



MARICOPA COUNTY

LIBRARY DISTRICT

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2025
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



Letter from the Director



A Message from the County Librarian

Each year, our annual report offers an opportunity to reflect on the role public libraries play in strengthening our communities. Over the last fiscal year, more than 1.65 million customers visited our libraries, and a book was read, a song downloaded, or a movie streamed nearly 7.9 million times. We served more cardholders than ever before, celebrated a record-breaking Summer Reading Program, and welcomed growing participation in library programs across Maricopa County. These numbers represent more than usage. They reflect connection, access, and opportunity.

Every day, our libraries support people in ways both practical and personal. Customers come to learn new skills, explore interests, access technology, homeschool their children, or simply enjoy a quiet moment. We meet people in moments of joy and curiosity, but also during some of life’s hardest days: when someone has lost a job and needs help creating a résumé, is caring for a loved one with memory loss, or is navigating a difficult transition. These millions of moments of service, both big and small, are what library service is truly about.

And, the best part of it all? Public libraries ask for nothing in return. Our spaces, services, and collections are free, welcoming, and open to everyone, whether you visit a branch in person or access resources online.

As we look to the future, MCLD is entering an exciting new chapter! Over the next two years, we anticipate opening four new buildings, including the new Litchfield Park Library, the MCLD Distribution Center, and a new library in Anthem. We are also moving closer to the possibility of a new facility that will allow us to reopen the Gila Bend Library.

I hope this annual report offers a glimpse into the impact of public library service and reinforces the importance of continued investment in libraries across Maricopa County. Thank you for your support, your partnership, and your belief in the power of libraries to strengthen our communities!

Jeremy Reeder, *County Librarian & Director of Maricopa County Library District*

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Mission & Service Pillars

Mission

The Mission of the Library District is to provide access and services so residents experience an improved quality of life.

Core Service Pillars

Civic and Community Engagement

Digital Learning

Early Childhood Literacy

Economic Development

Education and Lifelong Learning

Job Skills



Circulation & Top Checkouts

What Our Community Borrowed

At its core, a library’s mission is access. It’s about connecting our community to the books, media, and resources they need, in whatever format works best for them. This fiscal year, cardholders checked out millions of physical and digital items, and embraced a growing collection of non-traditional materials that expand what a library can be!



566K

Items in
Collection



3.29M

Physical Items
Checked Out



22.5M

Items in
Digital Library
Collection



4.59M

Digital Library
Checkouts



23K

Non-Traditional
Library Items
Borrowed



2,249

Chromebooks &
Hotspots



11,020

Culture Passes



374

Book Club Kits



7,042

Seed Packets



158

Ukuleles



632

Telescopes &
Citizen Science
Kits



1,547

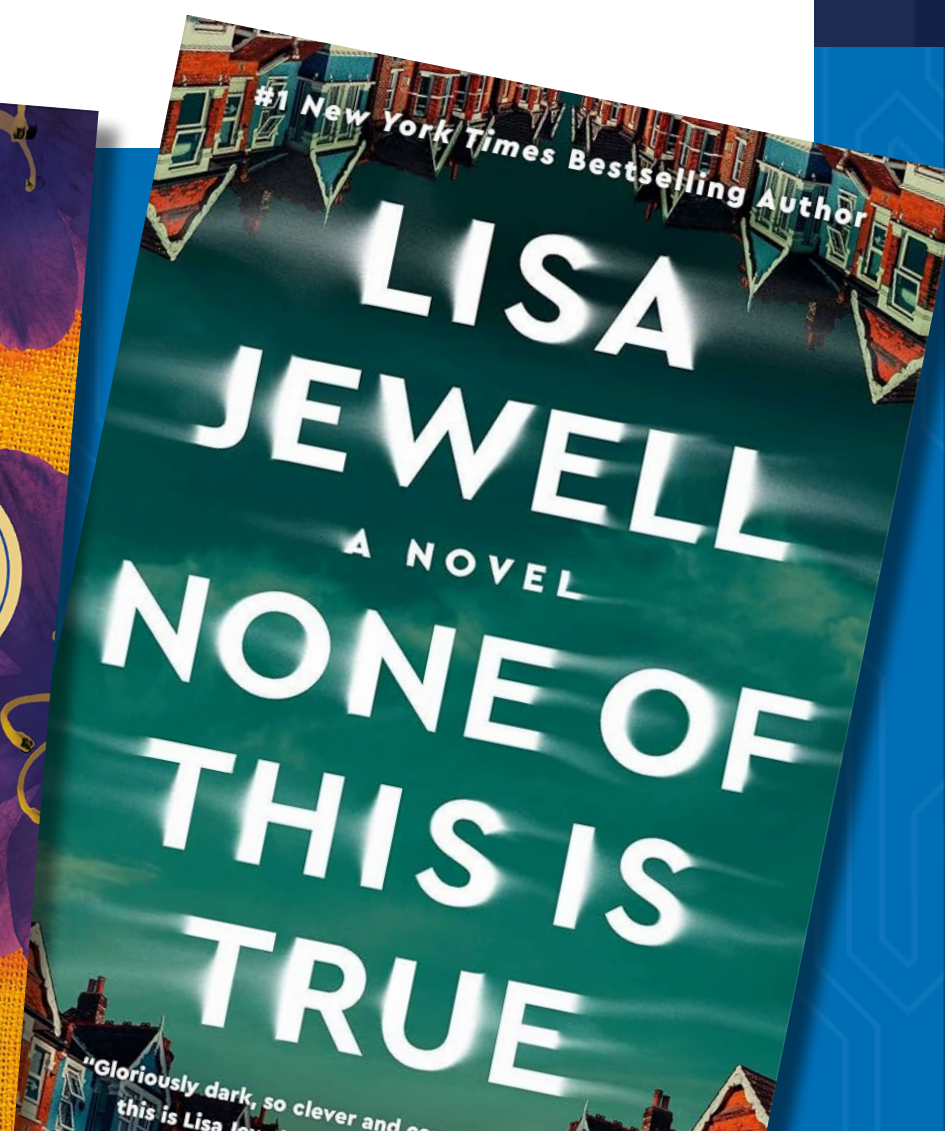
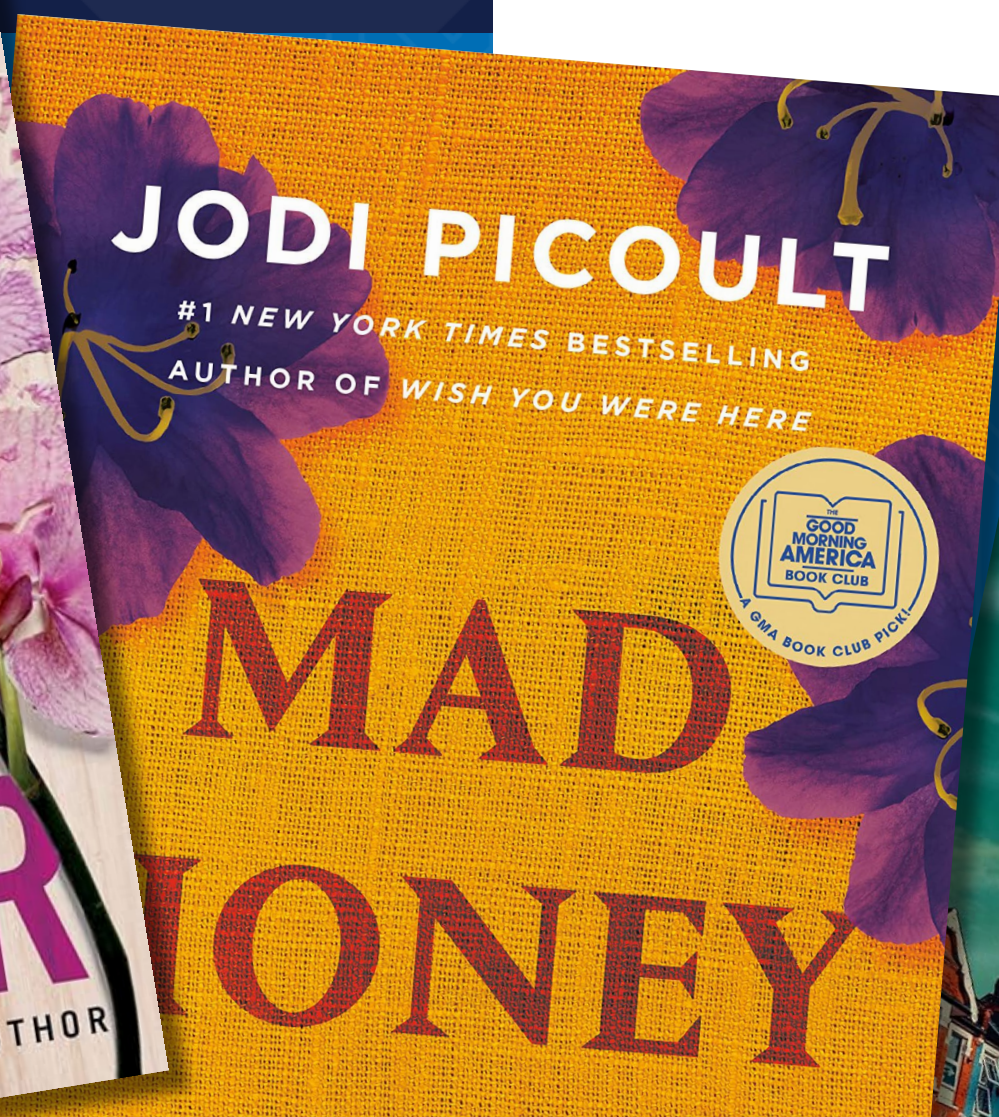
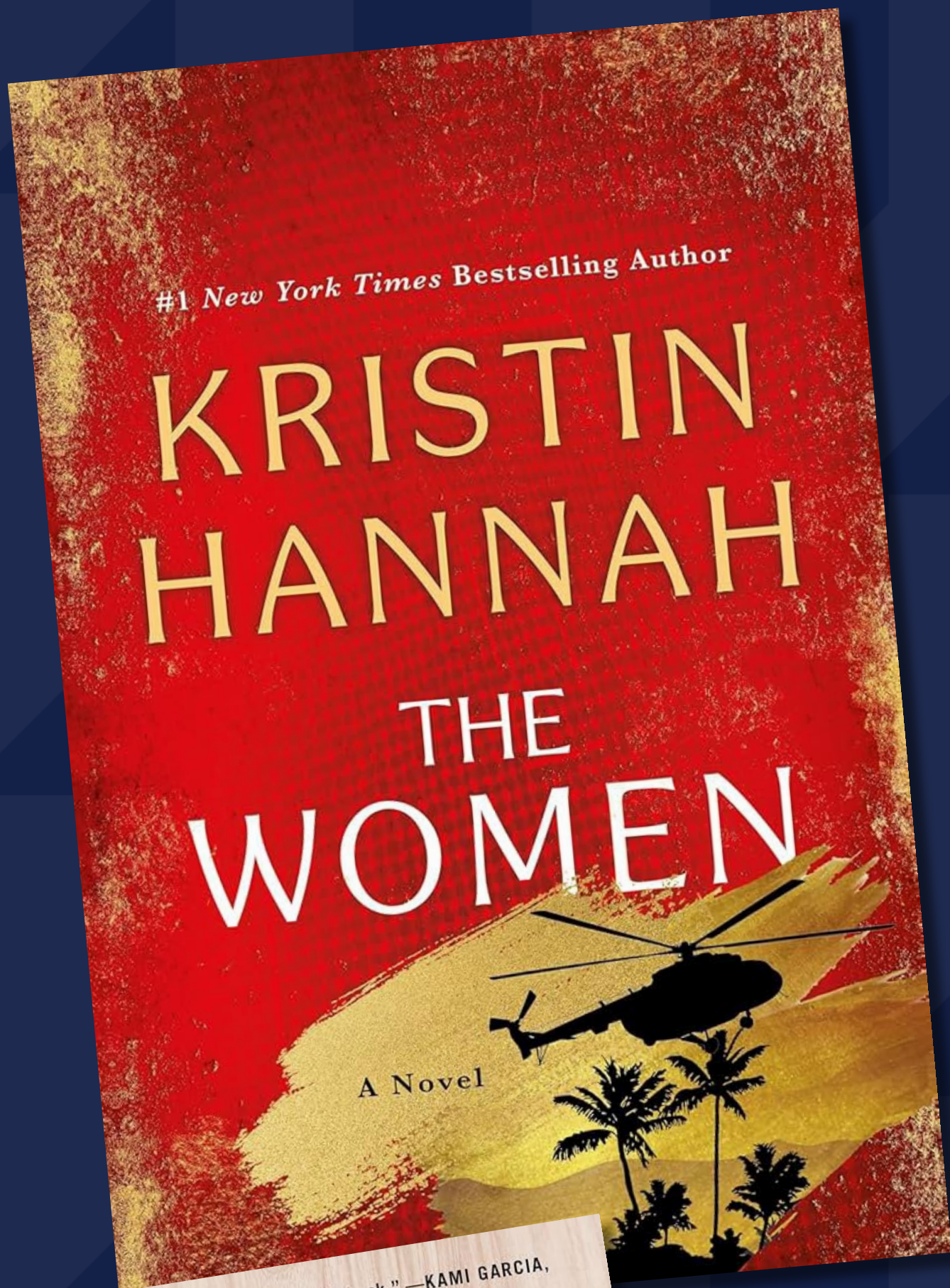
Video Games

Top Checkouts

Adult

Fiction

1. **The Women**
by Kristin Hannah
2. **It Ends with Us**
by Colleen Hoover
3. **Mad Honey**
by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan
4. **None of This Is True**
by Lisa Jewell
5. **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store**
by James McBride
6. **Happy Place**
by Emily Henry
7. **The Nightingale**
by Kristin Hannah
8. **First Lie Wins**
by Ashley Elston
9. **Never Lie**
by Freida McFadden
10. **The Only One Left**
by Riley Sager

