



April 2016

VITA - The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers free tax help to qualifying individuals who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. Volunteers were located at the Council Tree and Old Town Libraries for 33 days during the 2015 filing season. VITA utilization was 18% (192 hours) of the total utilization of the community rooms during February to April. The Old Town VITA volunteers served 606 clients with 465 accepted e-files which saved their clients a total of \$160,880 in preparation fees.

From a volunteer: *“Last year one of the VITA clients was a homeless individual. We worked with them to go over the previous 5 years of taxes and got them a substantial amount of money back which really helped them to move into a better place in life.”*

From a patron: *“Thank you to VITA and Council Tree for providing a wonderful tax service today.”*



CARDHOLDERS



1,058
New in April
156,333
Current

HOLDS PLACED



33,219
In April
136,057
Year-to-date

COMPUTER USAGE



18,528
WiFi use in April
13,368
Library computer users in April

DOOR TRAFFIC



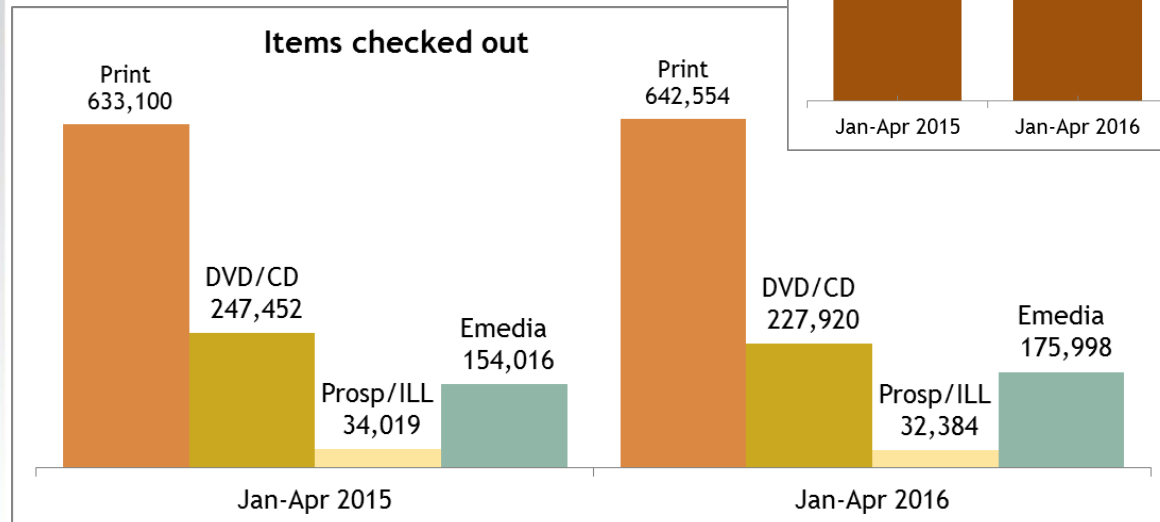
3,027
Monthly average/day
90,807
April Total

BOOKS & MATERIALS

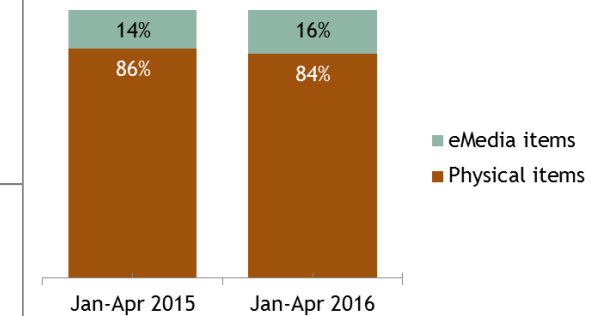
4,686
Items added in April

419,040
Current number of items in the collection

Items checked out



Type of checkout



DATABASE USAGE



42,447
In April

PROGRAMS



310
Programs held in March
5,337
People in attendance

SOCIAL MEDIA



3,541 Facebook likes

VOLUNTEERS



108 Volunteers
810 Hours
In April

Recycling Update

In November, the Collections Department implemented a new way to recycle laminated paper backing. Terracycle provides a box to collect and send the backing to be recycled. The backing is put through a process where the laminates are stripped away and the recovered plastic is added to plastic formulas to create things like park benches and watering cans. It only took 5 months to fill a 90 lb. box.

Before this new procedure, the District sent 182 pounds of backing to the landfill in one year. If the current trend continues for 2016, the District will send 216 pounds of plastic laminate to be recycled instead of to the landfill. Book recycling is also ahead of last year. In the first quarter of 2016, the District recycled 16,989 pounds of books which is 54% over last year during the same time period.

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