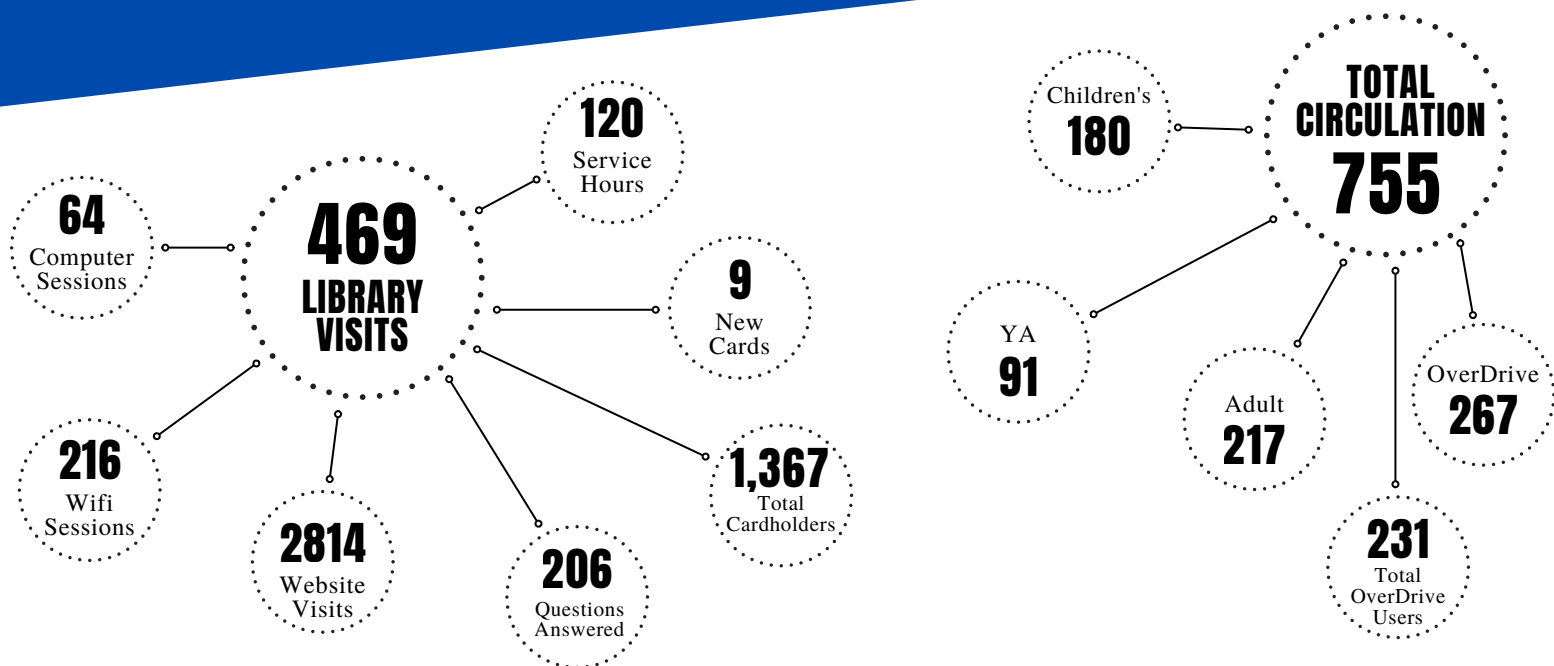




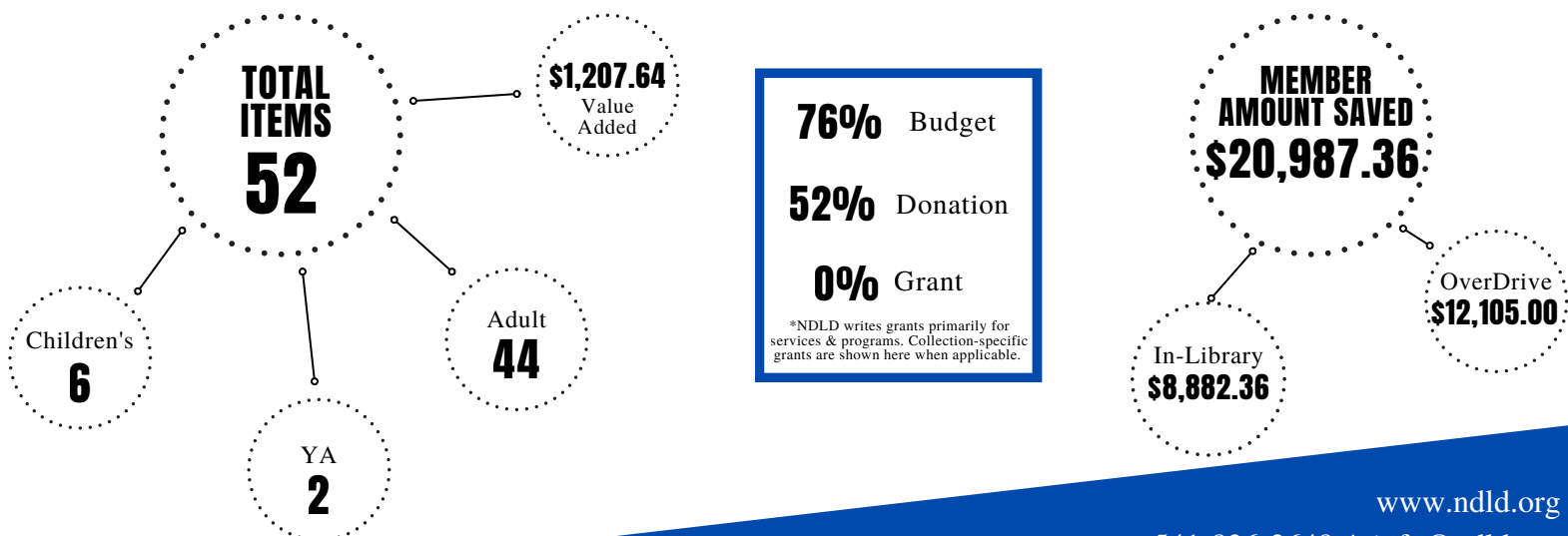
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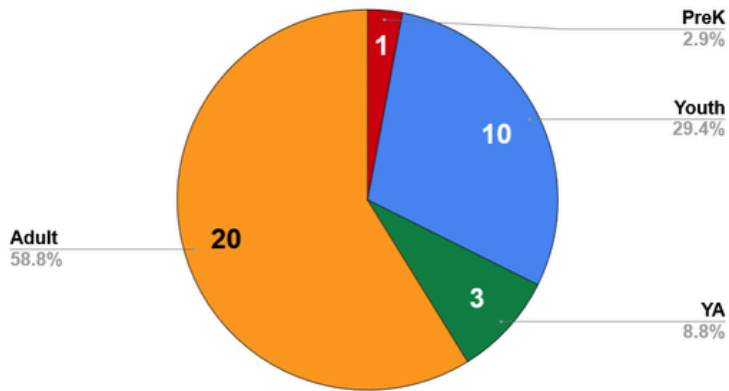
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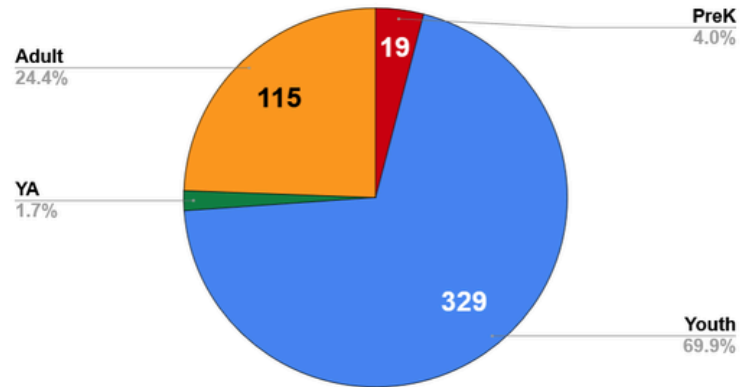
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LIBRARY SNAPSHOT: LOCAL DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

