

# EAST LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



## Spreading Our Wings

### FY 2026



**Presented By: Lois Eannel - Library Director**





# ABOUT US

GET TO KNOW US BETTER

- The East Lake Community Library is a vibrant community hub. We offer a wide range of services, including book clubs, genealogy research assistance, tech support programs, and even Medicare enrollment counseling.
- Our mission is to strengthen the community through inspiration, enrichment, and education.

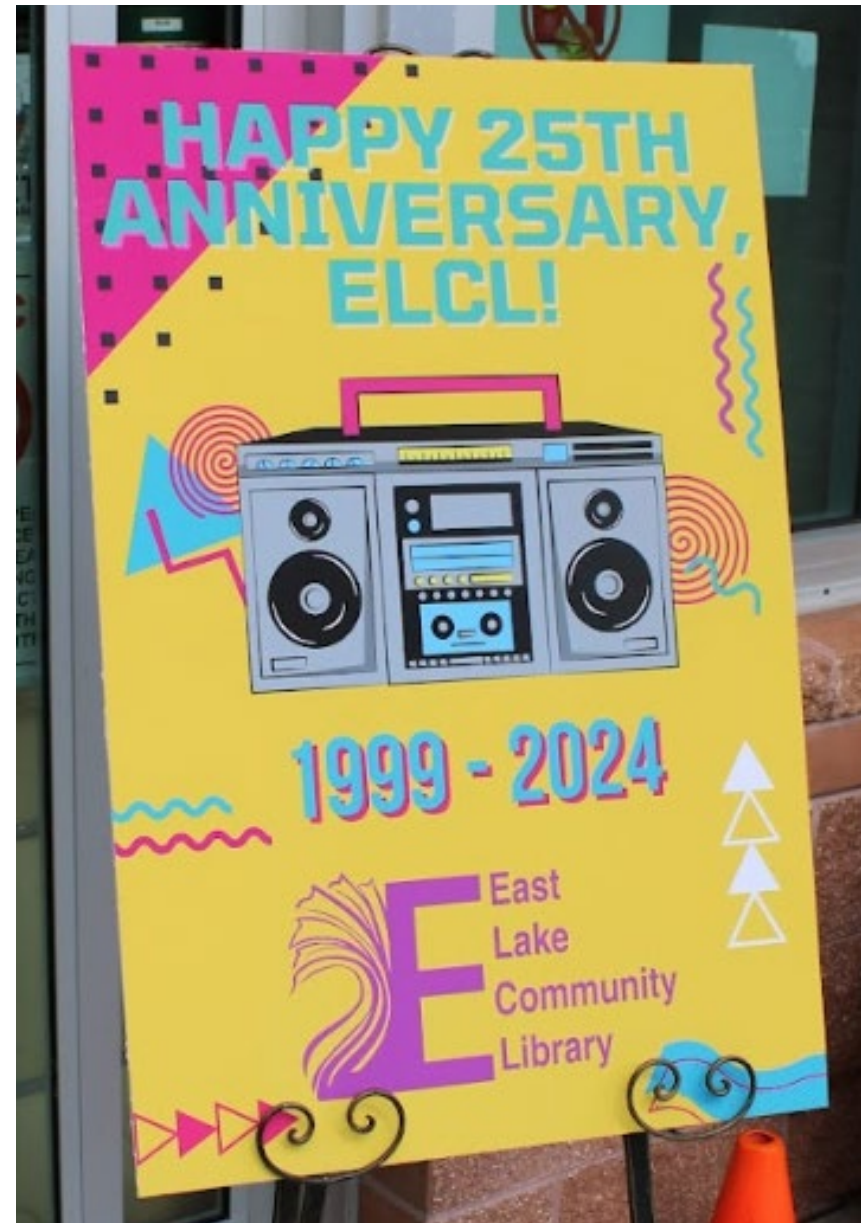
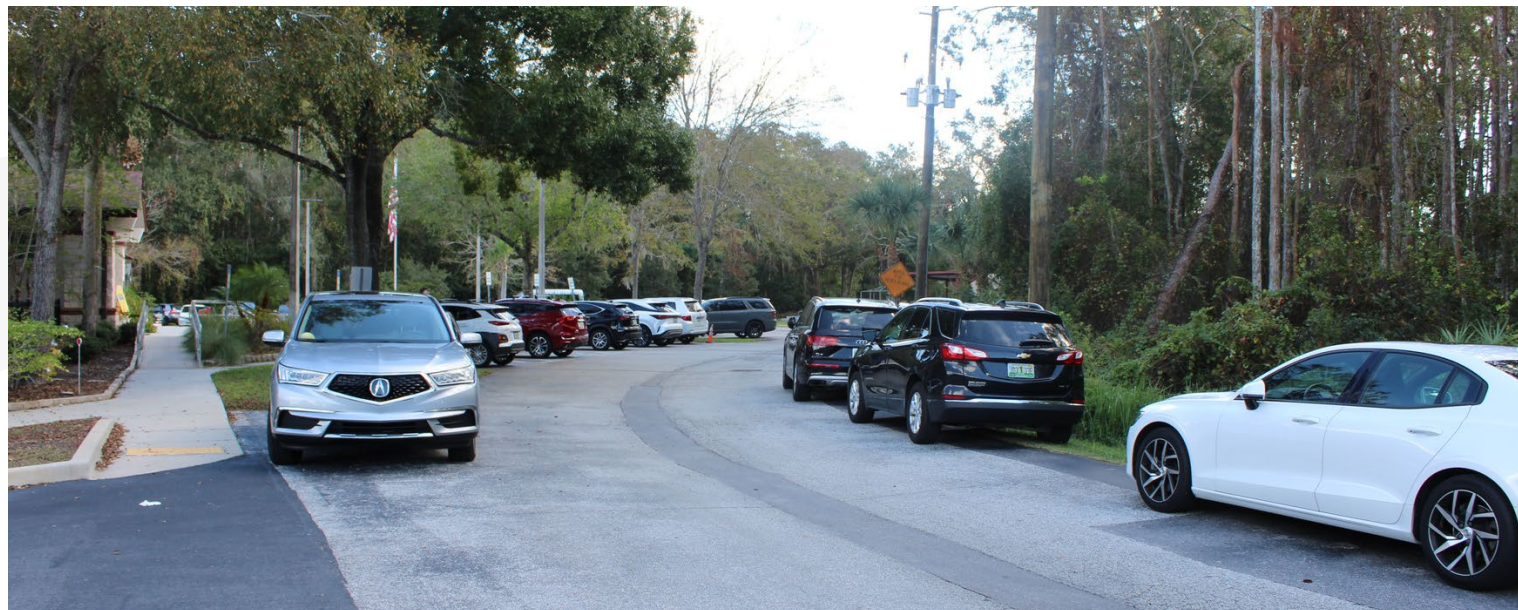




