



**ST. FRANCIS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



COVER PHOTO: Following several round of nominations and voting, our youth area boat feature was officially christened the S.S. Barbara, in honor of Barbara Suhm, the first children's librarian at the St. Francis Public Library.



The mission of the St. Francis Public Library is to build community by bringing people, information, and ideas together in a welcoming environment.

Library Board

- Richard Adamczewski (as of March)
- Chris Buttke
- Ann Carter-Drier, Chairperson
- Melissa Gleason (through January)
- Mary Koch, School Representative (through August)
- Kathy Matthew
- Kathleen McAvaney, School Representative (as of October)
- Alderman Mike McSweeney
- Anna Passante

Library Staff

- Steve Altman, Custodian
- Kari Berna, Shelver
- Margie Cushinery, Circulation Aide
- Mary Evers, Youth Services Assistant
- Haley Feuling, Shelver
- Jackie Ganiere, Adult Services Librarian
- Tara Jordan, Librarian Intern
- Marcia Kiepczynski, Library Assistant
- Amanda Kirby, Librarian Intern
- Amy Krahn, Library Director
- Lisa Liban, Circulation Supervisor
- Sue Marshall, Youth Services Librarian
- Lynda Smith, Library Assistant
- Kathy Stilin, Adult Services Librarian
- Barbara Suhm, Librarian
- Rose Venus, Library Assistant
- Ava Voltner, Library Assistant
- Benjamin Wooldridge, Shelver
- Kyle Wooldridge, Shelver / Library Assistant

Most circulated adult fiction titles of 2015

The Girl on the Train
by Paula Hawkins



All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr



Private Vegas
by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro



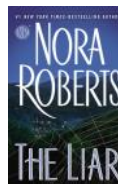
The Nightingale
by Kristen Hannah



Big Little Lies
by Liane Moriarty



The Liar
by Nora Roberts



Memory Man
by David Baldacci



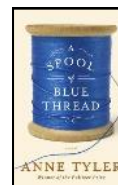
The Husband's Secret
by Liane Moriarty



14th Deadly Sin
by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro



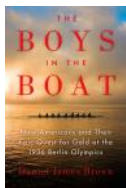
A Spool of Blue Thread
by Anne Tyler



Most circulated adult non-fiction titles of 2015



The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering & Organizing



The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics



Hidden History of Milwaukee



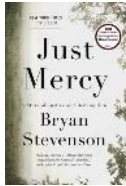
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania



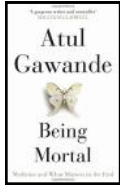
Taste of Home Slow-Cooker Throughout the Year



Forks Over Knives - The Cookbook



Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption



Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End



The Skinnytaste Cookbook: Light on Calories, Big on Flavor



Think Small: Make the Most of Every Square Foot

Library Volunteers

- Kari Berna
- Nora Berna
- Emily Bertholf
- Mary Broitzman
- Mauricio Chairez
- Suzanne Doyle
- Jenny Fritsch
- Judi Giebel
- Larry Jensen
- Justin Joerres
- Peggy Kallay
- Josephine Konieczka
- Amy Matecki
- Ciara Nelson
- Megan Ryan
- Madison Staszak

Library Teen Advisory Committee

- Katlynn Artuso
- Damien Berna
- Maceo Bertholf
- Jeff Brown
- Johanna Brown
- Luis Chairez
- Jonah Domrose
- Angelina Fowler
- Lisette Garcia
- Wisper Joerres
- Anna Keefe
- Jarrod Kiefer
- Briana Korber
- Juliann Kwasniewski
- Harlan Neumann
- Sam Pipp
- Viktoriya Pyvovarova
- Caleb Schaefer
- Peyton Smith
- Miayla Smith-Rimmer
- Alana Taylor
- Kareem Smith
- Logan Thomas