In August we highlighted the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**, which is a monthly book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. In 2018 the **Friends of the Mildred Whipple Library** became the first local partner to bring the Imagination Library to children in Douglas County by sponsoring children in the Drain, Yoncalla, Elkton, Curtin, & Scottsburg communities.

The Dollywood Foundation covers the infrastructure & administration of the Imagination Library program, including the coordination of book selections, purchasing, & mailings. Local nonprofit organizations partner with the Foundation to cover local child enrollment & postage costs each month (about \$32 per child per year). After a recent statewide initiative, all children birth to age 5 in Oregon can now participate in the Imagination Library & the State of Oregon now covers half of the cost for each child enrolled, bringing local costs down to \$16 per child per year. For the Friends of the Library, this cost is covered through local donations and early literacy grants written by the Friends.

Our local program generally has about 120 children enrolled at a time. This is approximately 50% of eligible children in our service area & amounts to just under \$2,000 per year in local postage costs. Since it began, our local program has served 475 different children & helped mail 11,000 total books.

Signed up but not receiving books? Contact the Friends of the Mildred Whipple Library or the North Douglas Library District to get your books back on track. We do not receive any shipping notification or tracking information for participants, so we don't know when books don't reach their destination until families reach out.

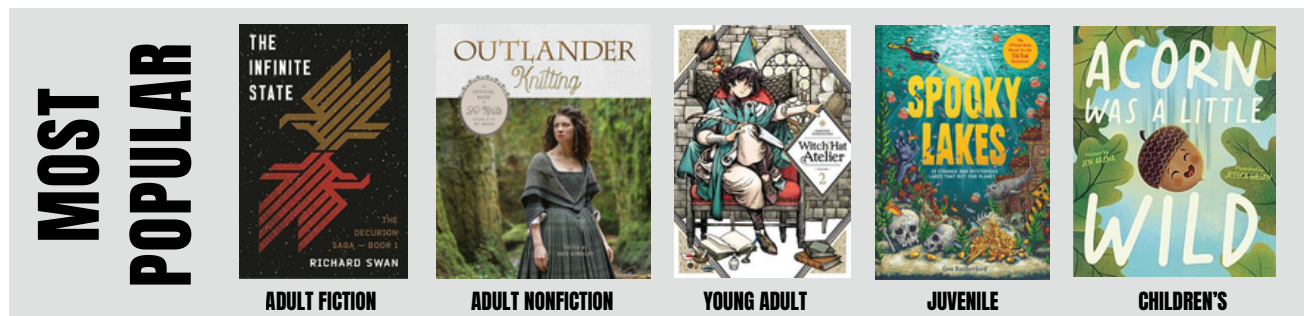
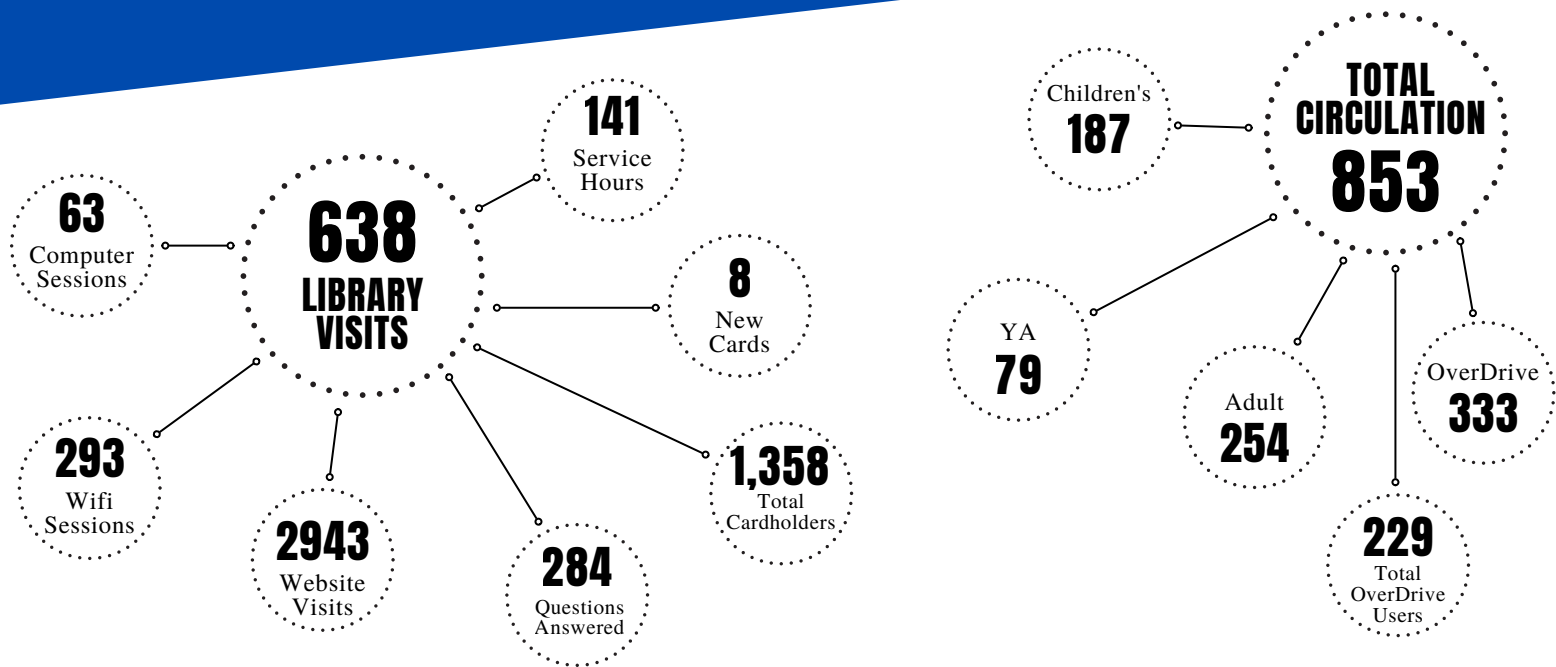
Learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library by visiting <https://imaginationlibrary.com/> or by asking at the library desk during your next visit.



