium

- ▶ Located at the West Regional Library in Luling
- ▶ Free Public Shows
 - ▶ Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:30pm
 - ▶ Saturday Children's Matinee: 10am
 - ▶ Saturday Afternoon Matinee: 2pm
- ▶ Groups Showings Available
 - ▶ School field trips, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, senior citizen groups, and other community organizations
 - ▶ No charge for St. Charles Parish organizations and residents
 - ▶ \$2.00 per person for groups from outside St. Charles Parish
 - ▶ Can seat groups with up to 42 attendees (larger groups can be split across multiple show times)
 - ▶ Contact Jason Talley, Planetarium Supervisor, at 985-785-8471 to schedule group shows or visit <https://www.myscpl.org/visit/planetarium>



**3,021 patrons visited
the Planetarium in
2024** (38% increase from 2023)

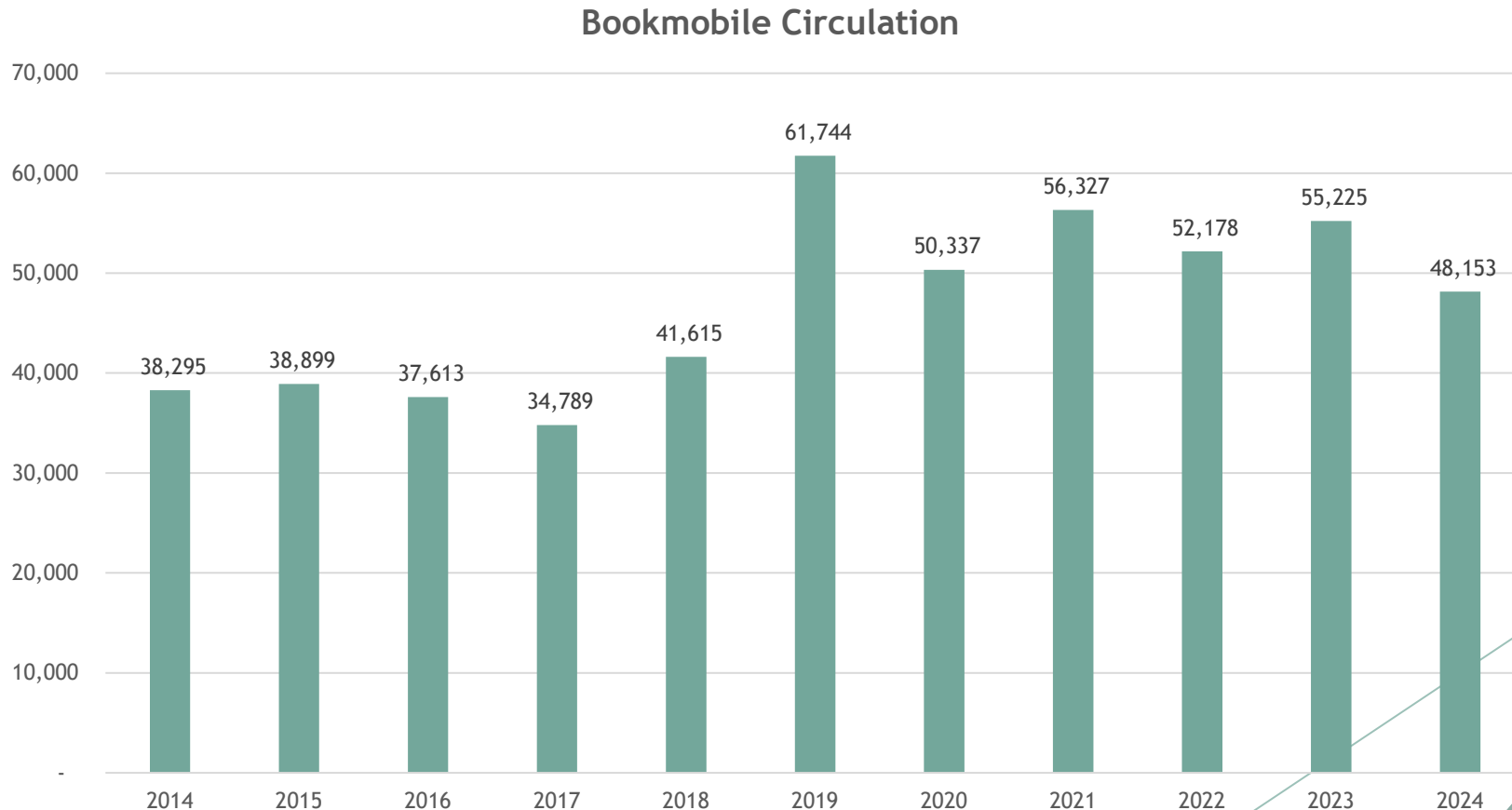
Bookmobile

- ▶ Mobile library delivering library materials to senior centers, daycares, and individual homes
- ▶ Service hours are between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.
- ▶ Criteria used to select stops:
 - ▶ Within St. Charles Parish and eligible for a library card
 - ▶ Homebound patrons with physical or medical limitations that prevent them from visiting a local branch, daycares, and senior centers (highest priority)
 - ▶ More than 3 miles from an existing branch
 - ▶ Easily integrated into existing schedule
 - ▶ Enough room to maneuver and park on a level, solid parking area
 - ▶ Safe access for patrons
- ▶ Patrons can request bookmobile service by contacting Claire Cermak, Circulation Supervisor at the West Regional Library, at 985-785-8471