Library Donors & Sponsors

- B.D.'s Mongolian Grill
- Babe's Ice Cream
- Bay View Thread Works
- Betty Brinn
- Big Backyard
- Burger King
- City Lounge
- Classic Slice Pizza
- CMP Tactical Lazer Tag
- Cousins
- Culver's
- Discovery World
- Domino's Pizza
- Festival City Symphony
- First Stage
- Hardees
- Herb Kohl Educational Foundation
- I-Hop
- In Focus Photography
- Jimmy John's
- Lakeside Pub & Grill
- Learning Shop
- Lovely Salon
- McDonald's
- The Milwaukee Admirals
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Ballet
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Milwaukee Bucks
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Milwaukee County Pools & Cool Waters
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Milwaukee Repertory Theater
- Nite Owl Drive-In
- Outpost Natural Foods
- P.F. Chang's
- Papa Murphy's
- Petit Ice Center
- Pick N Save
- Pizza Hut
- Snap Fitness
- St. Francis Brewery
- Starbucks
- State Fair
- Sweet Frog
- Taco Bell
- Ava Voltner
- Walmart
- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Wier from PDQ Tooling
- Wixon, Inc.
- Yo Fresh

Presenters / Program Leaders Who Donated Time & Talent

- ABLE: Audio & Braille Literary Enhancement
- Board Game Barrister
- Alma Chairez
- Sam Cushinery
- Melinda Dejewski
- Nertila Fejzolli
- Bob Giese
- Ardan James
- Kinsella Academy & Melanie Roepke
- Kohl's Wild Theater
- The Learning Shop & Tommy Merryfield
- Mary McAndrews
- Mr. Graven's Robotics
- Officer Holly McManus & Bane
- Palestinian Dabka Dancers
- Anna Passante
- St. Francis Poms & Beth Obst
- St. Francis Rec. Dance /
- Pom Program
- Diane Robinson
- Salam School - Naila and others
- Camille Shaw
- UWM - Genealogy
- Willow Glen Art Teachers & Students
- Virginia Zerpa, Alzheimer's Association



Mission

Funds generated through membership and other fund raising activities allow the Friends organization to support services and programs that are not available through the regular library budget.

2015 Friends Membership

Sharon Billington
 Cheryl Borree
 Wendy Cetera
 Deb Cieslak
 Suzanne Doyle
 Neil Feest
 Debbie & Jerry Fliss
 Florence Grossbier
 Helen Hachmeister
 Josie Heimhardt
 Joyce Jakimczyk
 Mary Ann Kathrein
 Jerry & Maggie Luczywko

Lois Masterjohn
 Jim & Kathy Matthew & Family
 Mike & Karen Meador
 Esther Olson
 Ron & Anna Passante
 Richard Raatz
 Gail Schaller-Altendorf
 Lynda Smith
 Mike & Fran Snowden
 CoryAnn St. Marie Carls
 Edward & Carol Wagner
 Annie Wegner Lefort
 Wixon, Inc.

2015 Friends Contributions

- Funding for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program (totes, t-shirts, prizes)
- Book Page Magazine
- Funding for Holiday Party (Refreshments, Crafts & Entertainment)
- Maintenance of Fish Tank
- Movie License
- Prizes & Performers for the Summer Reading Programs



Most circulated adult DVD titles of 2015

Bird Man



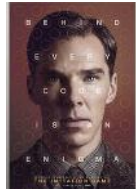
Gone Girl



The Judge



The Imitation Game



Into the Woods



The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Pt. 1



Unbroken



American Sniper



Guardians of the Galaxy



Divergent



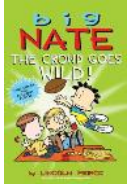
Most circulated children's graphic novel titles of 2015



Sisters
By Raina Telgemeier



Smile
By Raina Telgemeier



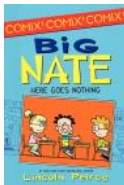
Big Nate: The Crowd Goes Wild
By Lincoln Peirce



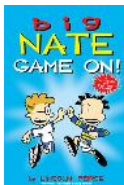
Babymouse: Bad Babysitter
By Jennifer L. Holm



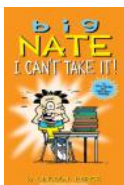
The Croc Ate My Homework
By Stephan Pastis