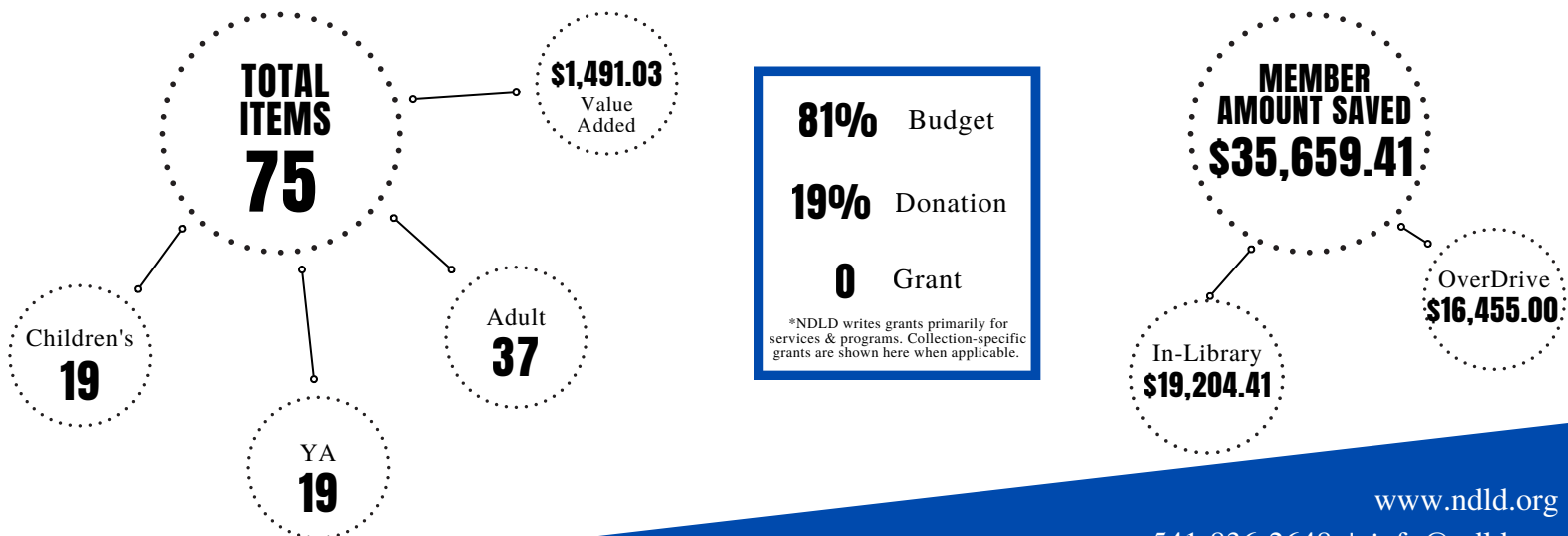
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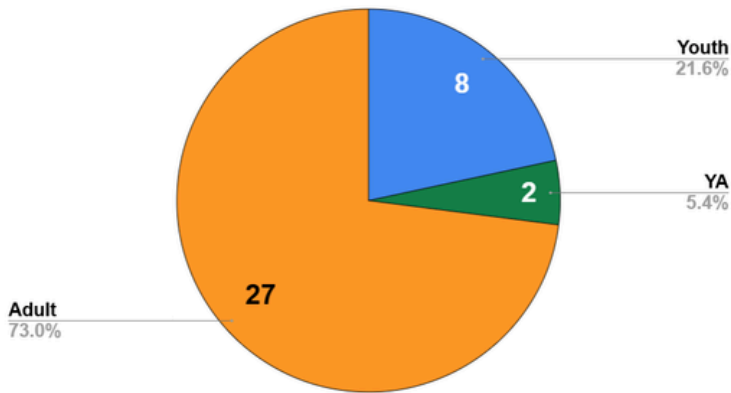
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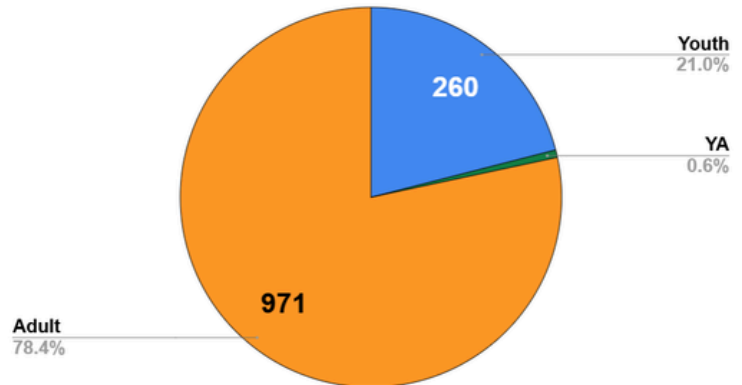
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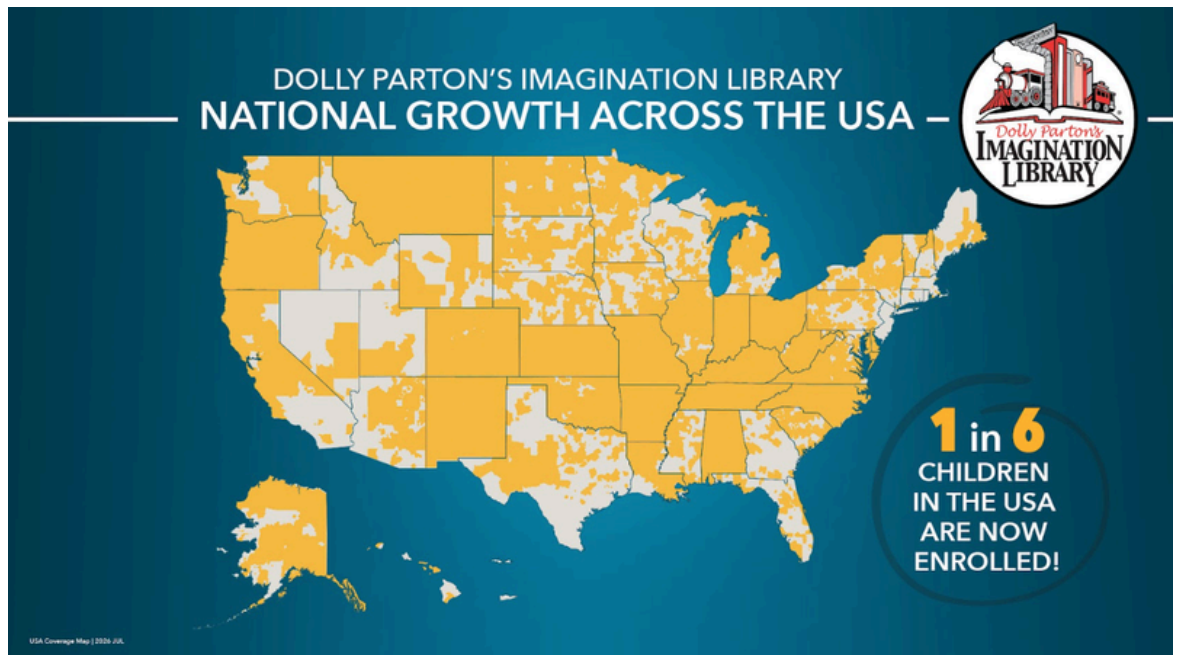
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LIBRARY SNAPSHOT: DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a monthly book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. Launched in 1995, the program now includes 5 countries and recently celebrated a milestone of 300 million books gifted. All children in Oregon are eligible to participate in the Imagination Library. To learn more and sign up visit imaginationlibrary.com/ or ask at the library desk.

