

Oklahoma Public Libraries

By the Numbers © SFY21

State Fiscal Year 2021 witnessed a full year's impact of the pandemic on public libraries. (Only four months of SFY20 were impacted by the coronavirus.)

While the borrowing of physical materials and in-person library visits saw sharp decreases, **use of eBooks and attendance at virtual programs soared.** Oklahoma's public libraries responded quickly, creatively, and effectively to the realities on the ground.

18.6 million

Total size of collections in public libraries. Up 12% from SFY20.

18 million

Total number of items borrowed. Down 14% from previous year.

6.3 million

Total number of eBooks and eMedia items borrowed. Up 15% from previous year.

11.9 million

Total number of eBooks and eMedia titles available.

Up by 2 million or 20% from SFY20.

5,456

The number of virtual library programs more than doubled.

Up 57% from the previous year.

128,683

Total attendance at virtual programs. Up almost 60% from SFY20.

1.8 million

The total number of registered borrowers fell less than 1%, indicating libraries continued to meet the needs of their communities, even during difficult times.



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