# HIGHLIGHTS OF FY 2025

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY

In November, as the library proudly marked its 25th Anniversary, staff were filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support of our community.







# MORE HIGHLIGHTS

## MURDER MYSTERY FUNDRAISER

**A wonderful evening filled  
with murder, mayhem,  
laughter, and sleuthing, as  
attendees worked together  
to uncover clues and solve  
the crime!**

**The event was a  
resounding success, raising  
almost \$4,000!**







# REVENUE GENERATORS

## FINGERPRINT SERVICES

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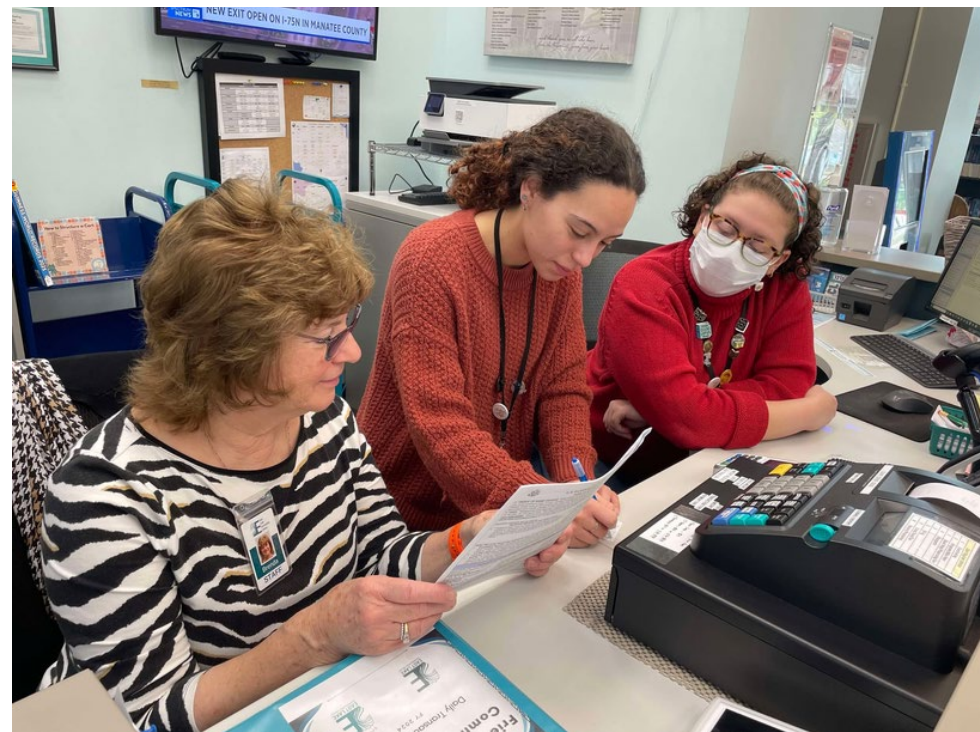
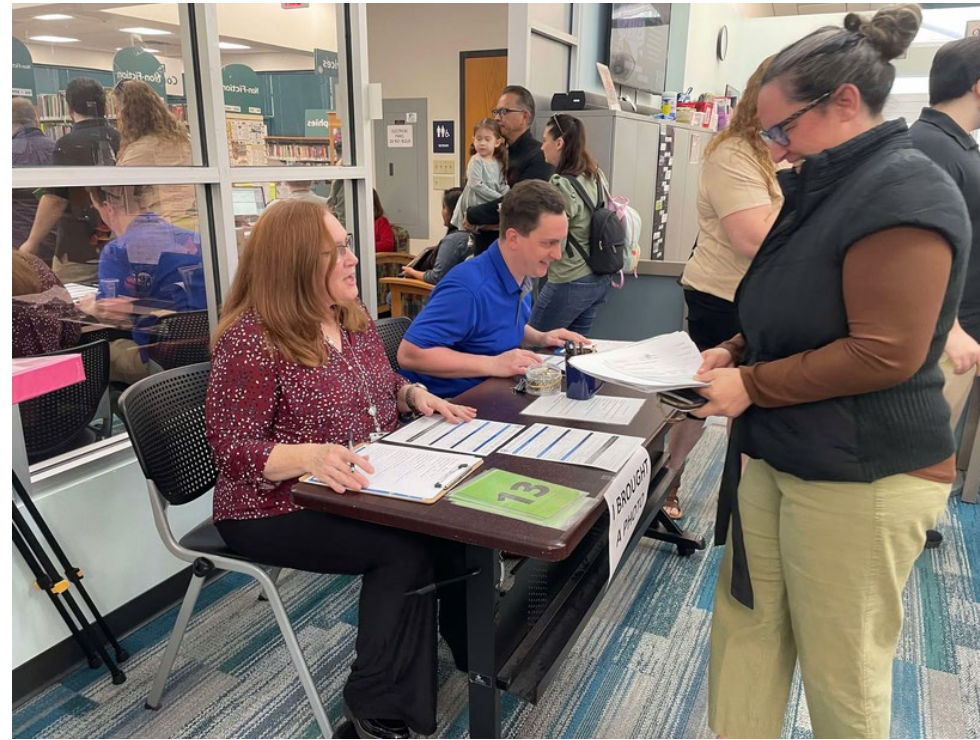
Since starting in late October, we have generated over \$2,000 net profit, showcasing our dedication to innovation and meeting the needs of our community.