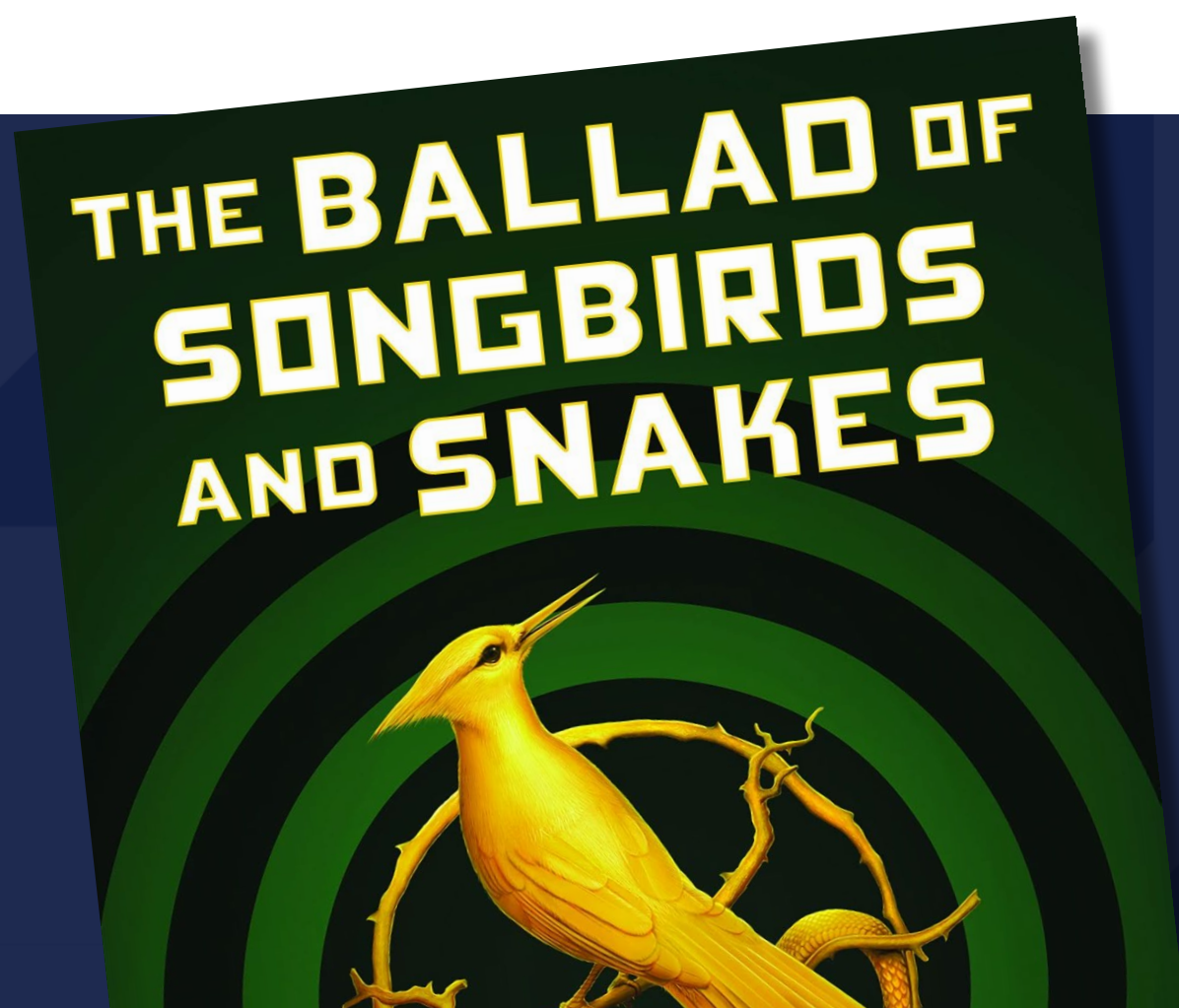
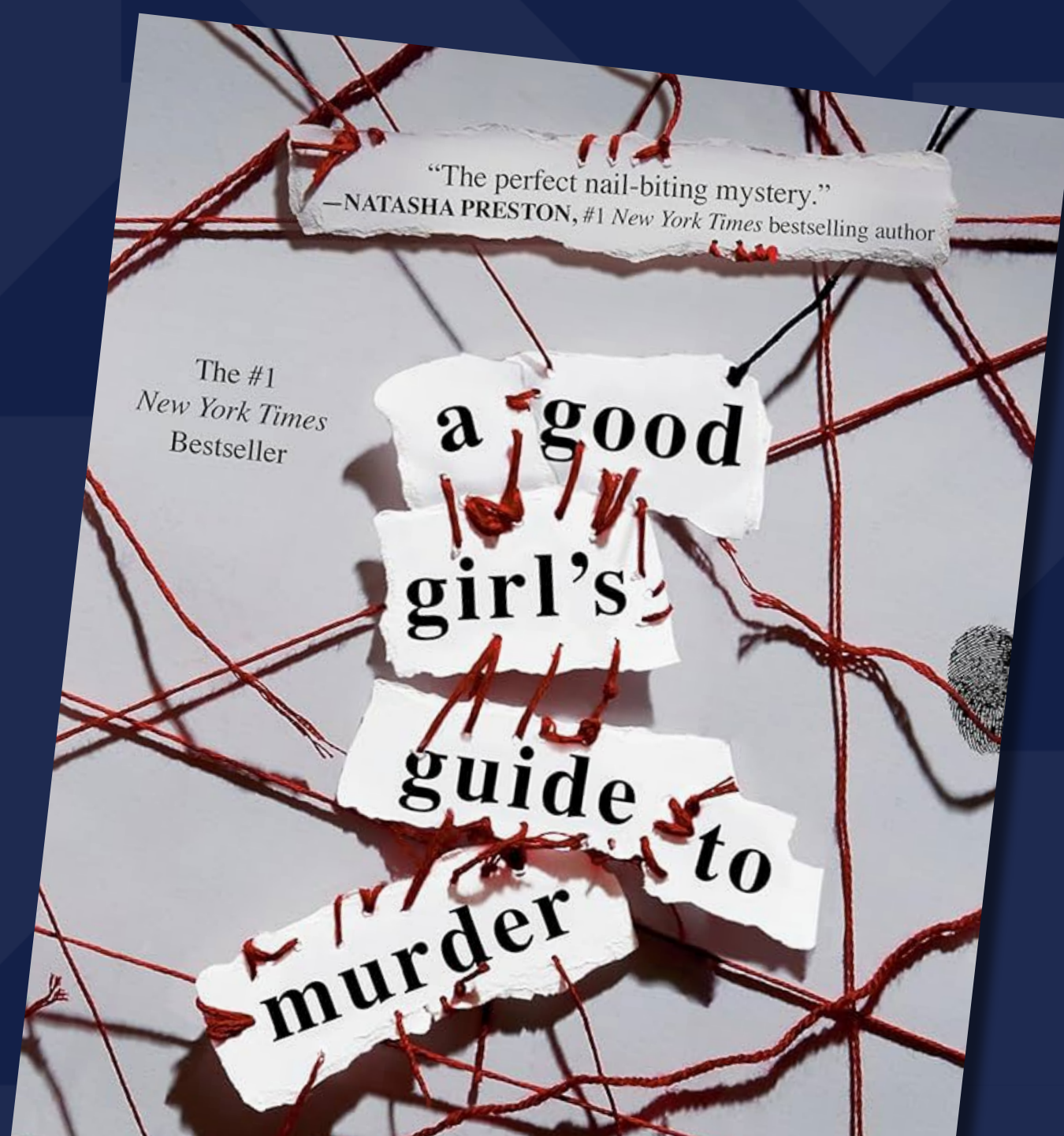
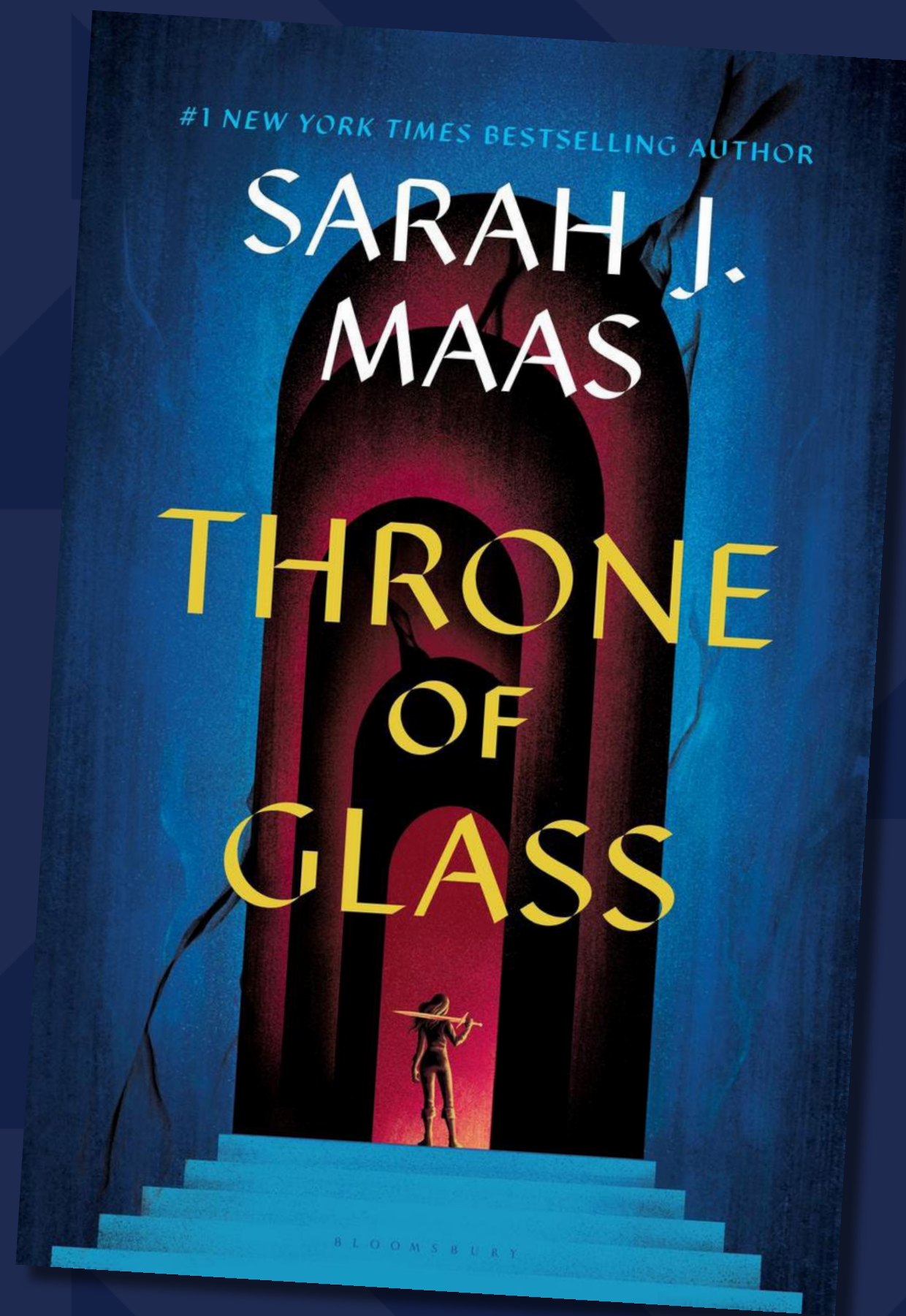


Top Checkouts

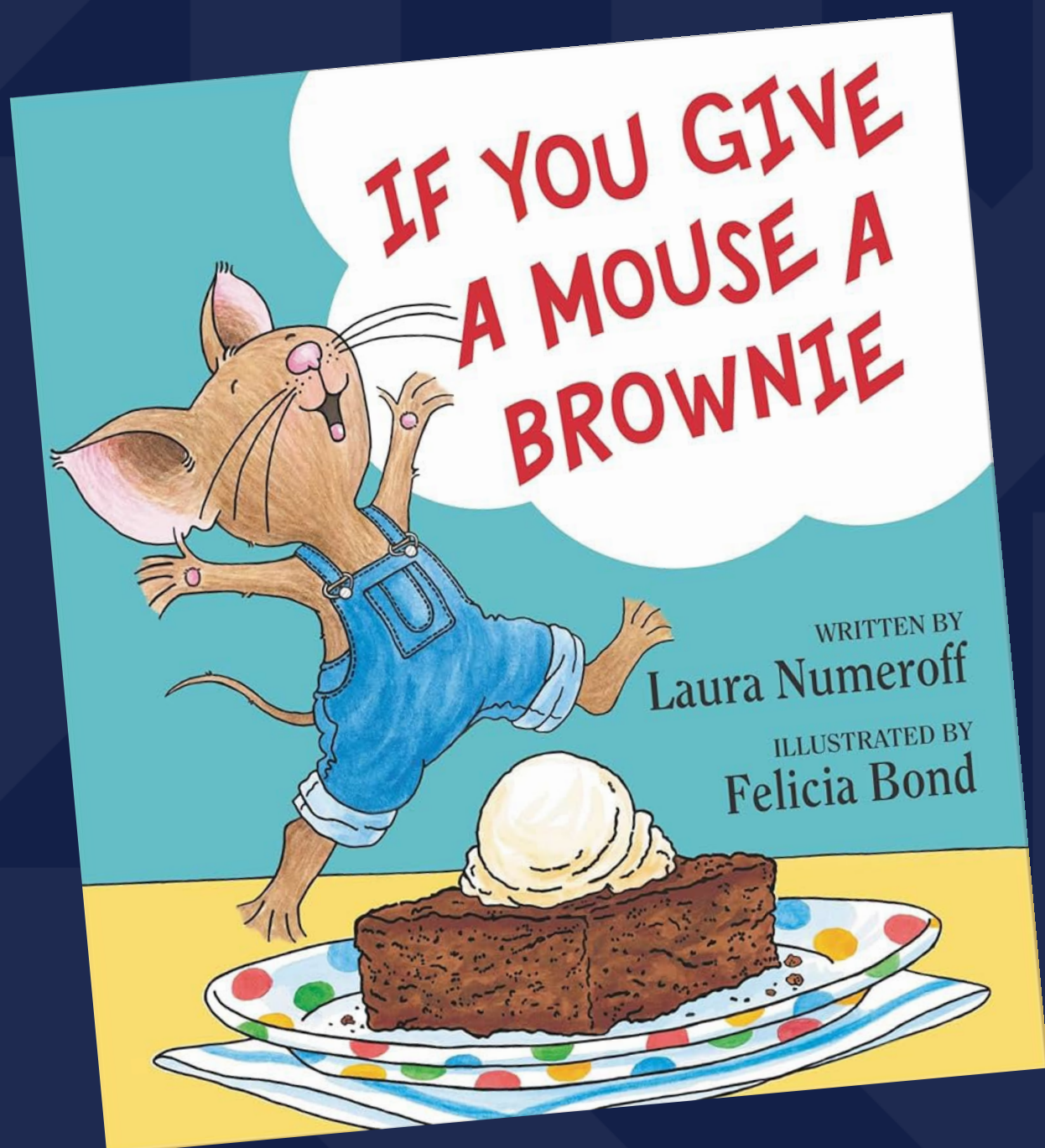
Teen

Fiction

1. **Throne of Glass**
by Sarah J. Maas
2. **Hunger Games Series: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**
by Suzanne Collins
3. **Throne of Glass: Crown of Midnight**
by Sarah J. Maas
4. **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder**
by Holly Jackson
5. **Letters of Enchantment: Divine Rivals**
by Holly Hook
6. **The Hunger Games**
by Suzanne Collins
7. **The Inheritance Games**
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
8. **Caraval**
by Stephanie Garber
9. **One of Us Is Lying**
by Karen M. McManus
10. **Hunger Games Series: Sunrise on the Reaping**
by Suzanne Collins