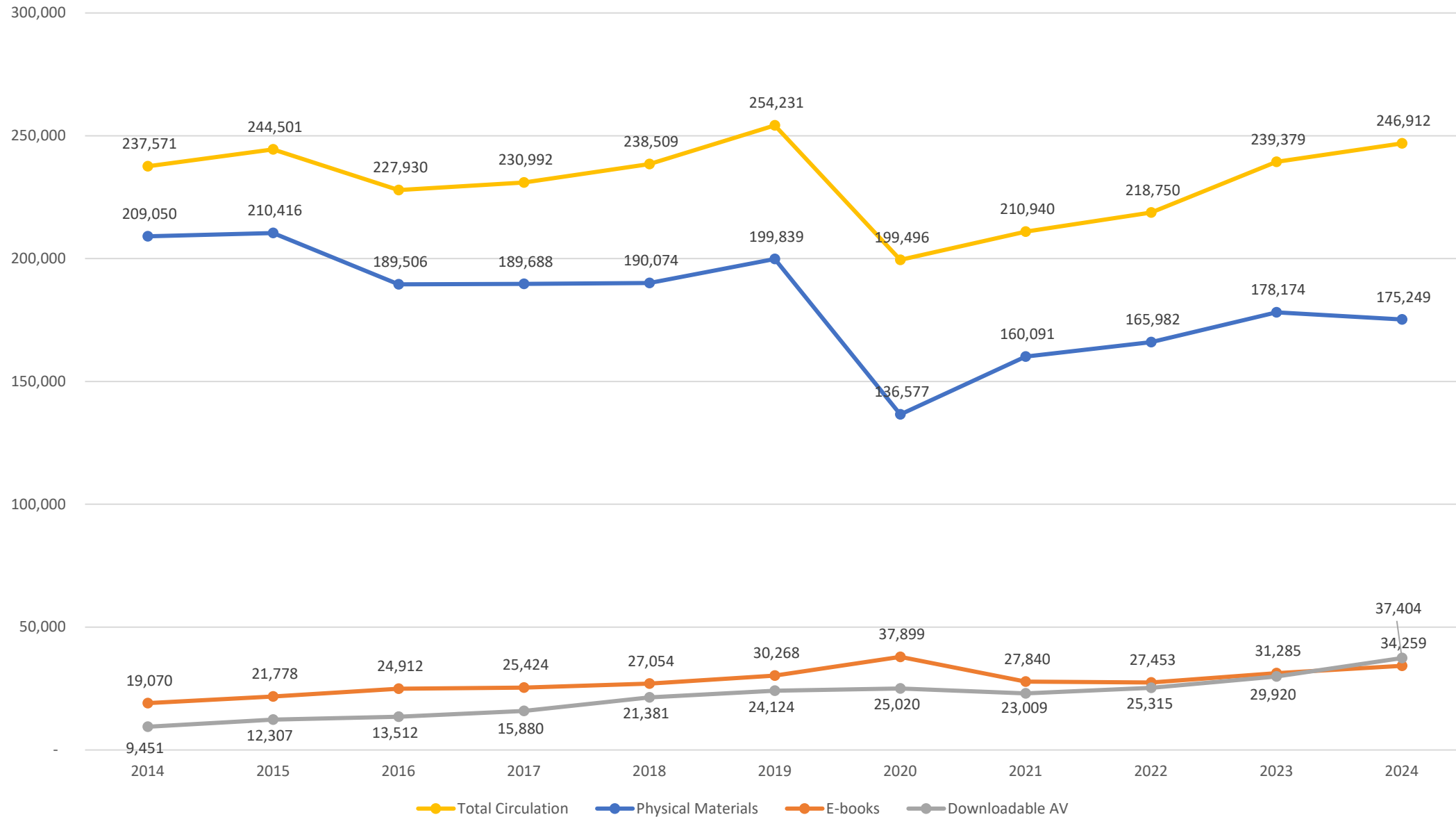


Bookmobile Circulation Statistics

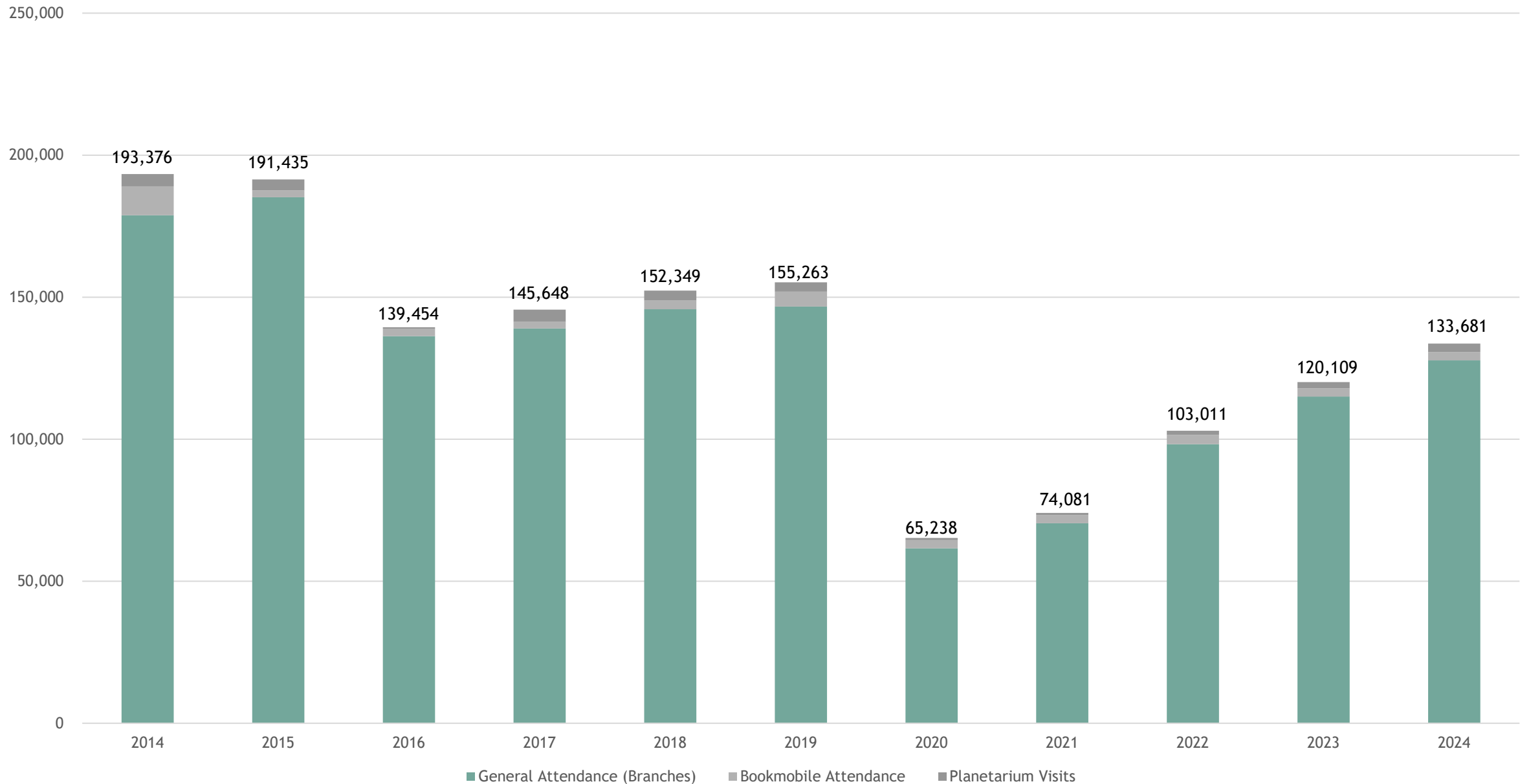
- ▶ 48,153 items delivered to 2,896 patrons in 2024
- ▶ Approximately 27% of physical items circulated system-wide in 2024 were delivered through the bookmobile service



