

**SOUTH COASTAL LIBRARY
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Enrich. Inspire. Educate.

The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.

~Albert Einstein

And once you know the location, by all means, come on inside!

FY25 has shown a continual improvement in most areas. The increase in “ebook” usage includes 2 e-catalogs (Overdrive and Hoopla), e-audiobooks, and streaming videos courtesy of Kanopy. Last year, e-materials made up 27.3% of our total circulation. This year, they are 32.8% of total circulation. FOSCL’s annual contribution to Overdrive is well-used. And as a long-time librarian (before we plugged in anything), it’s good to see that physical items continue to be loved and used, with a 4% increase over FY24.

FY	Patron Visits	Total Circ	Ebook Circ	Wifi sessions	Programs	Program Att.
2019	153,890	179,464	31,948	N/A	596	14,911
2020	113,843	124,699	41,410	4,737	461	12,316
2021	33,789	88,941	51,299	3,315	239	6,541
2022	93,626	138,725	50,972	6,433	401	9,095
2023	113,446	144,174	53,757	7,941	546	16,985
2024	120,499	161,952	60,818	6,093	570	22,838
2025	113,776	168,489	80,289	5,612	619	23,072

We increased the number of events and classes by nearly 9%, with a 1% increase in attendance. Since some of the events have limits on class size, this was not unexpected. We try to run those classes more often when possible.

The drop in actual visits to the library is both unexpected and not easily explained, given the increase in items being checked out as well as in program attendance. Our Helpdesk is investigating.

The online access that FOSCL provides to the community continues to be a vital part of our services. **Newspapers.com**, originally added in mid-FY24, had 3,046 uses in the last five months of that time span (July 1—June 30). For its first complete year of use (FY25), library patrons and community members searched over 28,000 newspapers a total of 6,737 times! **Ancestry.com** also saw an increase in annual use between FY24 and FY25, rising from 2,403 searches to 3,875 uses. Finally, **Creativebug.com** averages use of classes by an average of 100 budding artists and crafters monthly, of all ages.

All the “extras” provided by FOSCL are used and appreciated by your community, whether inside the library, at home, or out on the road. It’s great to offer resources wherever they are needed and FOSCL is a huge part of that effort!

Highlights of this year include:



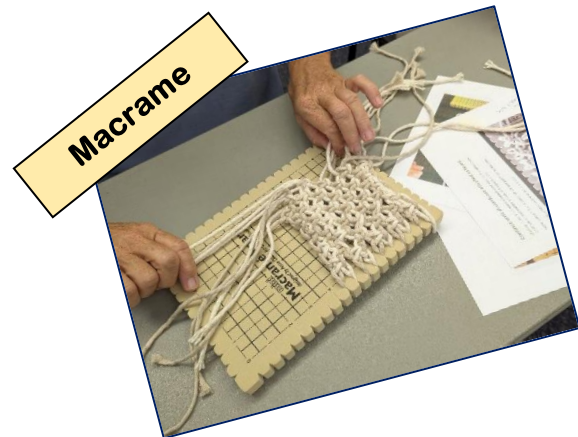
Cello concert for the children!



Painting classes



Ethan Joella author talk



Macrame



Fall pumpkin creation



We love the dogs as much as the kids do