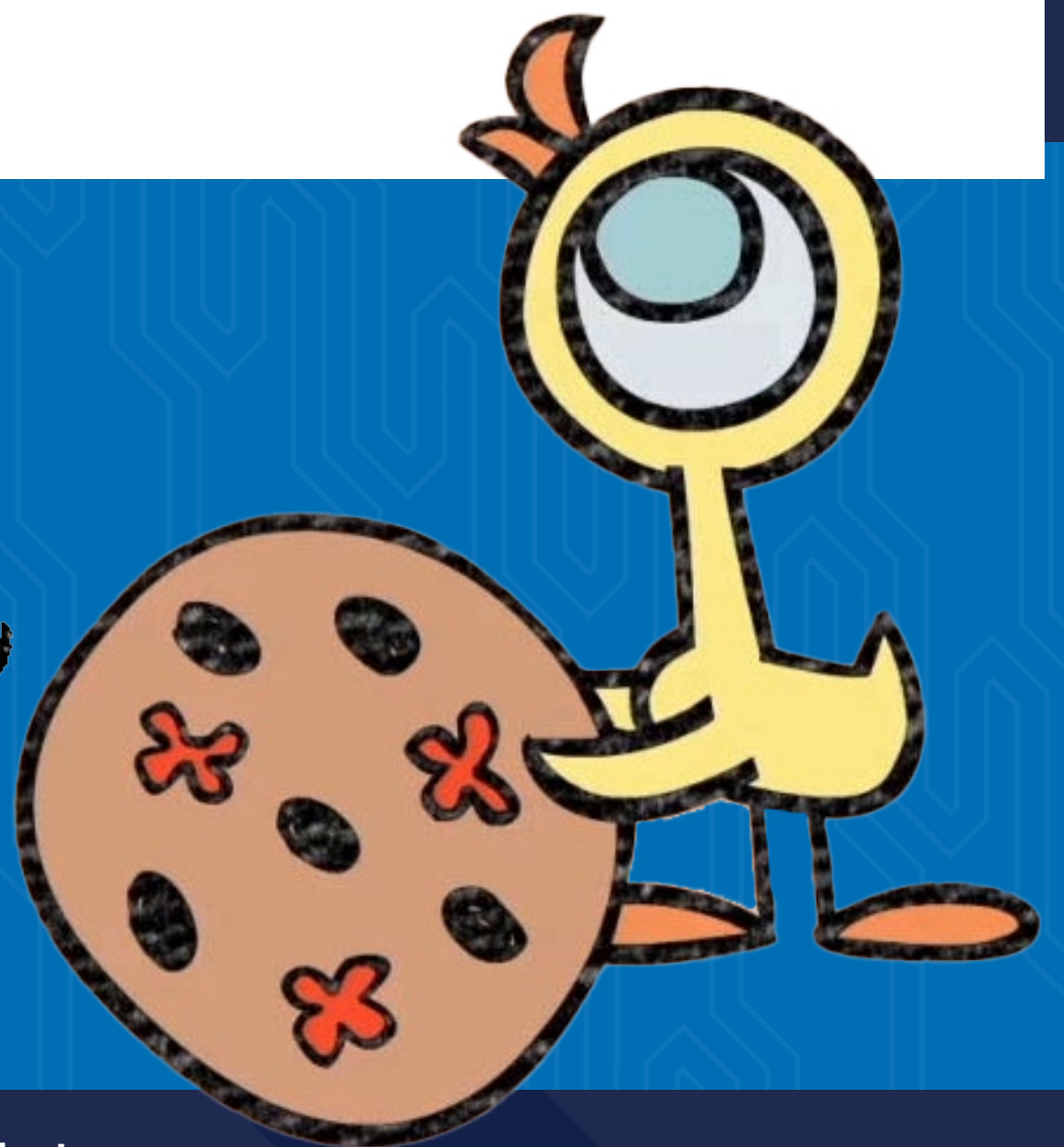
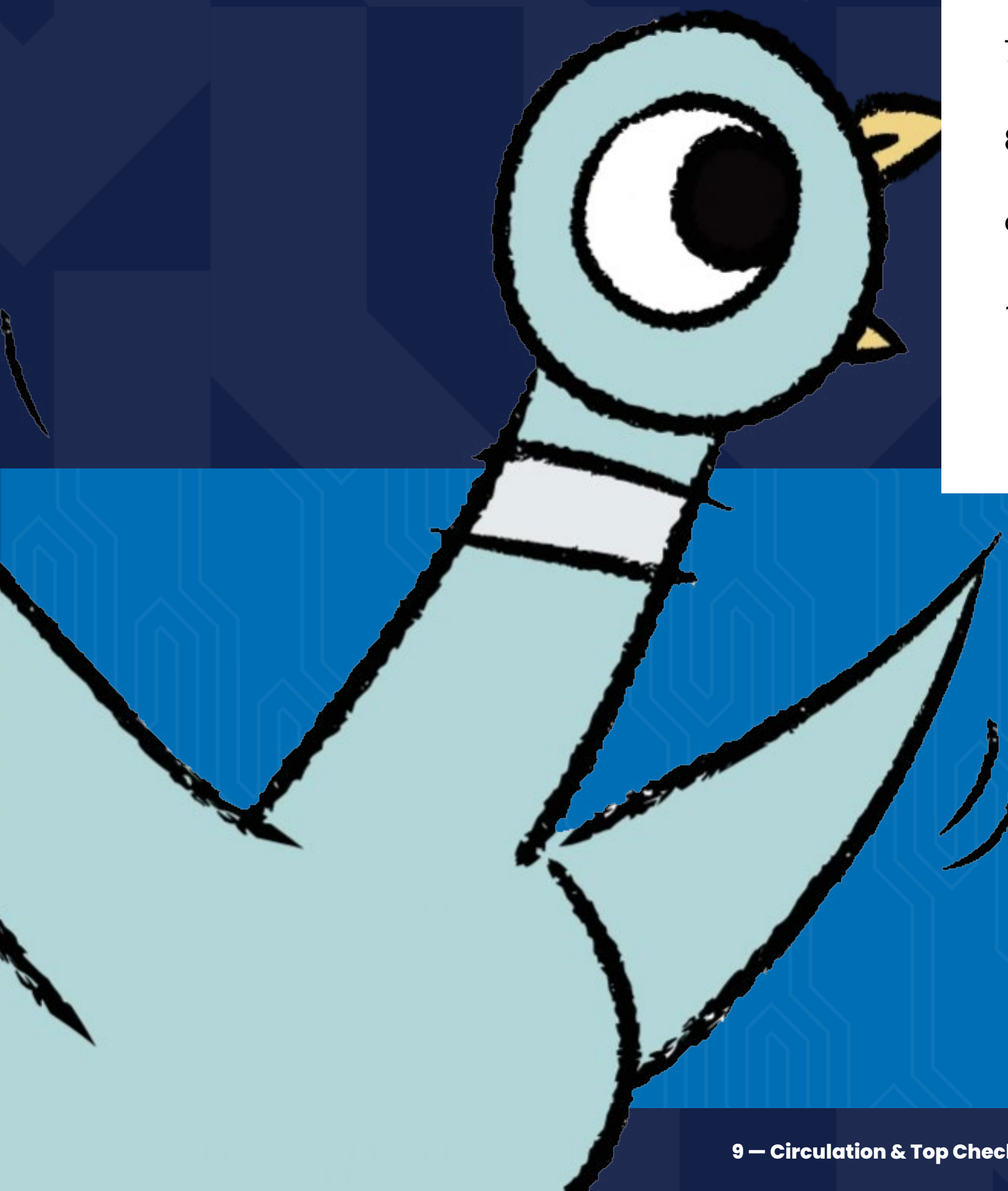
Top Checkouts



Juvenile

Picture Books

1. **The Pigeon Needs a Bath!**
by Mo Willems
2. **The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster!**
by Mo Willems
3. **If You Give a Mouse a Brownie**
by Laura Numeroff
4. **The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?**
by Mo Willems
5. **The Pigeon Has to Go to School!**
by Mo Willems
6. **The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!**
by Mo Willems
7. **If You Give a Cat a Cupcake**
by Laura Numeroff
8. **Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!**
by Mo Willems
9. **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**
by Mo Willems
10. **If You Give a Dog a Donut**
by Laura Numeroff



Top Checkouts

eBooks

Libby

1. **The Women**
by Kristin Hannah
2. **Funny Story**
by Emily Henry
3. **Fourth Wing**
by Rebecca Yarros
4. **A Calamity of Souls**
by David Baldacci
5. **Just for the Summer**
by Abby Jimenez
6. **The Suspect: Murder in a Small Town**
by L.R. Wright
7. **Eruption**
by Michael Crichton & James Patterson
8. **The Edge**
by David Baldacci
9. **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store**
by James McBride
10. **Camino Ghosts**
by John Grisham

eBooks

Hoopla

1. **Don't Believe Everything You Think**
by Thomas Kida
2. **Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis**
by J.D. Vance
3. **Pretty Girls**
by Karin Slaughter
4. **Better Small Talk**
by Patrick King
5. **The Lost Bookshop**
by Evie Woods
6. **The Pumpkin Spice Café**
by Laurie Gilmore
7. **Remarkably Bright Creatures**
by Shelby Van Pelt
8. **The Psychology of Money**
by Morgan Housel
9. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess**
by Jeff Kinney
10. **Never Never**
by Colleen Hoover



Top Checkouts

Audiobooks

Libby

1. **The Women**
by Kristen Hannah
2. **The Things We Leave Unfinished**
by Rebecca Yarros
3. **Onyx Storm**
by Rebecca Yarros
4. **Funny Story**
by Emily Henry
5. **The Locked Door**
by Freida McFadden
6. **The Four Winds**
by Kristin Hannah
7. **Assistant to the Villain**
by Hannah Nicole Maehr
8. **Just for the Summer**
by Abby Jimenez
9. **None of This is True**
by Lisa Jewell
10. **Pucking Around**
by Emily Rath

Audiobooks

Hoopla

1. **Fourth Wing**
by Rebecca Yarros
2. **Iron Flame**
by Rebecca Yarros
3. **A Court of Thrones and Roses**
by Sarah J. Mass
4. **A Court of Wings and Ruin**
by Sarah J. Mass
5. **A Court of Mist & Fury**
by Sarah J. Mass
6. **Sunrise on the Reaping**
by Suzanne Collins
7. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**
by J.K. Rowling
8. **A Court of Silver Flames**
by Sarah J. Mass
9. **The Boyfriend**
by Freida McFadden
10. **Lights Out**
by Navessa Allen



Movies & TV

DVDs & Blu-rays

1. Inside Out 2
2. Kung Fu Panda 4
3. The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes
4. The Garfield Movie
5. Sonic the Hedgehog 2
6. Dune: Part Two
7. Wicked
8. IF
9. Wonka
10. The Fall Guy

Top Checkouts

Movies & TV

Top Streams on Kanopy

1. Little Angel
2. Blackshore
3. Father Brown: S11
4. Father Brown: S3
5. Father Brown: S5
6. Father Brown: S1
7. Father Brown: S10
8. Father Brown: S2
9. Antiks
10. Detective Montalbano: S1



Top Checkouts

Newspapers & Magazines

Top Newspapers on PressReader

1. Las Vegas Review-Journal
2. The New York Times
3. USA TODAY US Edition
4. The Economist
5. The Globe and Mail (Ontario Edition)
6. The Boston Globe
7. The Philadelphia Inquirer
8. 世界日報（舊金山）
9. Aftenposten
10. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Newspapers & Magazines

Top Magazines on Flipster

1. People
2. The Atlantic Monthly
3. Consumer Reports on Health
4. TIME Magazine
5. Real Simple
6. Arizona Highways
7. Quilter's World
8. Consumer Reports Buying Guide
9. Sports Illustrated
10. Popular Mechanics



Top Checkouts

Explore more top
checkouts on Page 37!