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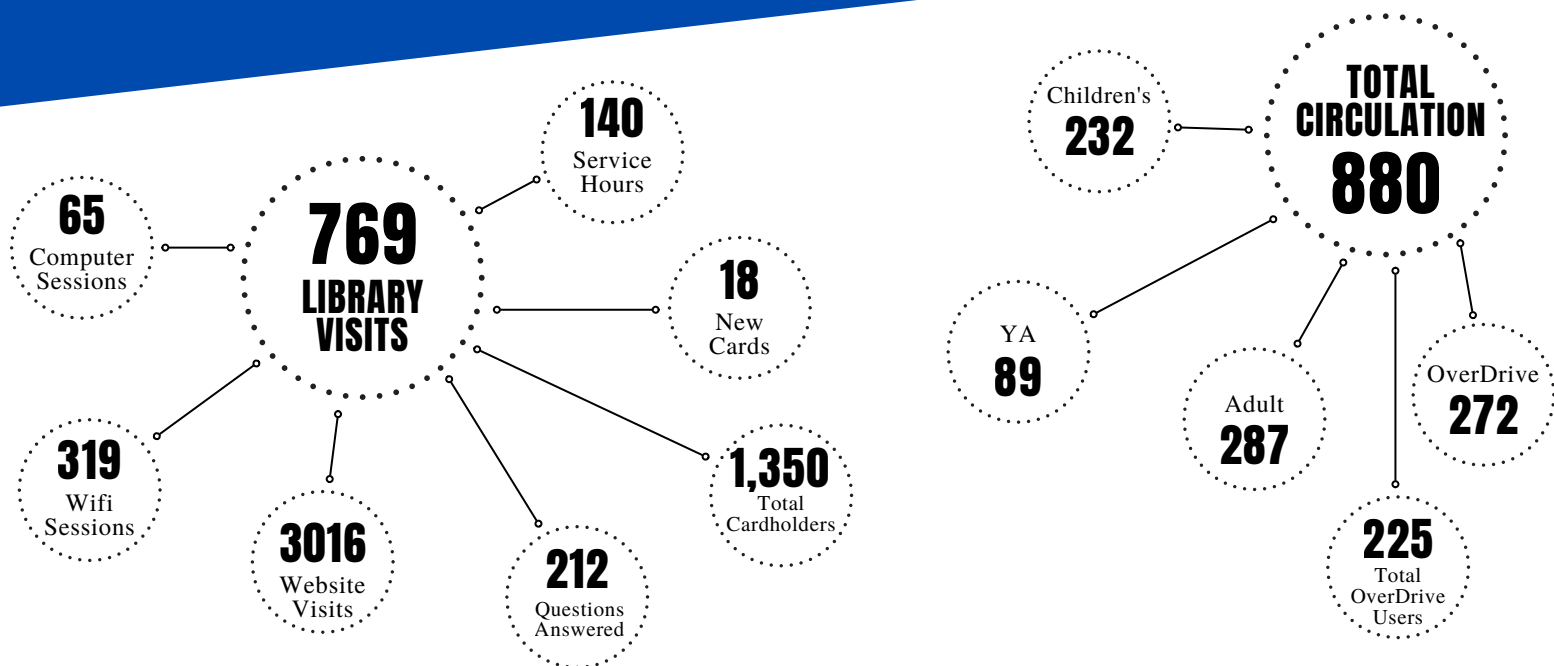