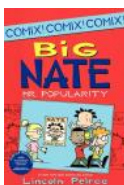
Big Nate: Here Goes Nothing
By Lincoln Peirce



Big Nate: Game On!
By Lincoln Peirce



Big Nate: I Can't Take It!
By Lincoln Peirce



Big Nate: Mr. Popularity
By Lincoln Peirce



Goodnight Darth Vader
By Jeffrey Brown

A Sampling of
PROGRAMS IN 2015

JAN. - Introduction to Milwaukee Area Genealogy Research

FEB. - The year's computer class series kicks off with Computer Basics

MAR - Friday Movie Matinees for Adults launches with "The Way"



1/24/15 - Frozen Party



2/14/15 - Valentine Party



3/28/15 - Easter at the Library



4/11/15 - Celebrate the World Party

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MAY - The C
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- Family Game Night
 - Juggler Steve Girman
 - Superhero Training Academy
 - Family Craft Night
- JUL
- Family Movie Night
 - Zumba Class
 - Musician Duke Otherwise
 - Guide Dog from A.B.L.E.



7/9/15 - David Stokes



7/18/15

- AUG - End of Summer Reading Party
- SEP
- My Little Pony Party
 - Art of Fermentation
 - Staying Safe Online
 - Easy Yoga & Tai Chi
 - A History of the Milwaukee Rd.
 - Make a Fall Door Hanger Class



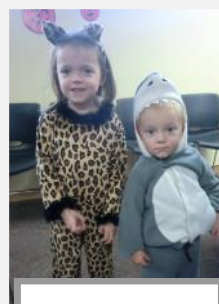
10/7/15 - Color Me Calm



10/17/15 - 100 Before Kindergarten Graduation



11/10/15 - Arm Knitting Class



10/30/15 - Boo Bash



11/28/15 - Lego Club



12/2/15 - T



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3/7/15 - Student Art Reception

- BYOD: Bring Your Own Device classes are launched
 - Simple Smoothies
 - From Nojoshing to St. Francis, From Settlement to City
 - Make a Zentangle Pin
- APR - Make a "Stained Glass" Votive Holder

- Marx Brothers
- History of Chocolate
- Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: The Basics
- Civil War Homefront, 1865
- and Your Digital Camera
- ing With All That Zucchini



6/21/15 - Books & Young Cooks



6/25/15 - Kidsplay Theater



- American Girls Day



7/14/15 - Storytime



7/23/15 - Miss Kim's Amazing Animals



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Party

- OCT - Packing a Healthy Lunchbox
- Clarity Workshop
- Travels in Asia
- History of Forest Home Cemetery
- NOV - Why We Love the Packers
- International Games Day
- DEC - Cookie Exchange



10/17/15 - Captain Underpants Day



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12/5/15 - Holiday Party



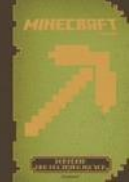
12/9/15 - Edible Holiday Houses

Most circulated children's non-fiction books of 2015

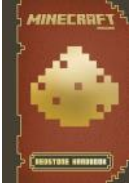
Minecraft Construction Handbook
By Matthew Needler



Minecraft Essential Handbook
By Stephanie Milton



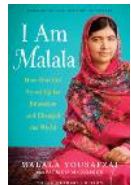
Minecraft: Redstone Handbook
By Nick Farwell



Minecraft Combat Handbook
By Stephanie Milton



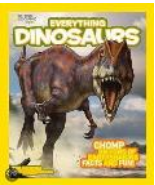
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up For Education and Changed the World
By Malala Yousafzai



The Ultimate Players Guide to Minecraft
By Stephen O'Brien



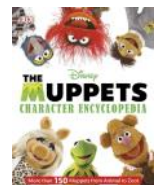
Everything Dinosaurs
By Blake Hoena



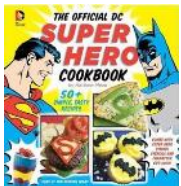
The Dark Side
By Daniel Lipkowitz



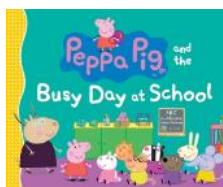
The Muppets Character Encyclopedia
By Craig Shemin