Music

Streamed Artists on Freegal

1. Depeche Mode
2. Bruce Springsteen
3. Bob Dylan
4. Pink Floyd
5. Billy Joel
6. Electric Light Orchestra
7. Luke Combs
8. 'Weird Al' Yankovic
9. Willie Nelson
10. Elvis Presley



Music

CDs

1. **The Tortured Poets Department**
by Taylor Swift
2. **Lover**
by Taylor Swift
3. **NOW That's What I Call Country, Volume 17**
by Various Artists
4. **Hit Me Hard and Soft**
by Jenny Lewis
5. **1989: Taylor's Version**
by Taylor Swift
6. **Now That's What I Call Music!, 25th Anniversary, Volume 2**
by Various Artists
7. **Short n' Sweet**
by DeVotchKa
8. **Speak Now**
by Taylor Swift
9. **Beautifully Broken**
by Plumb
10. **F-1 Trillion**
by We Are Scientists



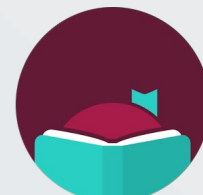
Strengthening our Digital Library

Cardholders continued to increase their use of MCLD's robust digital library collection this year. Engagement grew across platforms, with notable increases in three of our most popular digital services: Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy.



32%

**Increase in
Total Circulation**



3.4%

**Increase in
Total Circulation**



12%

**Increase in
Video Plays**

In addition to increased use of existing resources, MCLD invested in expanding and diversifying its digital offerings to better meet community needs. Four new digital library products were launched during the fiscal year, providing cardholders with opportunities to attend virtual author events, enroll in online courses, and access educational materials that support student learning and lifelong education.





Online Author Talks (Library Speakers Consortium)

Launched in July 2024

Provides cardholders with access to live and recorded virtual events featuring bestselling and award-winning authors.

- **13,147 total event views**
- **Most attended author event: Jodi Picoult**

Scholastic Book Flix

Launched in August 2024

An interactive literacy resource that pairs fiction and nonfiction eBooks to support early readers and promote reading comprehension.

- **2,887 unique users**
- **6,601 book pairs viewed**



Scholastic Teachables

Launched in August 2024

Offers thousands of printable, ready-to-use educational resources to support classroom instruction and at-home learning.

- 1,757 unique users
- 8,282 documents downloaded



LinkedIn Learning

Launched in August 2024

Delivers on-demand video courses covering professional development, technology skills, and creative topics for learners of all levels.

- 620 hours of content viewed
- 4,253 courses viewed
- 14,996 videos views

Top Courses

1. The Good Life: Lessons from the Longest Study on Happiness
2. Systems Thinking
3. Word Press: Ecommerce
4. Rust Tips and Tricks

Library Services

Supporting Our Customers

Library staff are at the heart of everything we do, working across branches, virtual services, and behind the scenes to support our community. Guided by our Great Expectations customer service philosophy, we strive to deliver welcoming, consistent, and personalized service, whether in person, online, or over the phone. From study room reservations to virtual appointments, we are proud to provide individualized support to the millions of customers who visit our website, walk through our doors, or connect with us virtually each year!



1.65M

Customer Visits



149K

Number of WiFi
Users



38,762

Virtual Branch
Phone Calls



4,187

Curbside
Pickups



5.66M

Library Website
Visits



124K

Hours Spent on
Library Computers



1,338

Book-A-
Librarian
Virtual
Appointments



68,544

Study Room
Reservations

Events & Programming



Community Connections

Library programs bring people together. They are at the core of what we do by connecting our neighbors to resources, ideas, and one another. From early literacy storytimes to adult learning opportunities and self-guided activities, these programs reflect the library's role as a place for connection, creativity, and discovery!

Total Events: 4,424

Total Event Attendees: 103,560

Total Video Programs Viewed: 16,967

**Self-Guided & Take-Home Activities
Participation:** 88,160

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

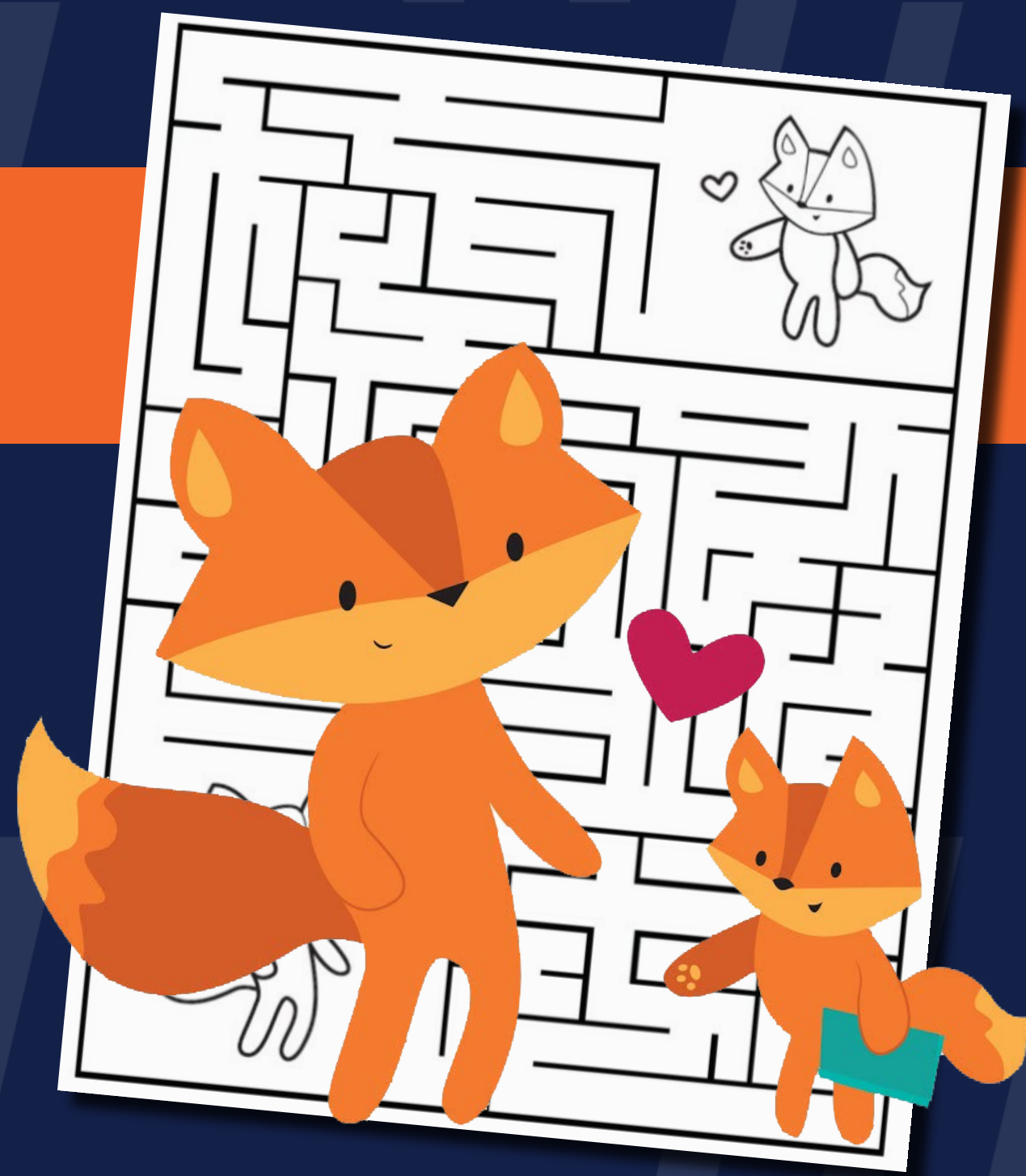
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten encourages families and caregivers to read together daily, helping young children build early literacy skills, confidence, and a lifelong love of reading before entering kindergarten.

1000books.mclldaz.org

New Participants: 763

Books Read: 57,157



Winter Reading Program for Adults

December 16, 2024 –
February 16, 2025

The Winter Reading Program motivates adults to read consistently during the winter months by tracking minutes read and earning chances to win prizes, while promoting the value and enjoyment of adult literacy.

winter.mclldaz.org

Participants: 2K

Minutes Read: 2.4M



Summer Reading Program

June 1, 2025 – August 1, 2025

Maricopa County Reads is an all-ages summer reading program that unites more than 65 city, county, tribal, military, and volunteer libraries across Maricopa County. Designed to inspire a love of reading and support learning during the summer months, the program connects participants to library programs, reading challenges, and enriching community experiences. Readers earn milestone prizes along the way, and those who reach 1,000 points before the program ends can choose a free book to keep.

MaricopaCountyReads.org

Participants: 19,297

% of Achievers: 52.8%

Countywide Participation and Impact

In order to support a successful countywide summer reading initiative, MCLD provides the program infrastructure and a wide range of support resources to all participating library systems in Maricopa County. From milestone prize coordination and countywide program management to software customization and a large-scale advertising campaign, the County's investment in this important literacy effort has helped grow the program into one of the largest in the country.

Countywide Statistics:

Participants: 105K

Minutes Read: 110M

% of Achievers: 49.7%

Free Books Ordered: 38,868



National Achievement Award Winners

In June 2025, four MCLD branches were honored with 2025 NACo Achievement Awards, recognizing their outstanding creativity, innovation, and impact through exceptional programs and collections.

NACo 2025
**ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD**
Winner





Award-Winning Programs

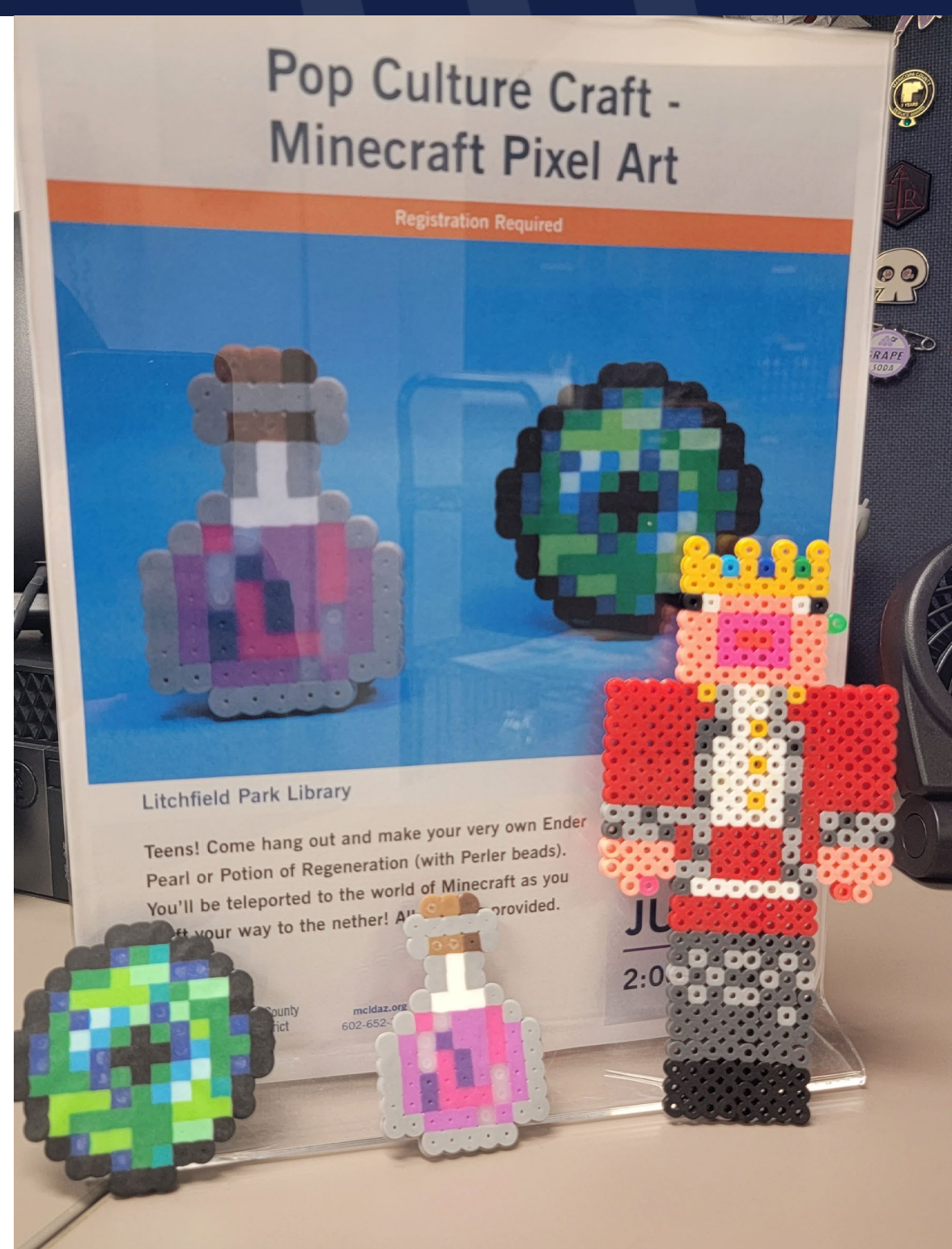
Queen Creek Library Fan Fair

Fan Fair is an award-winning Comic Con-style event designed to challenge the traditional image of libraries as quiet spaces focused only on books, and instead showcase the library as a vibrant space for creativity and connection. As one of the only large-scale fandom events in this area of the county, the program has grown significantly, increasing attendance from 1,606 participants in 2024 to 2,061 in 2025, with 43% of surveyed attendees reporting it was their first-ever library event. Beyond highlighting library programs and services, Fan Fair aims to foster community connection, creativity, and a safe space for teens and families to bond and express themselves.



Litchfield Park Library Pop Culture Crafts Program for Teens

The Pop Culture Crafts Program at Litchfield Park Library is a monthly teen initiative that combines crafting with popular movies, video games, books, and trends to provide a fun, screen-free space for creativity and connection. By supplying all materials at no cost, the program removes financial barriers and offers equitable access to hands-on artistic expression for a traditionally hard-to-reach audience. The highly popular program frequently fills to capacity, fosters friendships and confidence, and has inspired many participants to become teen volunteers at the library.