# REVENUE GENERATORS

PASSPORT FAIR - FEB. 22ND, 2025

In one day, passport agents processed **105** passport applications and **73** passport photos, generating a net profit of **\$3,600!**







# REVENUE GENERATORS

## “FUN” - RAISERS

Thanks to our community's generosity and participation, we successfully raised \$2,000 through events such as:

- Ciao House Lasagna Challenge
- ELCL's Bling Cabinet
- Homemade Soup Day



# BUDGET EFFICIENCIES

**FY 2024/2025**



## 01 New Energy Efficient A/C System

We have reduced utility costs with the installation of a new A/C system thanks to a lease agreement with Pinellas County

## 02 Staff Restructuring & Consolidation of Duties

We have streamlined our operations by eliminating the Volunteer Coordinator position and transferring those responsibilities to the Assistant Director

## 03 In House Staff Utilization

Hiring an in-house, part-time facilities manager has enabled us to reduce costs by eliminating the need for higher-priced outside vendors.



# ELCL BY THE NUMBERS



Oct - Feb (Avg)

8581  
Patrons Served



Average Program  
Attendance 23



Library Cards Made

48

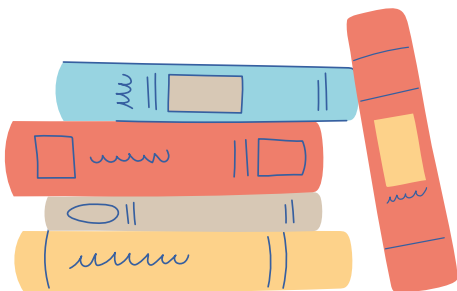


Passports  
Executed

98

Physical Checkouts

8,783



Top Circulating Titles

- 1. Adult - A Calamity of Souls - David Baldacci
- 2. Teen - Kings Cage - Victoria Aveyard
- 3. Children - Treasure in the Lake - Jason Pamment