The Official DC Super Hero Cookbook
By Matthew Mead



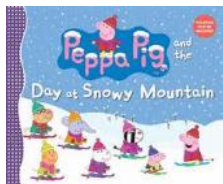
Most circulated children's fiction titles of 2015



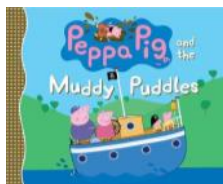
Peppa Pig and the Busy Day at School



Peppa Pig and the Lost Christmas List



Peppa Pig and the Day at Snowy Mountain



Peppa Pig and the Muddy Puddles



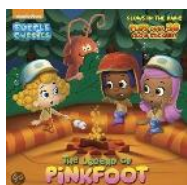
Frozen Sing-Along Storybook



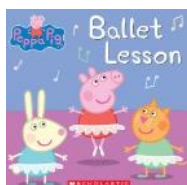
Peppa Pig and the Vegetable Garden



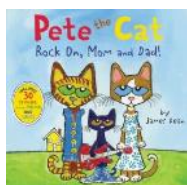
Peppa Pig and the Treasure Hunt



Bubble Guppies: The Legend of Pinkfoot
By Mary Tillworth



Peppa Pig: Ballet Lesson



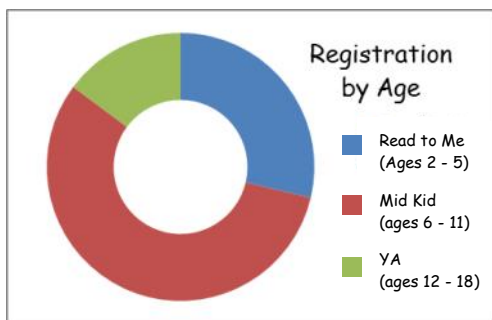
Pete the Cat: Rock On, Mom and Dad!
By James Dean

2015 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“Every Hero Has a Story” and “Unmask”



Kaboom! Boredom and inactivity were smashed this summer with the 2015 summer reading programs: “Every Hero Has a Story!” and “Unmask!” During the summer our aim was to motivate summer reading, thereby eliminating the summer slump that relentlessly slides in. The components of our program were rewarding reading with incentives; a pro-reading atmosphere and encouragement; programs that stimulate interest in reading; and active participation in contests, games, and crafts. This summer, superhero themes brought everyone together, spanning the ages and bridging the genders. Our nets were spread wide with all the interesting topics that fit our theme. A brief roundup of weekly topics were as follows: Be a Hero (Your Talents); Superheroes From the Page and Screen; Patriotic Heroes; Super Animals; Community Superheroes; and Villains, Mythology, and Superheroes in Real Life. All of these threads were exciting yet covertly educational.



Adult Summer Reading

The ever popular summer reading program was once again a success! Our generous sponsors helped St. Francis Library patrons get in the mood to read by donating wonderful prizes. Each book a patron read counted as an entry into a random drawing. After the six weeks of reading fun, names were drawn and prizes were awarded. There were 121 participants with 967 entries. That’s a lot of reading!

EVENTS

- Performers 7
- Preschool Storytimes 8
- Toddler Times 16
- Game Night 1
- Craft Night 1
- Movie Nights 2
- Lunch Bunch 7
- Book Clubs 10
- TAG 7
- Gamer’s Club 10
- Cooking Class 3
- Crafty Fridays 6
- Pokemon Club 7
- Special Programs 2
- School Events - (Kindercare and Summer Cool) 4



TOTAL: 91

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

- Performers 528
- Storytimes 495
- School Visits 272
- Family Nights and Special Days 169
- Lunch Bunch 65
- TAG 63
- Gamers 61
- Book Clubs 41
- Pokemon Club 41
- Cooking Class 30

TOTAL: 1765

STATISTICS

- Participants registered: 439
- Participants who finished: 229
- Turned in Complete 8 or Genre Bingo: 53
- Number of Volunteers: 18
- Number of Volunteer Hours: 188.5



What's New 2015

Study Rooms:

When the Historical Society moved into their beautiful new space in the Civic Center, it opened up some small rooms in the library that we were able to turn into quiet study rooms. The three rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Laptop Bar and CountyCat Tablets:

By replacing two desktop computers with wall-mounted tablets for access to CountyCat (our online catalog), we were able to inexpensively repurpose the counter-height table and create a laptop bar. There are outlets and USB ports to keep laptops and mobile devices charged while in use.