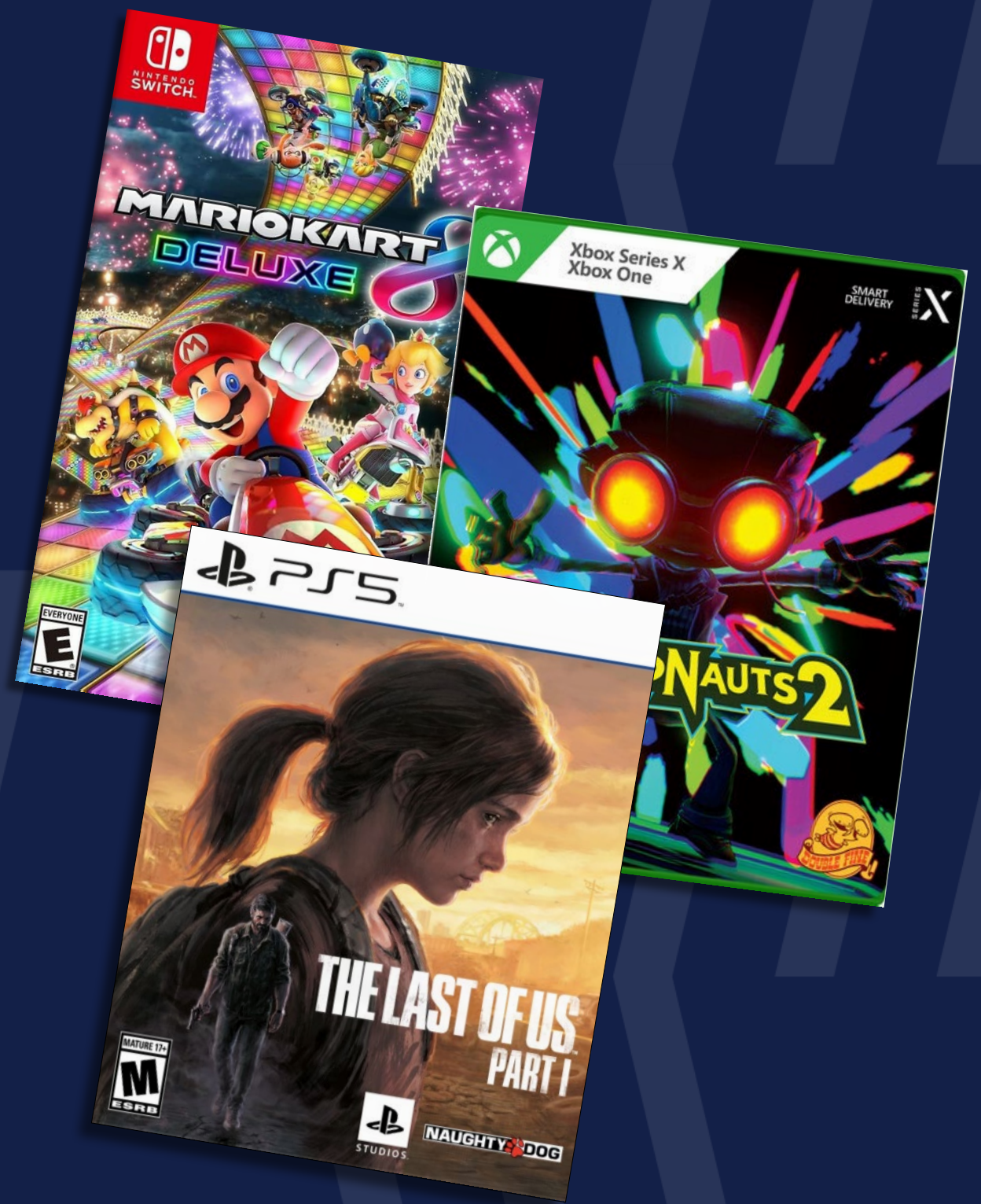




Award-Winning Programs

Georgia T. Lord Library Video Game Collection

At Georgia T. Lord Library, staff launched a circulating Video Game Collection in response to strong community demand for this unique collection. By offering popular titles—often priced up to \$70 each—at no cost to cardholders, the program supports economic equity while promoting the creative, cognitive, and social benefits of gaming. In its first four months, 169 titles circulated 776 times, demonstrating broad appeal across children, teens, and adults, and prompting expansion to other branches within Maricopa County Library District.



Perry Library Doggo De-Stress

At Perry Library's Doggo De-Stress program, teens and adults connect with trained therapy dogs in a welcoming library space to help ease anxiety heightened from community and school-related stressors. In partnership with Perry High School and a volunteer therapy dog association, the library hosts sessions during high-stress times of the school year, allowing students to interact with the dogs individually or in groups. Since its launch, more than 1,500 participants have engaged with 11 different therapy dogs across 17 programs, creating meaningful and uplifting experiences for students, staff, and teachers alike.



Our Library Branches

Library–Municipal Partnership Model

The operational model of each of our libraries is dependent on its population size and classification.

1

Unincorporated community

MCLD funds operations

MCLD owns the facility and is responsible for its maintenance

This model provides access to a public library in unincorporated areas of the County where operational funding may not be available.

2

Population < 50K

MCLD funds operations

Municipality owns the facility and is responsible for its maintenance

Through an Intergovernmental Agreement with a municipality or school district, this model provides access to a public library in small towns or unincorporated areas where operational funding may not be available.

3

Population 50K+

Municipality funds operations

Municipality owns the facility and is responsible for its maintenance

Through an Intergovernmental Agreement, the municipality utilizes MCLD’s expertise in library operations and gives the community increased access to materials and services at a lower cost compared to self-operation.

Our Libraries: Operations Overview

Municipality-owned, Municipality-funded

Georgia T. Lord Library (Goodyear, AZ)

Perry Library (Gilbert, AZ)

Queen Creek Library (Queen Creek, AZ)

Southeast Regional Library (Gilbert, AZ)

Municipality-owned, County-funded

El Mirage Library (El Mirage, AZ)

Fairway Library (Sun City, AZ)

Fountain Hills Library (Fountain Hills, AZ)

Gila Bend Library (Gila Bend, AZ)*

Guadalupe Library (Guadalupe, AZ)

Litchfield Park Library (Litchfield Park, AZ)

North Valley Regional Library (Anthem, AZ)

Sun City Library (Sun City, AZ)

County-owned, County-funded

Aguila Library (Aguila, AZ)

Ed Robson Library (Sun Lakes, AZ)

White Tank Library (Waddell, AZ)

* Maricopa County Library District closed the Gila Bend Library on May 22, 2025, after the Gila Bend Unified School District ended its partnership with the county. MCLD had operated the location in a school-owned building since 2021 and had served the community for more than 30 years prior in a different facility. County and library leadership are now collaborating with the Town of Gila Bend to establish a new intergovernmental agreement to restore library services. An agreement is anticipated in early 2026, with plans to open a new library location in fall 2026, reaffirming MCLD's long-standing commitment to the Gila Bend community.

Aguila Library

**51300 US-60
Aguila, AZ 85320**



**Cardholders: 221
Customer Visits: 10,110
Physical Circulation: 7,064
Programs: 75**

Ed Robson Library

**9330 E Riggs Rd
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**



**Cardholders: 4,514
Customer Visits: 41,580
Physical Circulation: 53,001
Programs: 246**

El Mirage Library

**13513 N. El Mirage Road
El Mirage, AZ 85335**



**Cardholders: 3,333
Customer Visits: 40,866
Physical Circulation: 70,961
Programs: 158**

Fairway Library

**10600 W Peoria Ave
Sun City, AZ 85351**



**Cardholders: 3,173
Customer Visits: 46,677
Physical Circulation: 48,400
Programs: 131**

Fountain Hills Library

**12901 N La Montana Dr
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268**



**Cardholders: 7,447
Customer Visits: 71,600
Physical Circulation: 112,090
Programs: 471**

Georgia T. Lord Library

**1900 N. Civic Square
Goodyear, AZ 85395**



**Cardholders: 20,964
Customer Visits: 209,961
Physical Circulation: 345,925
Programs: 544**

Gila Bend Library

**777 N. Logan Ave.
Gila Bend, AZ 85337**



**Cardholders: 452
Customer Visits: 53,081
Physical Circulation: 14,784
Programs: 657**

Guadalupe Library

**9241 S Avenida Del Yaqui
Guadalupe, AZ 85283**



**Cardholders: 1,528
Customer Visits: 47,476
Physical Circulation: 14,609
Programs: 117**

Litchfield Park Library

**101 W Wigwam Blvd
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340**



**Cardholders: 6,108
Customer Visits: 54,900
Physical Circulation: 114,852
Programs: 325**

North Valley Library

**40410 N Gavilan Peak Pkwy
Anthem, AZ 85086**



**Cardholders: 7,387
Customer Visits: 63,423
Physical Circulation: 145,121
Programs: 308**

Perry Library

**1965 E Queen Creek Rd
Gilbert, AZ 85297**



**Cardholders: 10,185
Customer Visits: 173,907
Physical Circulation: 347,807
Programs: 506**

Queen Creek Library

**21802 S Ellsworth Road
Queen Creek, AZ 85142**



**Cardholders: 18,152
Customer Visits: 195,886
Physical Circulation: 520,873
Programs: 683**

Sun City Library

**16828 N 99th Ave
Sun City, AZ 85351**



Cardholders: 9,577

Customer Visits: 100,812

Physical Circulation: 149,614

Programs: 231

Southeast Regional Library

**775 N Greenfield Rd
Gilbert, AZ 85234**



Cardholders: 44,649

Customer Visits: 473,734

Physical Circulation: 1,178,975

Programs: 673

White Tank Library

**20304 W White Tank Mountain Rd
Waddell, AZ 85355**



Cardholders: 15,468

Customer Visits: 63,933

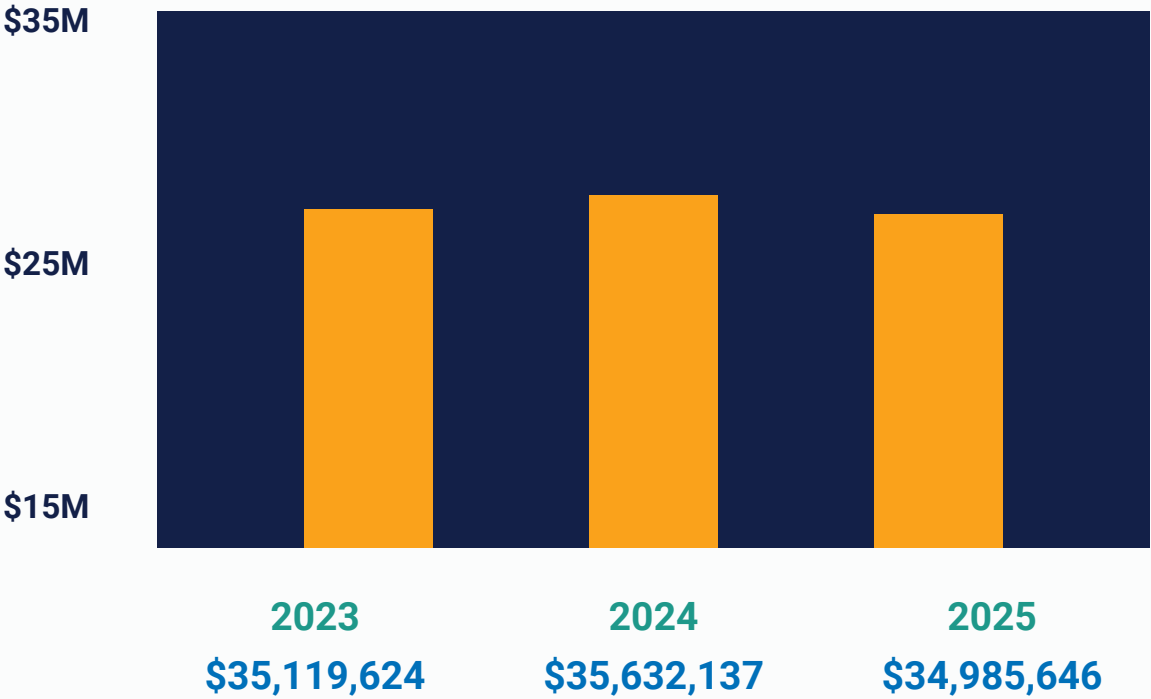
Physical Circulation: 133,970

Programs: 254

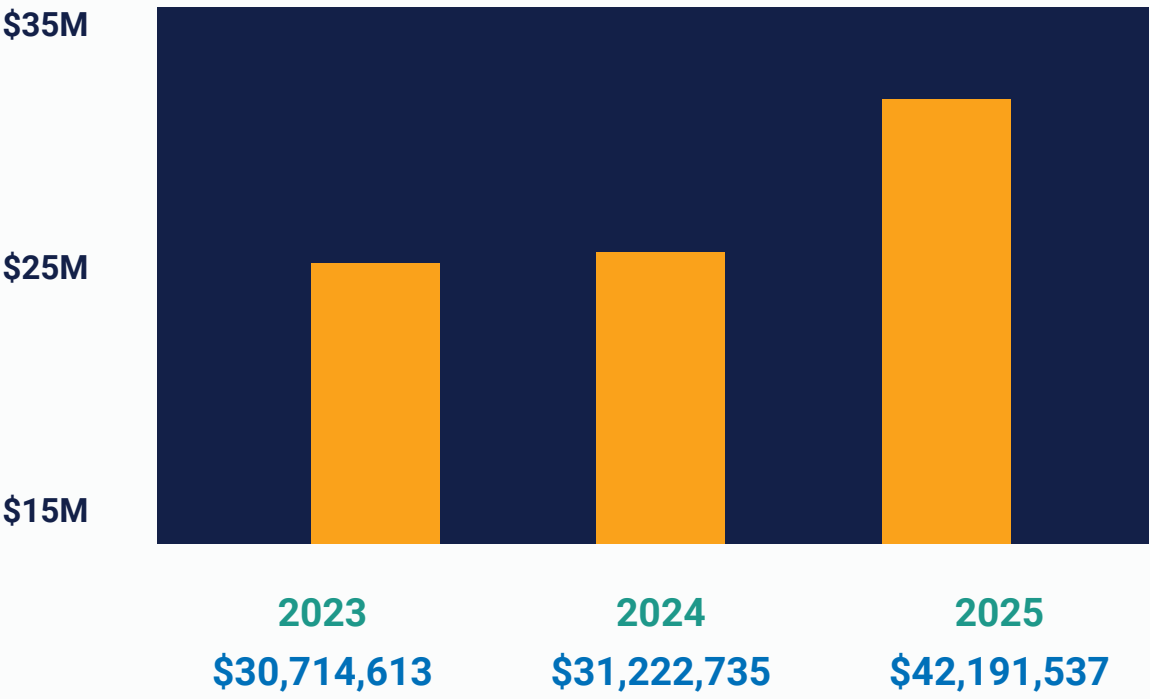
Revenue & Expenses

MCLD Operating Fund

Revenue



Expenditures



Financial Summary

Revenues remained steady across FY2023–FY2025, averaging approximately \$35 million annually.