Locker  
Checkouts  
226

Digital Checkouts  
3,706



Top Circulating Gizmo & Gadget

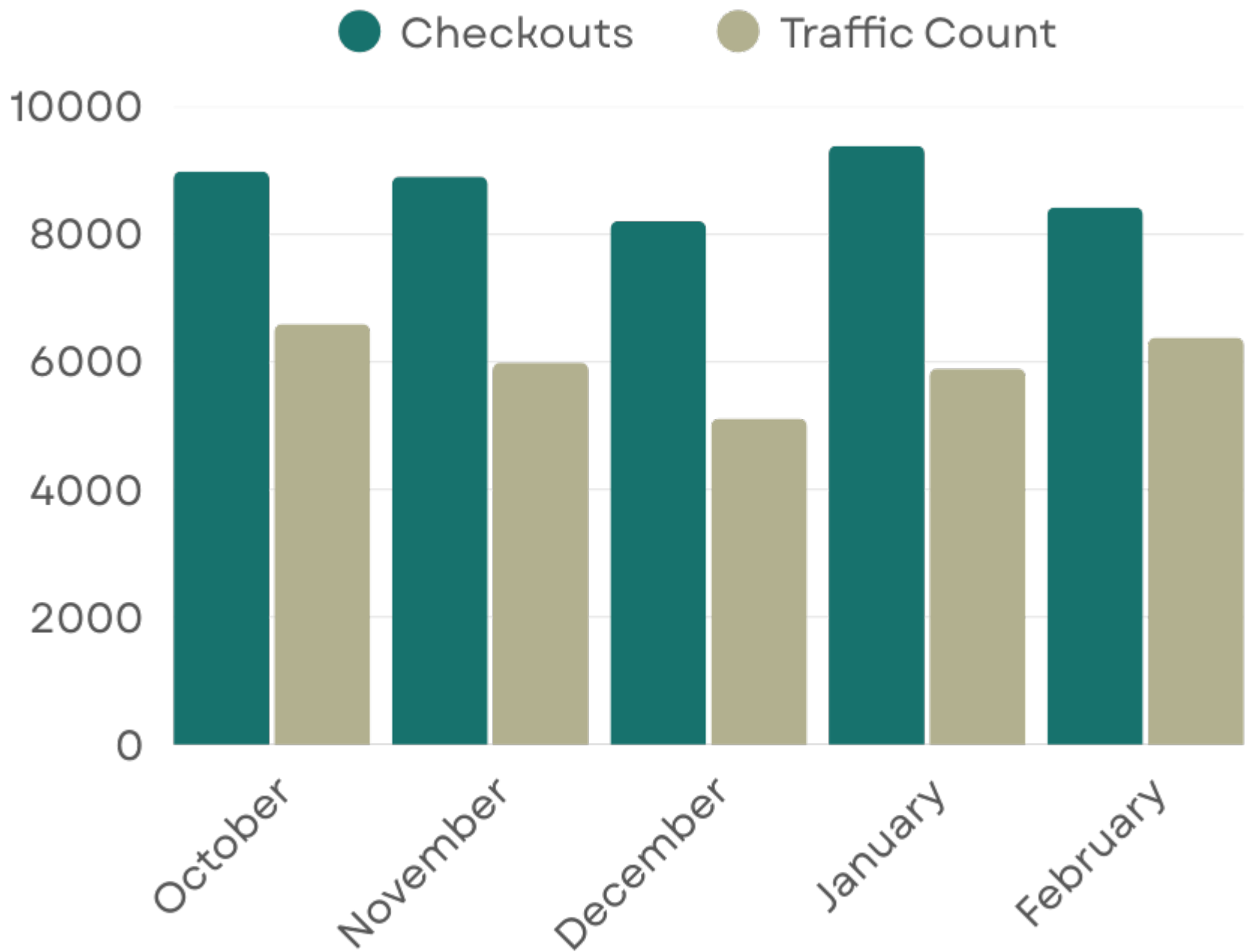
Mobile Hotspot 89





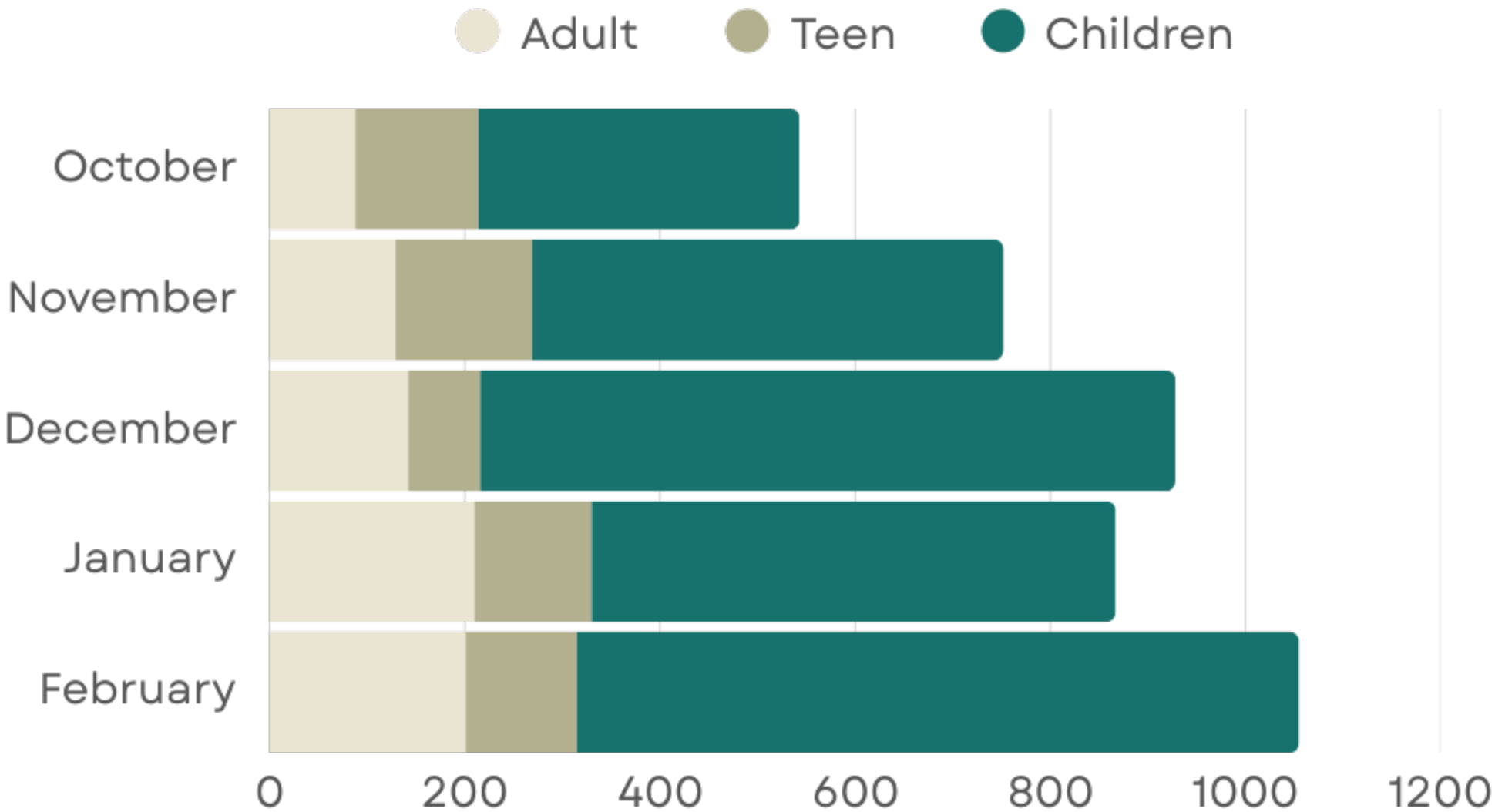
# SERVING PATRONS

East Lake Community Library



## Traffic Count

Above shows monthly traffic count and the total monthly physical checkouts. **The average checkout of each person is two physical items .**



## Program Attendance

Since October, we have had a total of **222 programs** with a total of **5048 program attendance** . This **averages to 23 patrons a program** .



# DIGITAL CHECKOUTS

OCTOBER 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025



## East Lake Community Library

69%

Total digital checkouts  
on Libby  
(e-book, audiobook,  
and magazine)

215

Average downloads on  
Hoopla every month





## **Capital Campaign Giving Opportunities**

**East Lake Community Library  
Phase II Expansion/Renovation**

# LOOKING AHEAD

FY 2026

## THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In addition to fundraising to support the operational budget, the East Lake Community Library staff and support groups will work cooperatively to raise funds for the Capital Campaign.

This is necessary to offset inflationary costs and to supplement the anticipated funds from the county of 4.5 million dollars (Capital Improvement Program).



# Collaboration and Cooperation in FY 2026

## MILLAGE RATE

With support from the county to maintain the current millage rate, ELCL will continue to implement budget efficiencies and enhance community awareness and input.

## FEEDBACK SURVEYS

We plan to work with East Lake Recreation to create print and digital surveys for feedback from residents for their library and recreational needs



## COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

Partner with East Lake Recreation to host events and utilize their facilities, attracting more families to this location

## NEWSLETTER

We secured printing of a FREE library newsletter, which will have a wider distribution area (print & digital) and include East Lake Recreation & Community Partners



# WHY DO WE NEED A LIBRARY EXPANSION?

The biggest issue for East Lake Community Library is the LACK OF SPACE. There are also SERIOUS NEEDS that cannot be met in the existing building.