Circulation Statistics - All Branches



Patron Visits



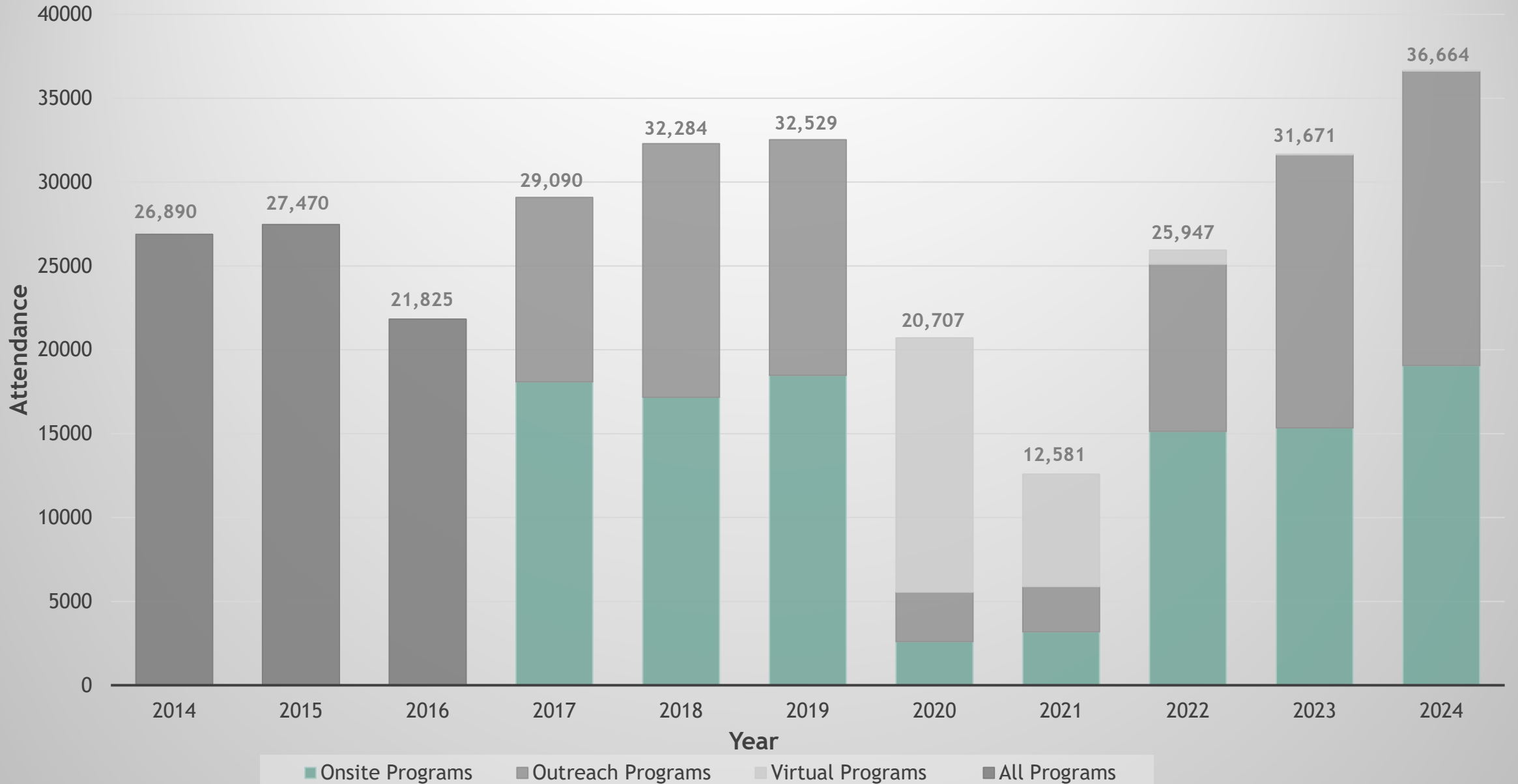


Programming and Outreach

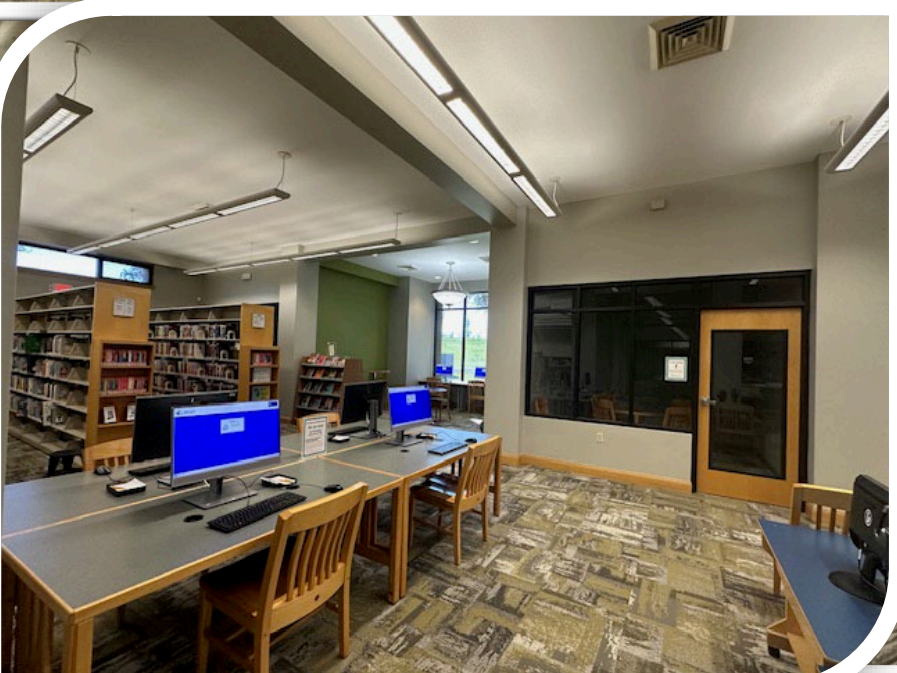
January 1 - December 31, 2024

- ▶ 1,289 Onsite Programs with 19,054 attendees
- ▶ 250 Offsite (Outreach) Programs with 17,576 attendees
 - ▶ Schools and Daycares
 - ▶ Senior Centers
 - ▶ Farmer's Market
 - ▶ Community Centers
 - ▶ Local Community Events
- ▶ 24% increase in onsite program attendance and 8% increase in offsite program attendance from previous year

Program Attendance



St. Rose Branch Updates



Coming Soon - Makerspace @ the West Regional Library

- ▶ Cricut
- ▶ 3-D Printing
- ▶ Button Makers
- ▶ Sewing Machines
- ▶ Book Binding
- ▶ Laser Engraver
- ▶ Heat Presses for applying sublimation prints and vinyl



A Look Forward - New Hahnville Branch



2025 Summer Reading Program

Sign up starting May 15th at www.myscpl.org/summer



Read for 360 minutes to be eligible to win a grand prize, provided by the *Friends of the St. Charles Library*!

Sign up prizes and completion prizes for everyone!

Programs and fun for all ages, all summer long!!

Find Out What's Happening at Your Library



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twitter

<https://www.twitter.com/StCharlesLib>



<https://www.tiktok.com/@stcharleslib>

Monthly Newsletter



Thank you to the parish council for your support this past year! We invite you to stop in and visit us at any of our 6 locations or visit our website to access our many digital resources.

Questions?

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