While expenditures in FY2023 and FY2024 were consistent with revenues, expenditures in FY2025 exceeded annual revenue due to several planned one-time investments, including major capital projects such as new library facilities. These increased expenditures were funded in part by reserves accumulated over many years, reflecting the intentional use of saved funds for strategic purposes. Overall, these expenditures represent necessary, forward-looking investments in library infrastructure and services that support long-term community access rather than ongoing operational increases.

Projects & Partnerships

Our libraries are more than just places to borrow materials. They are trusted and accessible community hubs. Because of this, MCLD is a natural partner for county departments and community organizations seeking to connect with residents. From countywide initiatives to grassroots community programs, these partnerships respond to shared community needs in meaningful ways.



County Partners

Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors also serves as MCLD's Board of Library Directors, providing oversight of the District's budget, policies, and operations. In collaboration with county leadership, the Board helps guide library services and supported initiatives this year such as new child account settings and parental borrowing tools.

2025 Supervisors



District 1
Mark
Stewart



District 2
Thomas
Galvin



District 3
Kate
Brophy
McGee



District 4
Debbie
Lesko



District 5
Steve
Gallardo

2024 Supervisors



District 1
Jack
Sellers



District 3
Bill
Gates



District 4
Clint
Hickman



Public Health

MCLD partnered with Maricopa County Public Health to provide early literacy resources for employers creating nursing and lactation rooms. These materials connect new parents with library services that support early learning and family wellbeing.



Parks & Recreation

Through a partnership with Maricopa County Parks, libraries offered day-use passes as prizes in the Adult Winter Reading Program, encouraging outdoor exploration and wellness. The Parks' education teams also collaborated with branches to deliver engaging, educational programs for all ages.



Recorder's Office

The Maricopa County Recorder's Office partnered with MCLD to expand access to Recorder's Kiosks at library locations, allowing customers to record documents remotely. These kiosks help reduce barriers such as transportation and increase access to essential county services.

Community Partners

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Drive

During October, libraries host donation drives to support survivors of domestic violence. Contributions benefit local shelters including A New Leaf (Mesa and West Valley), Save the Family, New Life Shelter (Goodyear), Eve's Place Community Services, and CASS Family Shelter.

Annual Food Pantry Drive

Every July, MCLD libraries collect nonperishable food donations to support local food banks. Partner organizations include Agua Fria Food Bank, AZCEND, Extended Hand Food Bank, House of Refuge, Guadalupe Community Action Program, City Hope, St. Vincent de Paul – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish, and Valley View Community Food Bank.

Heat Relief Network

From May through October, all MCLD branches serve as official Heat Relief Network Cooling Centers, offering safe, air-conditioned spaces and access to drinking water for community members seeking relief from extreme heat.

Summer Meal Programs

Each year, select MCLD branches partner with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance and the USDA Summer Food Service Program to provide free meals for children and teens during the summer months.



Library Partners

Many communities across the county operate their own public library systems, separate from MCLD. The Library District allocates funds from the countywide tax to these library systems, providing support for programs and services with a significant impact on literacy, education, and access.



The Library Assistance Program*

Expands access by funding countywide library cards & new materials



The Annual Summer Reading Program

Program infrastructure provided to all public libraries



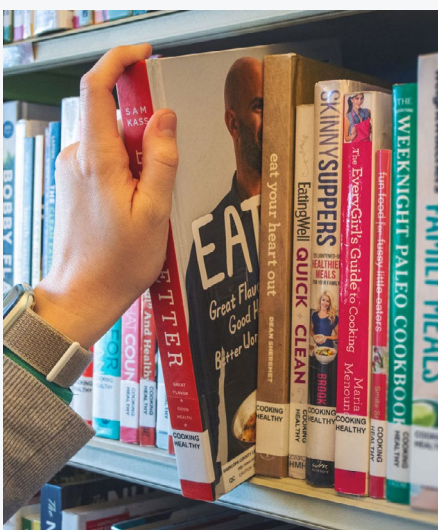
Digital Resources

A package of 26 online databases for research, learning, and entertainment



Countywide Library Courier System

Regular delivery to public libraries for the return of materials



Integrated Library Software*

licensing and hosting of software system that manages accounts, borrowing, and online catalogs.



MAX**

Countywide book-sharing catalog and courier service

**In FY25, MCLD allocated \$3.7 million between all independent, public library systems. This calculation is based on the Primary Assessed Valuation (property value) and the number of total library cards issued to non-residents that live in Maricopa County.*

***with the exception of Phoenix Public Library*

Library Partners



In Partnership with Maricopa County Library District



23,960 Books Shared in FY25



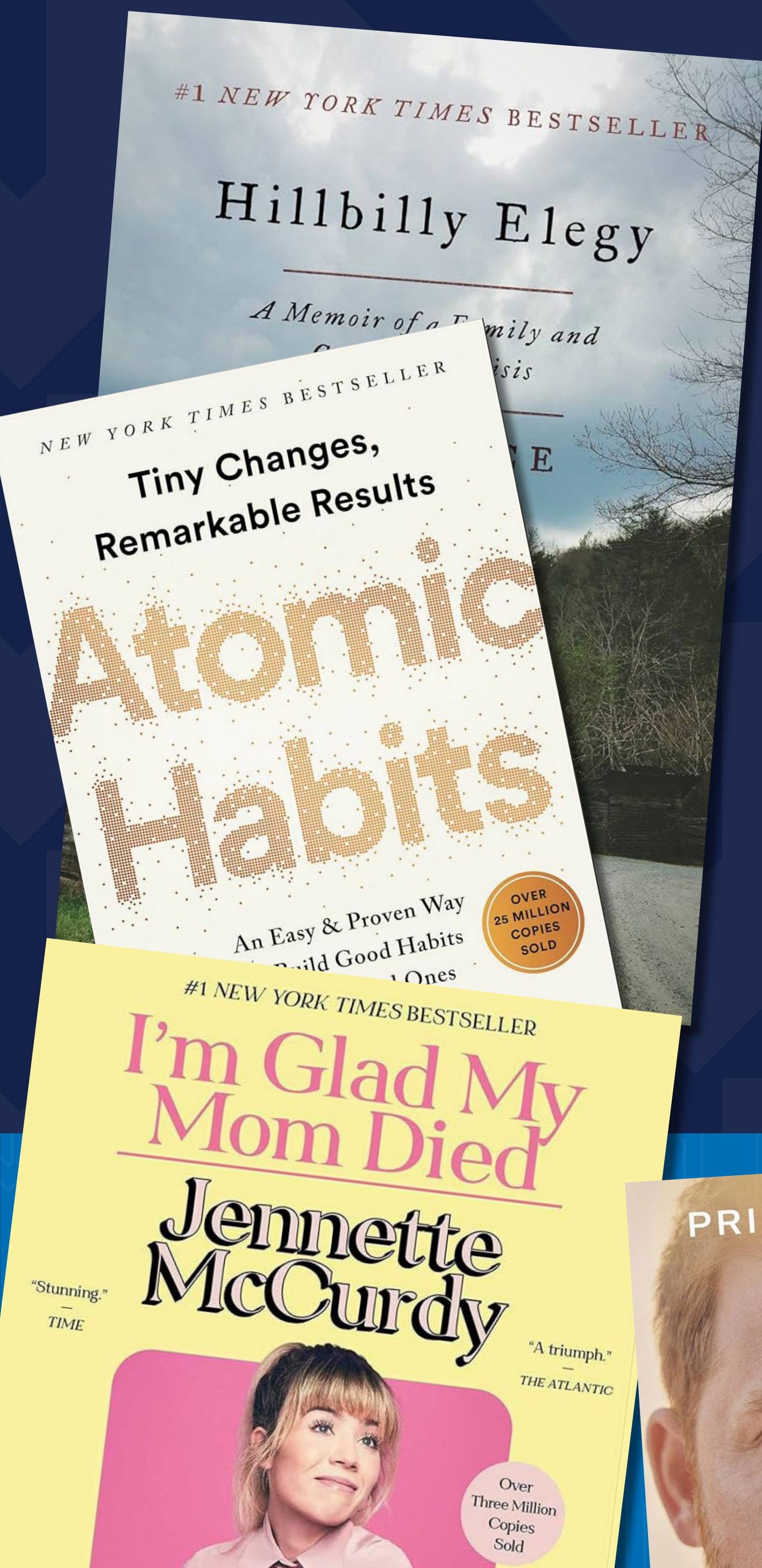
Maricopa County's book-sharing service, MAX, launched in late 2024 and continues to drive strong engagement while expanding access for county residents. Overseen by MCLD, MAX creates a countywide borrowing partnership among public library systems. Through the service, customers can use their existing library card to request books from other local library systems. Requested items are delivered at no cost via courier to the customer's preferred pickup library. Appropriately named MAX, the service reflects its goal of providing maximum library access to all Maricopa County residents, no matter where they live.

MAX partner libraries include:

- Avondale Public Library
- Buckeye Public Library
- Chandler Public Library
- Desert Foothills Library
- Glendale Public Library
- Maricopa County Library District
- Mesa Public Library
- Peoria Public Library
- Scottsdale Public Library
- Surprise Public Library System
- Tempe Public Library
- Tolleson Public Library
- Wickenburg Public Library
- Youngtown Public Library

Top Checkouts

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Adult

Nonfiction

1. **Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis**
by J.D. Vance
2. **Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results**
by James Clear
3. **I'm Glad My Mom Died**
by Jennette McCurdy
4. **Spare**
by Prince Harry
5. **Go-To Dinners: Make-Ahead, Freeze-Ahead, Prep-Ahead, Easy, Assembled**
by Ina Garten
6. **Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity**
by Dr. Peter Attia (with Bill Gifford)
7. **The Woman in Me**
by Britney Spears
8. **The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition**
by Anne Frank
9. **Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing: A Memoir**
by Matthew Perry
10. **Frommer's Hawaii 2024**
by Frommer's Editorial Team



Top Checkouts

Adult

Comics, Graphic Novels & Manga

1. **Big Nate: Big Nate and Friends**
by Lincoln Peirce
2. **Garfield: Garfield, Fully Caffeinated**
by Jim Davis
3. **Garfield: Garfield, Home Cookin'**
by Jim Davis
4. **Garfield Fat Cat 3-Pack (Book 23)**
by Jim Davis
5. **Garfield Fat Cat 3-Pack (Book 24)**
by Jim Davis
6. **Spy x Family**
by Tatsuya Endo
7. **Jujutsu Kaisen: The Shibuya Incident – Gate Open**
by Gege Akutami
8. **Calvin and Hobbes: The Essential Calvin and Hobbes**
by Bill Watterson
9. **Calvin & Hobbes: Attack of the Deranged Mutant Killer Monster Snow Goons**
by Bill Watterson
10. **Garfield: Garfield Belly Laughs**
by Jim Davis

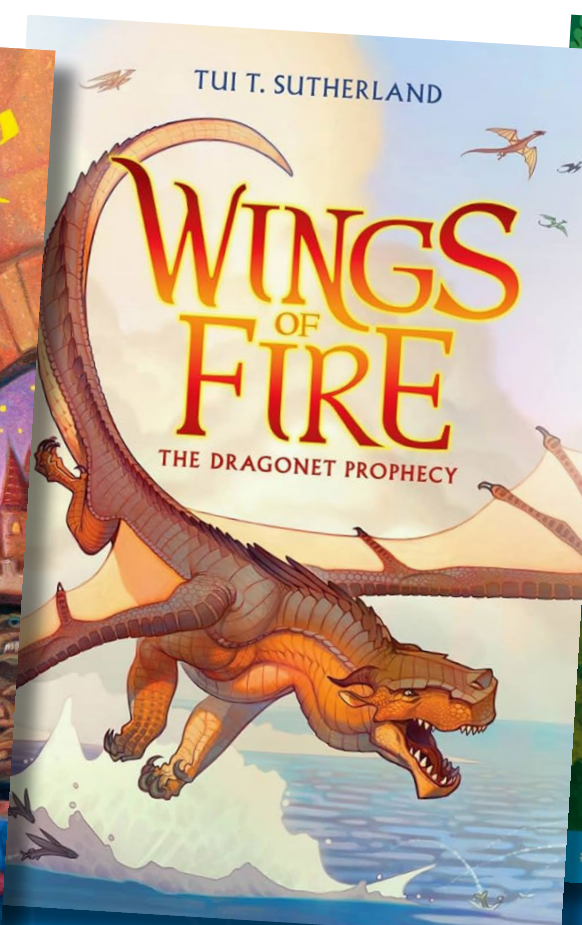
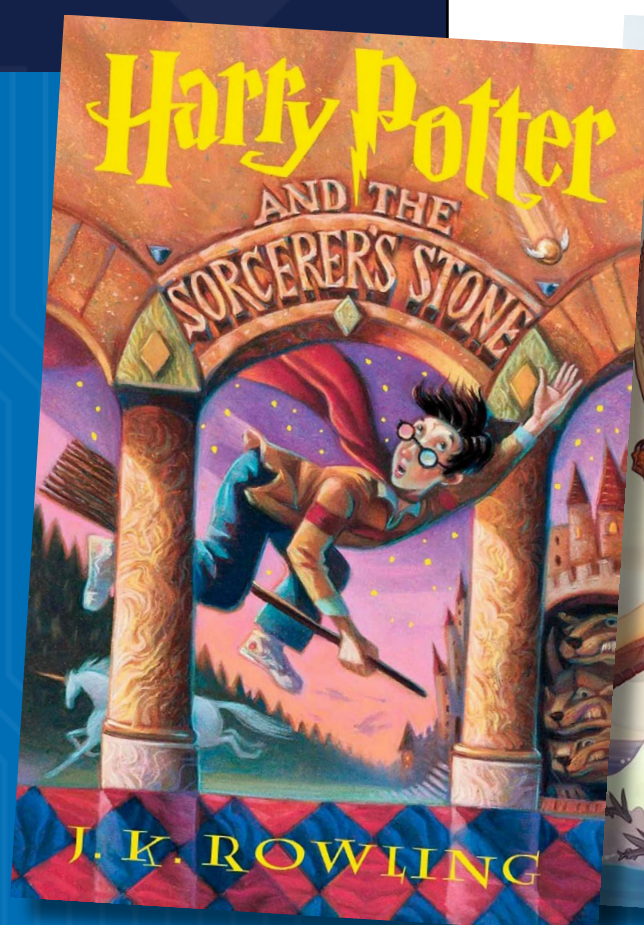