Square:

In response to patron requests, we implemented the Square credit card payment system. Patrons are now able to pay for printing, fines, faxes, etc. with a credit card.

Knitting Needles and Crochet Hooks:

Thanks to generous donations, we established a collection of knitting needles and crochet hooks that patrons can check out with their library card! Now patrons can try new crafts and knitting projects without a lot of added expense. Borrow a book with patterns, check out a pair of needles, and all you need to supply is the yarn – and the patience.

Your Next Great Read:

Our former intern, Tara, created a form-based reader's advisory service that patrons can access online. Click on the link on our website, answer a few questions about what you like (and don't like) to read, and a staff member will email you 3-5 book suggestions based on your preferences.

50/50 Raffle:

The library tried a new kind of fundraiser this year – a 50/50 raffle. In a 50/50 raffle, the organization and the (1) winner split all the money that was raised. The more tickets we sold, the more money the winner (and the library) would get. In 2015, the Friends of the Library and the raffle winner split a jackpot of over \$800! The proceeds were used to purchase materials for youth STEM programming.

Digital Literacy Initiative:

In 2015, the library made a special effort to provide classes and other opportunities for patrons to become more comfortable with technology and to learn how to access the library's digital resources. We offered Book-A-Librarian appointments, BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) workshops, and additional computer classes.

New Tables in Ladish Room:

Staff and volunteers liked the new rolling flip-top tables in the Hoppe Room so much that we purchased new tables for the Ladish Room, too. Now set up for programs and events is a breeze and the smaller tables make it easier to create whatever arrangement is needed.



Updated Teen Area:

Trillium Ltd painters were back and worked with our custodian, Steve, to give the Teen space a bright new look. The vertical waves complement the aquatic theme in the children's area while the bright colors and signage distinguish it as the teen's space.

Most circulated children's DVD titles of 2015

[Big Hero 6](#)



[Despicable Me 2](#)



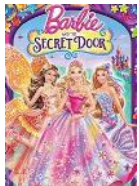
[The Boxtrolls](#)



[Rio 2](#)



[Barbie and the Secret Door](#)



[Penguins of Madagascar](#)



[Maleficent](#)



[Despicable Me](#)



[Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day](#)



[The Lego Movie](#)



