

## Library Usage Report - Narrative September 2016

### 1) Analysis of Statistical Report

- Fiscal year-end statistics show another solid year of library usage in many categories. Among the highest growth areas for FY2016 over FY2015 were:
  - eBook, eAudiobook, and other digital checkouts were up 31% for the year as these formats make strong gains with adult fiction readers;
  - Interlibrary loans were up 18% year over year as the library has raised awareness of interlibrary loan availability as an alternative to purchase recommendations by patrons;
  - Onsite computer users were up 20% over last year. Adults are using library spaces in record numbers and library computers are a large driver of their visits. Children continue to take advantage of our dedicated kids educational computers and other kid and teen-friendly PCs and tablets;
  - Library volunteer hours year-to-date finished up 22% for the year thanks to VolunTeen and adult volunteers coming out in record levels, and the Friends of the Library group. This year's 5,806 volunteer hours is the highest since 2012.
- This month's report reflects the fourth 2016 vs. 2015 monthly circulation comparison under our ongoing auto-renewal pilot allowing members a limited number of automatic renewals of borrowed materials so long as an item is not on reserve for another member. Print and physical materials circulation were up 5% from last September.

### 2) Other Events

- **The Frisco Book Fest**, a first time event, will take place on November 12 from 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM. Join our celebration of local authors and illustrators and experience the literary talent in our community. The presenters include A.G. Ford, Polly Holyoke, Lindsay Cummings, Kelsey Macke, Jeramey Kraatz, and Henery Press Publishing. This event is for all ages.
- The library's youth services team created **Simple STEM Online Course**, [www.friscolibrary.com/stemonline](http://www.friscolibrary.com/stemonline). These classes are for parents and caregivers of preschoolers and early elementary students (about Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade). Classes are 1.5 hours of continuing education credit each. Classes are self-paced and you may begin, save your progress, and resume at any time.
- The library's adult services Innovation and Technology Team are teaching several classes in November including **Intermediate 3D Design, Arduino Introduction, and Cutting Edge Design**. These courses are designed for beginner levels of expertise.