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Juvenile

Fiction

1. **Harry Potter: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**
by J.K. Rowling
2. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck**
by Jeff Kinney
3. **Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy**
by Tui T. Sutherland
4. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess**
by Jeff Kinney
5. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: No Brainer**
by Jeff Kinney
6. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End**
by Jeff Kinney
7. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal**
by Jeff Kinney
8. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball**
by Jeff Kinney
9. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School**
by Jeff Kinney
10. **Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark**
by Mary Pope Osborne



Top Checkouts

Juvenile

Nonfiction

1. **Minecraft: Guide to Redstone**
by Mojang AB and The Official Minecraft Team
2. **Minecraft: Guide to Exploration**
by Mojang AB and The Official Minecraft Team
3. **Minecraft: Guide to Combat**
by Mojang AB and The Official Minecraft Team
4. **Minecraft Super Bite-Size Builds: With Over 20 Epic Mini-Projects**
by Mojang AB and The Official Minecraft Team
5. **National Geographic Kids Almanac 2025**
by National Geographic Kids
6. **How to Build LEGO Animals**
by Yoshihito Isogawa
7. **Theme Park Adventure**
by Jen Green
8. **Amazing Space**
by National Geographic Kids
9. **Mobspotter's Encyclopedia: The Ultimate Guide to the Mobs of Minecraft**
by Mojang AB and The Official Minecraft Team
10. **Minecraft Bite-Size Builds: Over 20 Exciting Mini-Projects**
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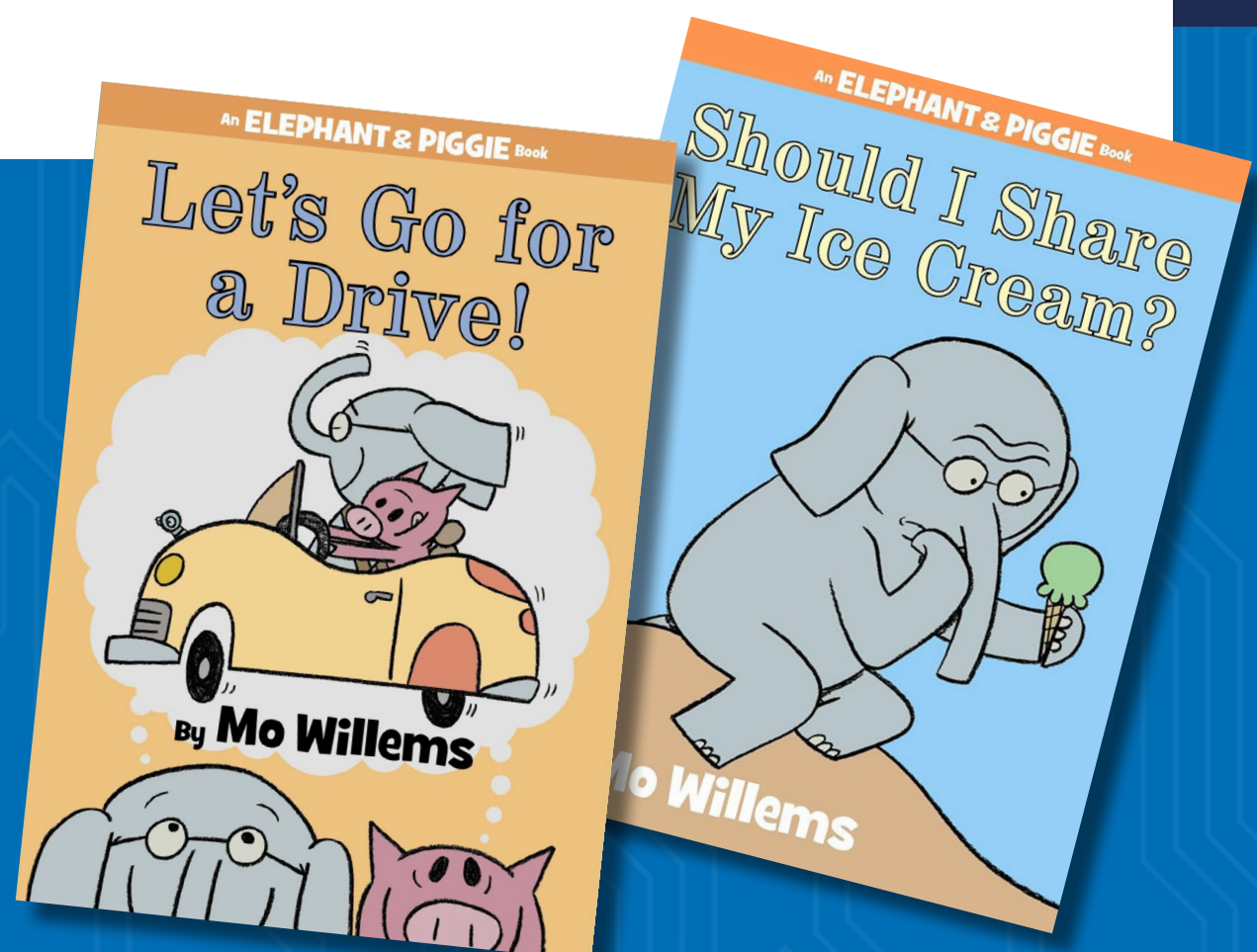
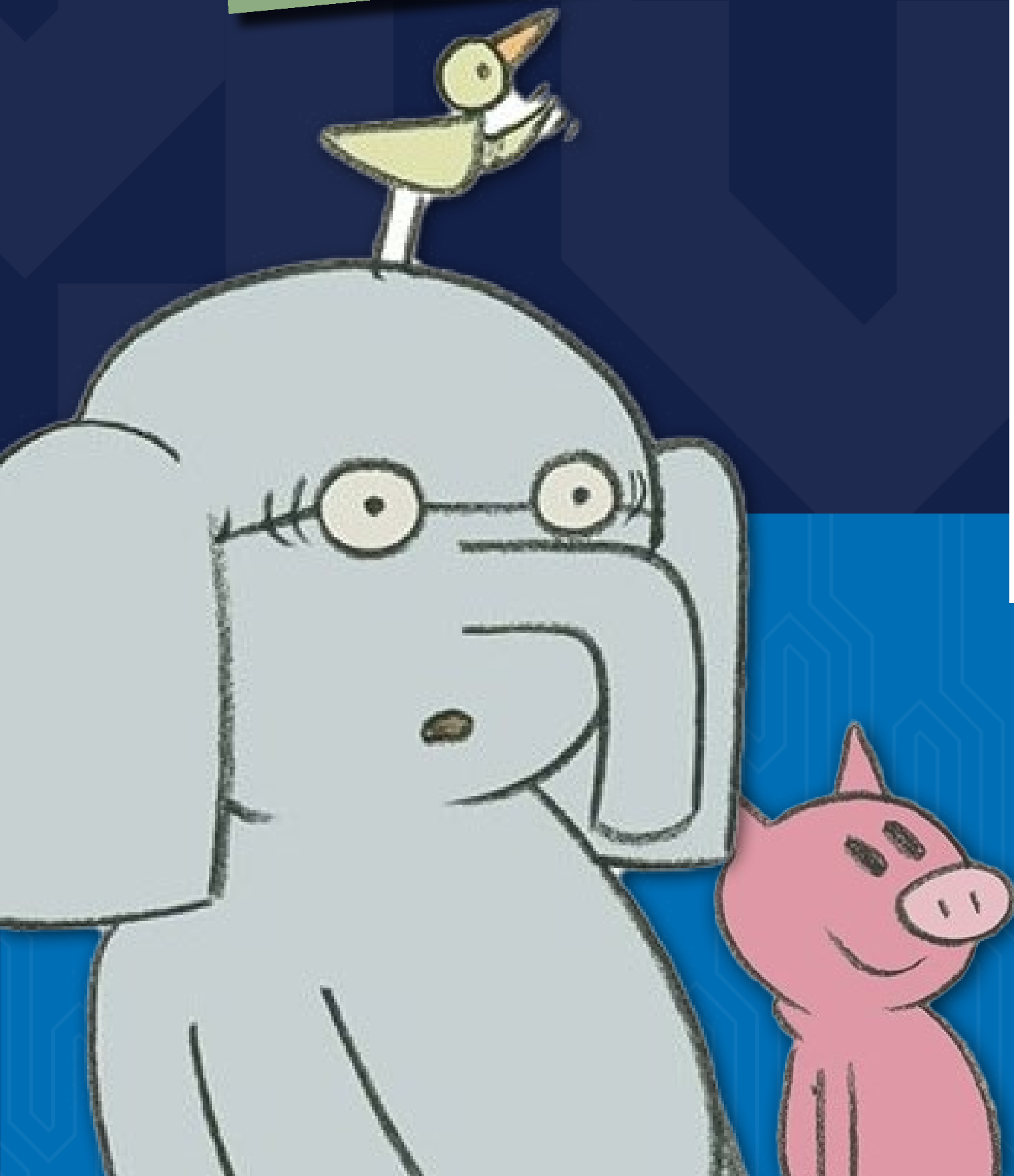
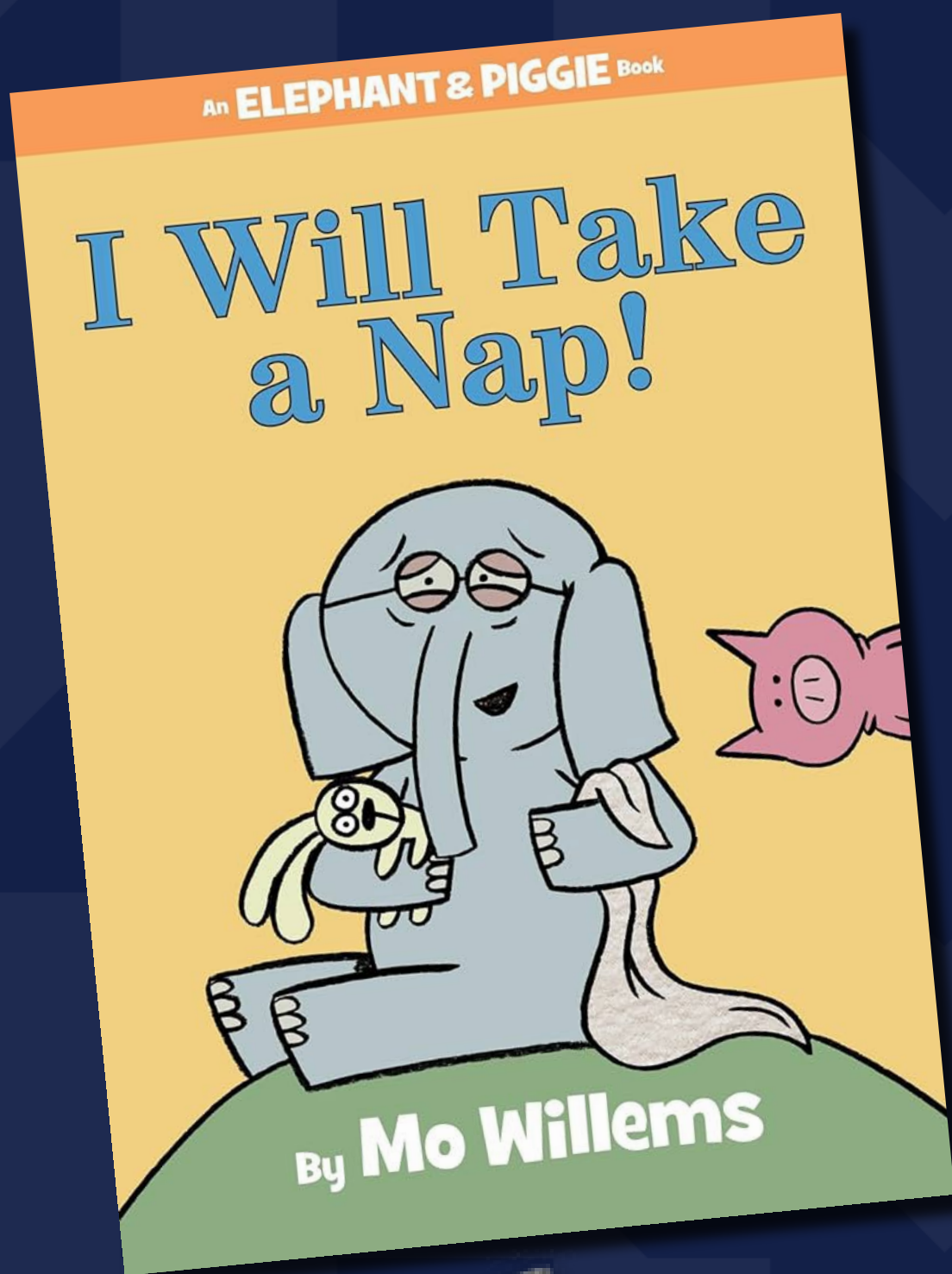