**Most circulated
young adult titles of 2015**



The Maze Runner
By James Dashner



The Scorch Trials
By James Dashner



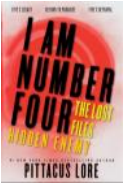
We Were Liars
By E. Lockhart



The Heir
By Kiera Cass



The Death Cure
By James Dashner



I Am Number 4:
The Lost Files:
Hidden Enemy
By Pittacus Lore



Fairy Tale. 1
By Hiro Mashima



This One Summer
By Mariko Tamaki

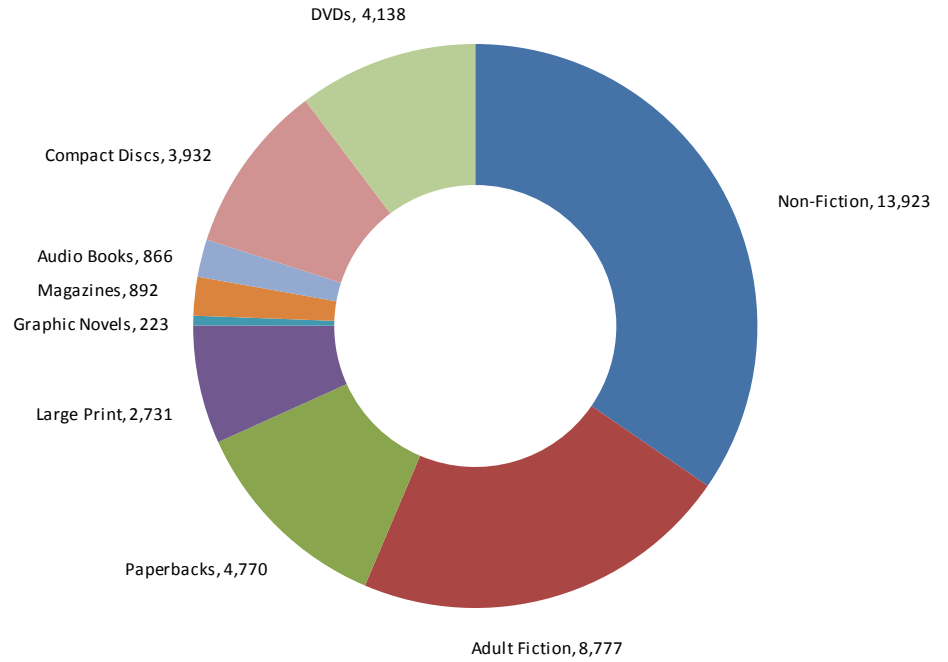


Matched
By Ally Condie

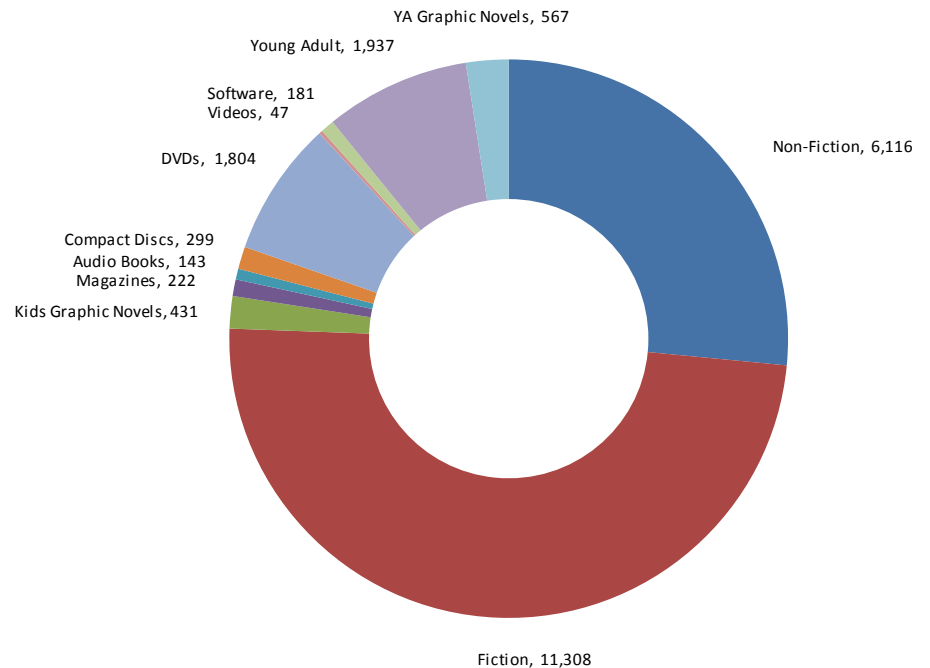


Divergent
By Veronica Roth

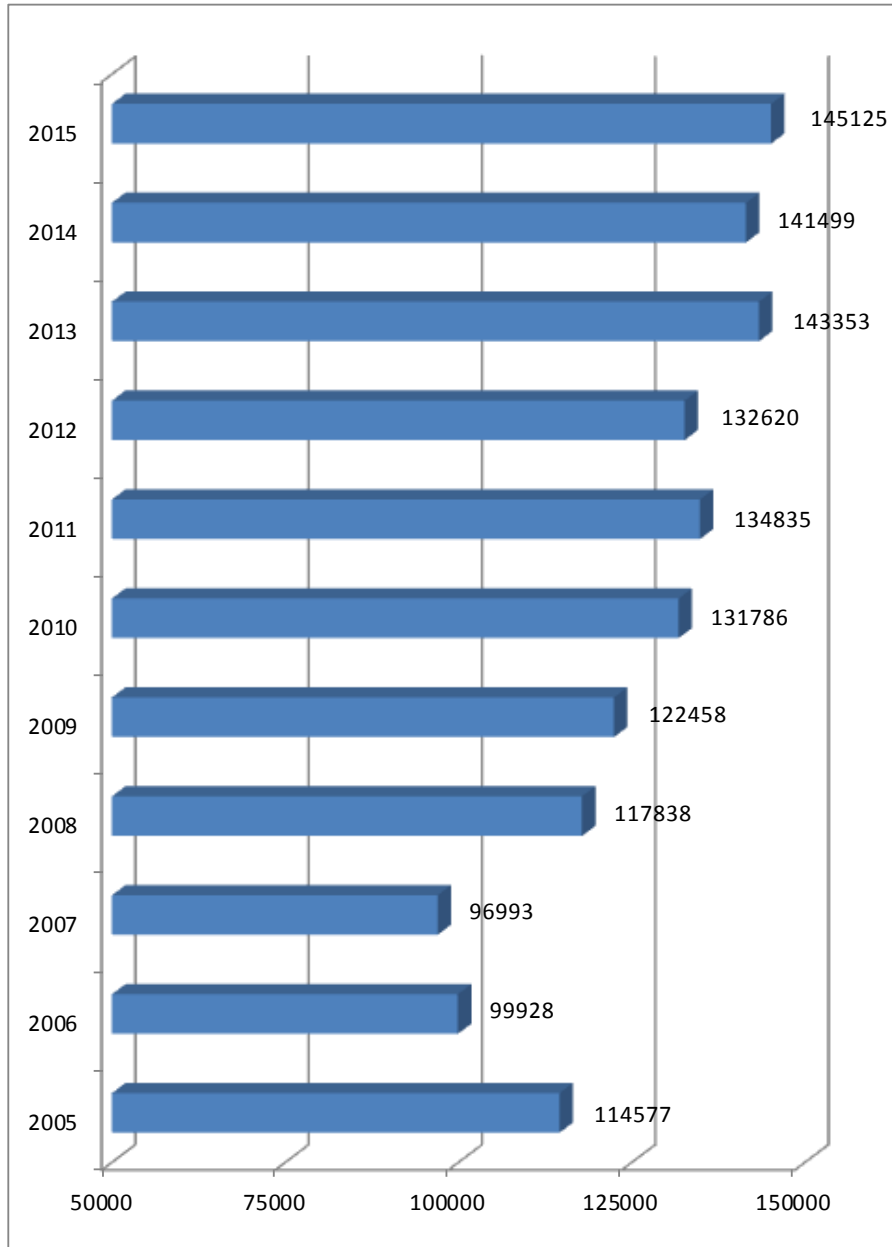
**St. Francis Public Library
2015 ADULT COLLECTION
40,252 Items**



**St. Francis Public Library
2015 YOUTH COLLECTION
23,055 Items**



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Most circulated music CDs of 2015

Now That's What
I Call Music! 52



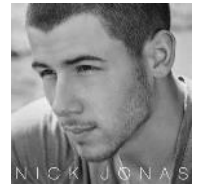
In the Lonely
Hour
By Sam Smith



Hampton Coliseum: Live in 1981
By Rolling Stones



Nick Jonas
By Nick Jonas



X
By Ed Sheeran



Pain Killer
By Little Big
Town



Houses of the
Holy
By Led Zeppelin



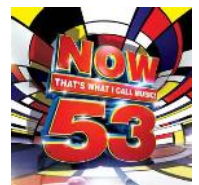
Soul Hits of the
80's



American Beauty /
American Psycho
By Fall Out Boy



Now That's What
I Call Music! 53





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