## SAFETY

No fire suppression system

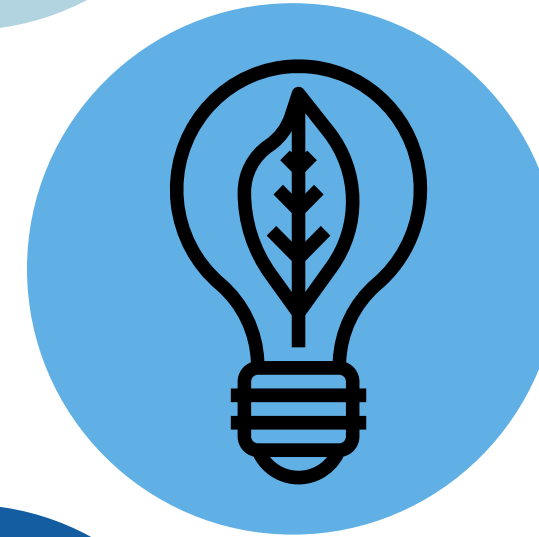


## ACCESSIBILITY

Limited stroller and wheelchair access

## COMPLIANCE

Aisles and walkways not ADA compliant



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Low energy efficiency due to outdated features & Equipment

## CLUTTER

Inaccessible materials due to packed shelves



## WORKSPACE

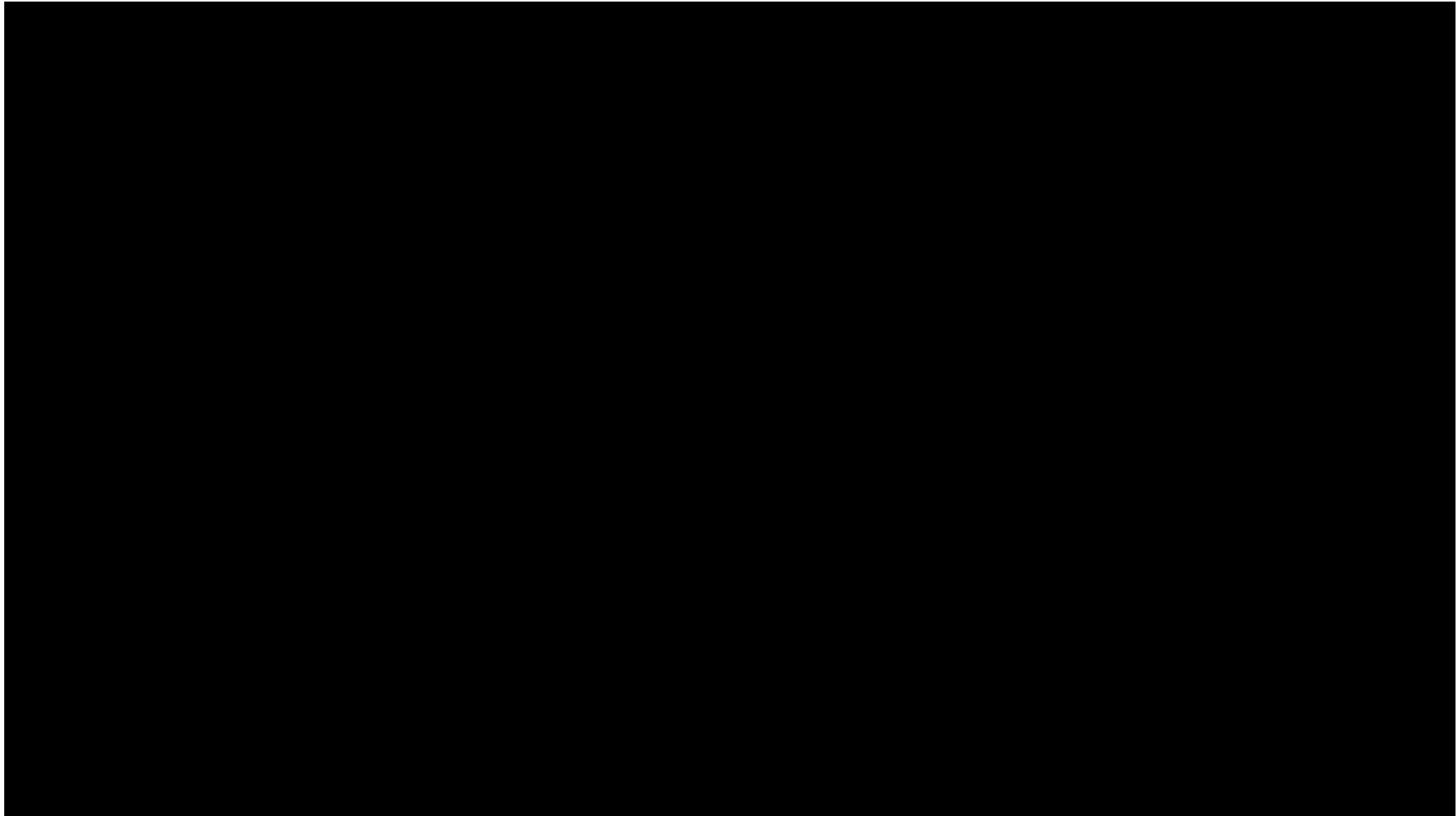
Lack of adequate workspace for staff and volunteers