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Juvenile

Readers

1. **Elephant & Piggie: I Will Take a Nap!**
by Mo Willems
2. **Elephant & Piggie: Should I Share My Ice Cream?**
by Mo Willems
3. **Elephant & Piggie: I Love My New Toy!**
by Mo Willems
4. **Elephant & Piggie: Pigs Make Me Sneeze!**
by Mo Willems
5. **Elephant & Piggie: My New Friend Is So Fun!**
by Mo Willems
6. **Elephant & Piggie: Thank You Book**
by Mo Willems
7. **Elephant & Piggie: I Am Invited to a Party!**
by Mo Willems
8. **Elephant & Piggie: I Really Like Slop!**
by Mo Willems
9. **Elephant & Piggie: A Big Guy Took My Ball!**
by Mo Willems
10. **Elephant & Piggie: Let's Go for a Drive!**
by Mo Willems

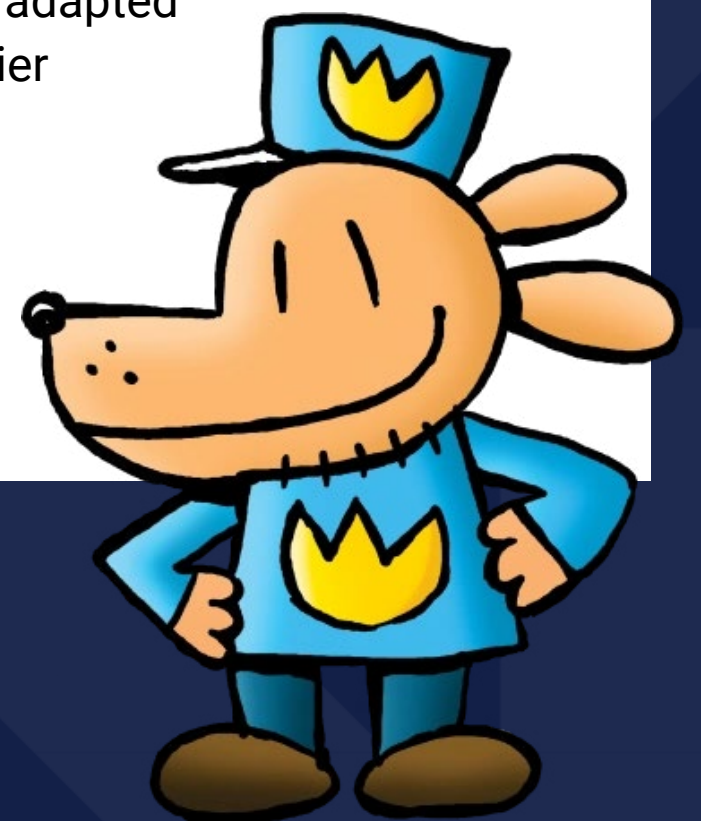


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Juvenile

Comics & Graphic Novels

1. **Cat Kid Comic Club: Influencers**
by Dav Pilkey
2. **The Baby-Sitters Club: Stacey's Mistake**
by Ann M. Martin, adapted
by Raina Telgemeier
3. **The Baby-Sitters Club: Mary Anne's Bad Luck Mystery — A Graphic Novel**
by Ann M. Martin, adapted
by Raina Telgemeier
4. **The Baby-Sitters Club: Claudia and the Bad Joke**
by Ann M. Martin, adapted
by Raina Telgemeier
5. **Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives**
by Dav Pilkey
6. **Dog Man: Grime and Punishment**
by Dav Pilkey
7. **Cat Kid Comic Club**
by Dav Pilkey
8. **Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder**
by Dav Pilkey
9. **Cat Kid Comic Club: On Purpose**
by Dav Pilkey
10. **The Baby-Sitters Club: Kristy and the Walking Disaster**
by Ann M. Martin, adapted
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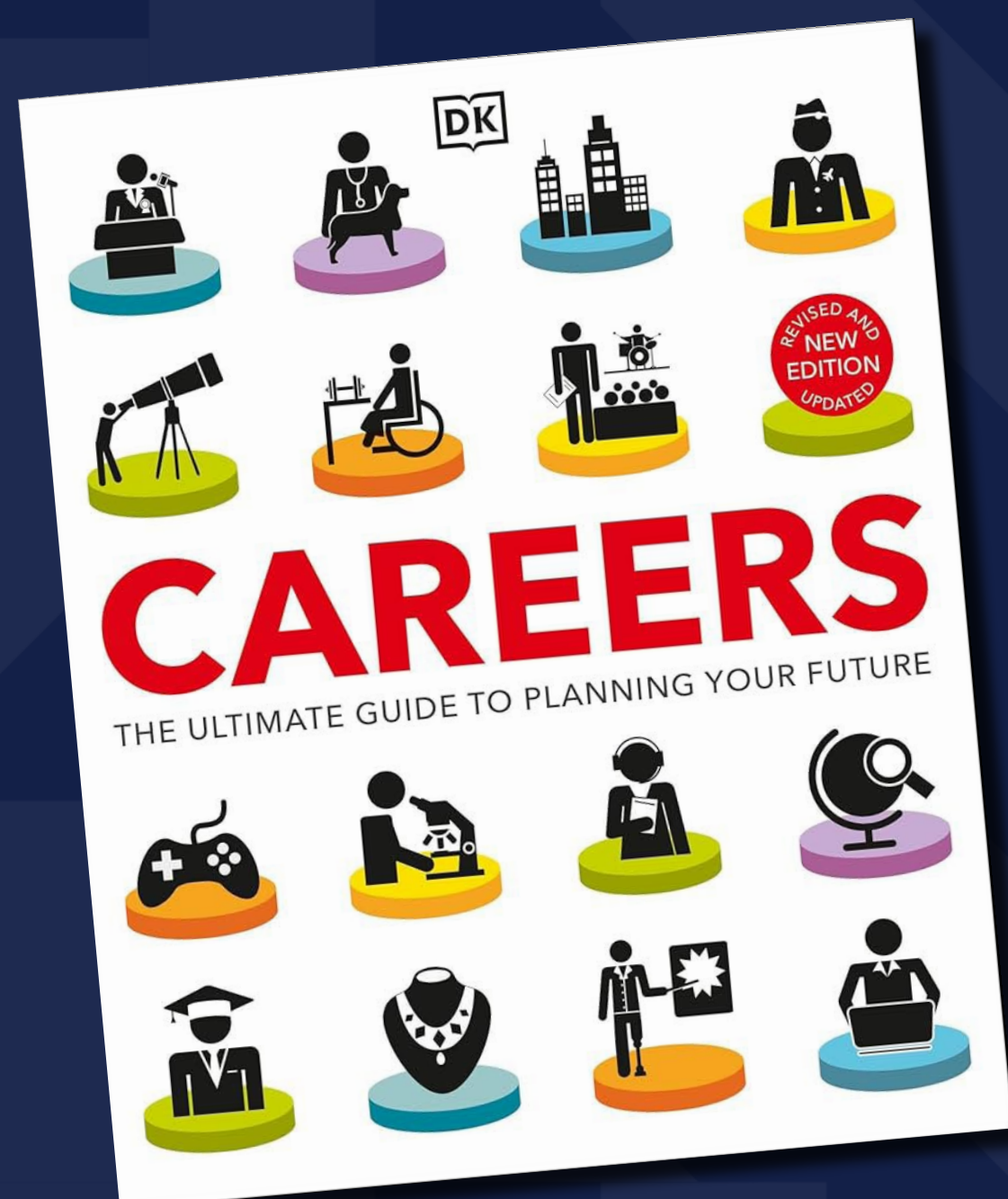
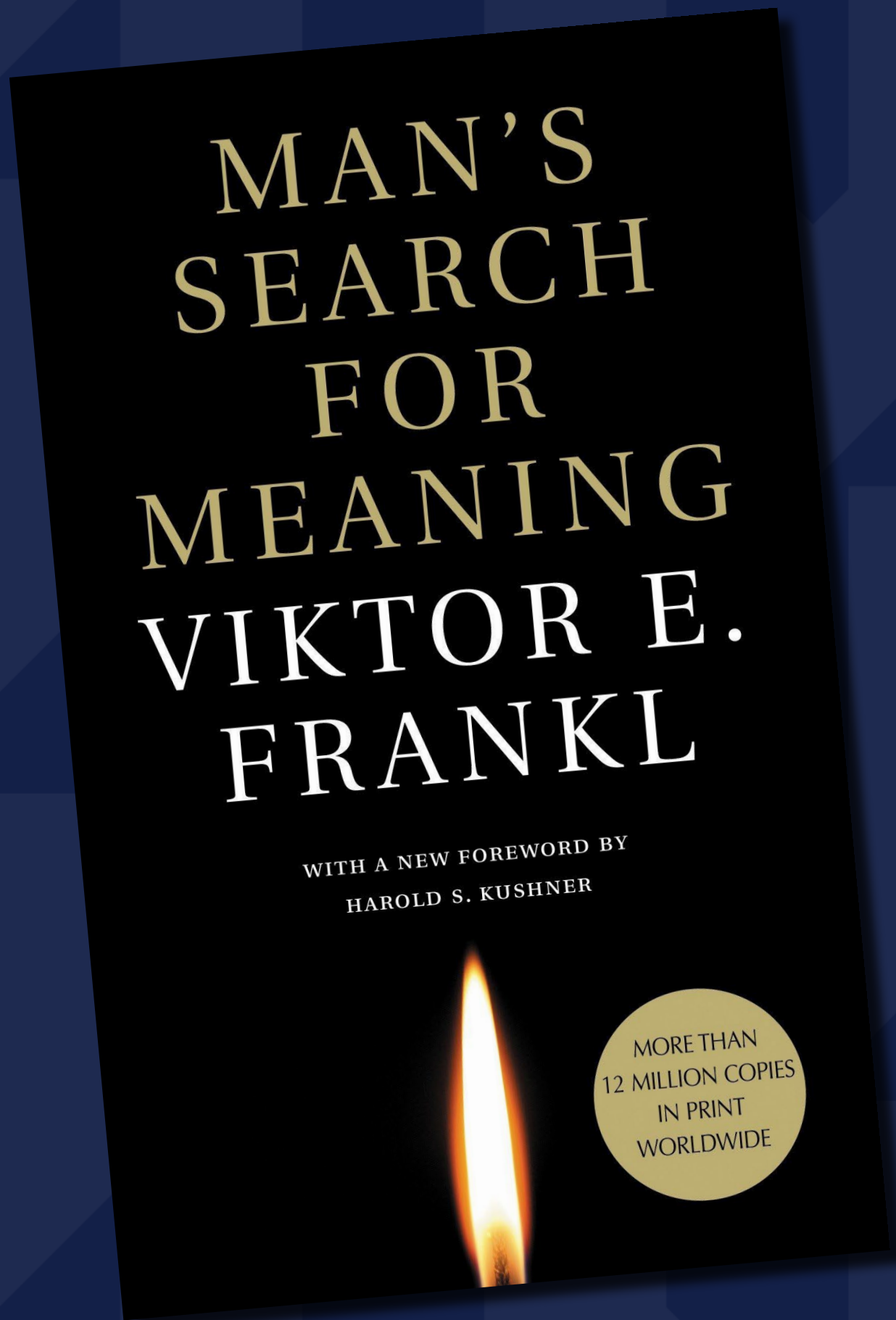


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Teen

Nonfiction

1. **Man's Search for Meaning**
by Viktor E. Frankl
2. **Careers: The Ultimate Guide to Planning Your Future**
by DK Publishing
3. **Everything You Need to Ace Pre-Algebra and Algebra 1 in One Big Fat Notebook: The Complete High School Study Guide**
by Workman Publishing
4. **Money Out Loud: All the Financial Stuff No One Taught Us**
by Anna C. Christenson
5. **What Color Is Your Parachute? for Teens: Discover Yourself, Design Your Future, and Plan for Your Dream Job**
by Carol Christen and Richard N. Bolles
6. **The Asperkid's Secret Book of Social Rules: The Handbook of (Not-So-Obvious) Neurotypical Social Guidelines for Autistic Teens**
by Jennifer Cook O'Toole
7. **Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants**
by Robin Wall Kimmerer
8. **How to Money: Your Ultimate Visual Guide to the Basics of Finance**
by Jean Chatzky and Kathryn Tuggle
9. **Ikigai for Teens: Finding Your Reason for Being**
by Francesc Miralles and Héctor García
10. **Fantastic Vegan Recipes for the Teen Cook: 60 Incredible Recipes You Need to Try for Good Health and a Better Planet**
by Jessie Prendergast



Top Checkouts

Teen

Comics

1. **Demon Slayer = Kimetsu no Yaiba (Book 1): Cruelty**
by Koyoharu Gotouge
2. **Heartstopper (Book 1)**
by Alice Oseman
3. **Disney Twisted-Wonderland: Book of Heartslabyul**
by Disney and Shuji Sogabe
4. **Heartstopper (Book 5)**
by Alice Oseman
5. **The Complete Maus: A Survivor's Tale**
by Art Spiegelman
6. **Five Nights at Freddy's: Fazbear Frights**
by Scott Cawthon
7. **The Legend of Zelda, Twilight Princess**
by Akira Himekawa
8. **Heartstopper (Book 3)**
by Alice Oseman
9. **One-Punch Man**
by ONE and Yusuke Murata
10. **Call the Name of the Night**
by Makoto Oji