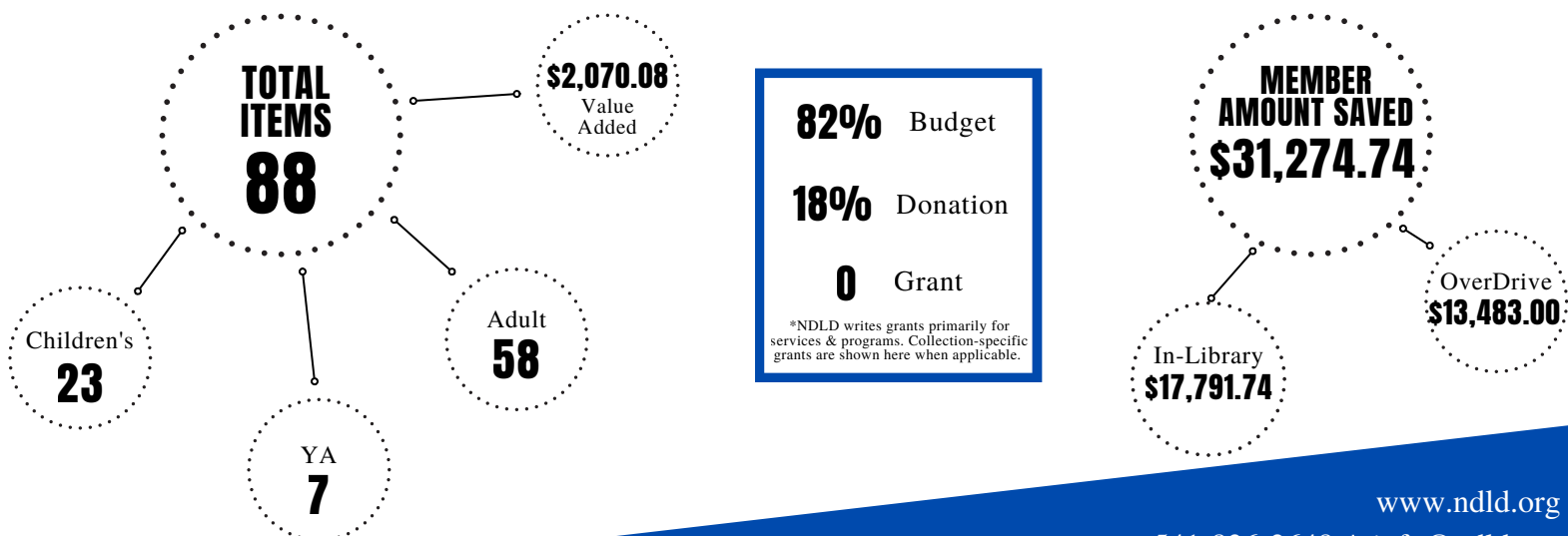
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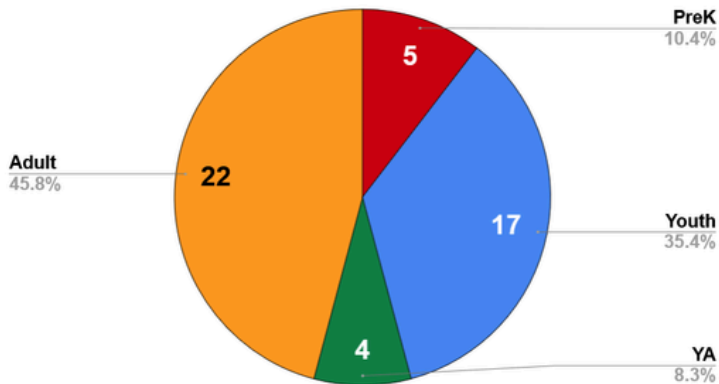
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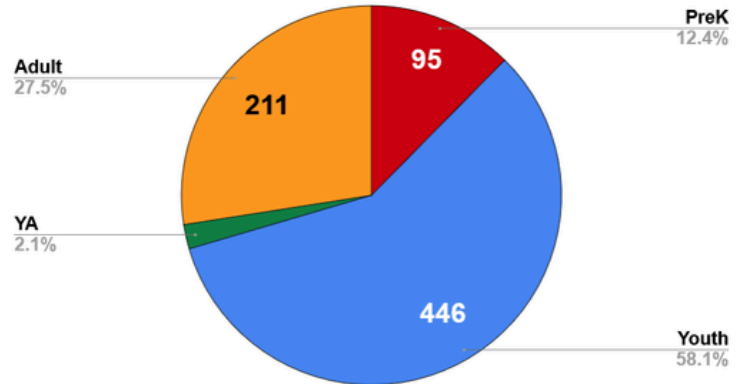
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LIBRARY SNAPSHOT: SPICE OF THE MONTH CLUB

Each month this summer try something new or explore a favorite with our new Spice of the Month Club!

Each take-home kit includes facts and history about the featured spice, herb, or blend, two suggested recipes, and a small, premeasured packet of the featured spice. Spice of the Month kits are free, but supplies are limited.



How to Participate:

- Pick up that month's kit on the second Saturday of each month (June 13, July 11, August 8, & September 12). Kits are first-come, first-serve and available until supplies run out.
- Enjoy!
- [OPTIONAL] Ready to give feedback? Let the library know how you used that month's spice, suggestions for future selections, and if we should continue this program beyond Summer Reading.

Monthly Themes:

To celebrate America 250 this summer we'll be taking a BBQ spice rub tour through the United States. Each month we'll focus on a different BBQ spice mix that has left a mark in American cuisine. In June we visited Texas and in July we visited South Carolina.

Where will we visit in August and September?