# Our Vision for FY2026 – FY2029

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# TESTIMONIALS (Recent Google Reviews)



**“This is my go -to library. The staff goes out of their way to answer my questions and help me to locate or reserve a book from another library. The tech person scheduled one day showed me how to attach and transfer certain tough files. I've purchased modest price gift baskets and jewelry from their case.”**

**Barbara Letvin**



**A wonderful array of services at this community library. Having a passport office, an art gallery, and room for lectures along with a teen center and children's room (with a gecko). Lots of charging stations. The librarians have thought of seemingly everything to make the library a comfortable place for community members to get books and so much more...**

**Uzi Baram**



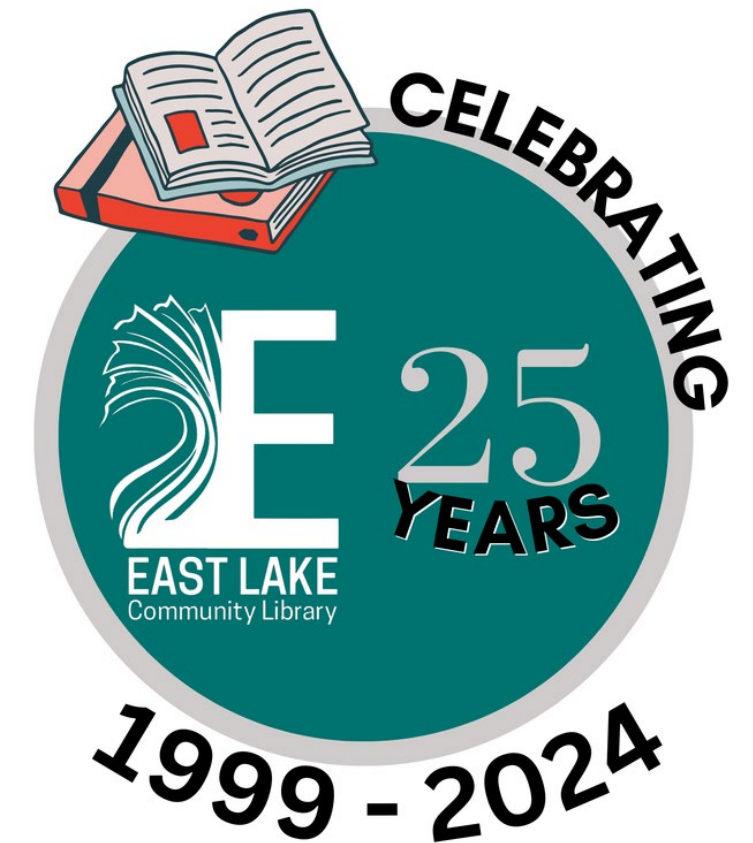
**“I visited the East Lake Community Library with my wife and daughter yesterday for passports and wanted to let you know that we had a wonderful experience. The staff was friendly, helpful, and seemed to genuinely enjoy being there. Thank you to you and your staff for a terrific experience.”**

**Alex Huffstutler**



# THANK YOU

FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE  
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