

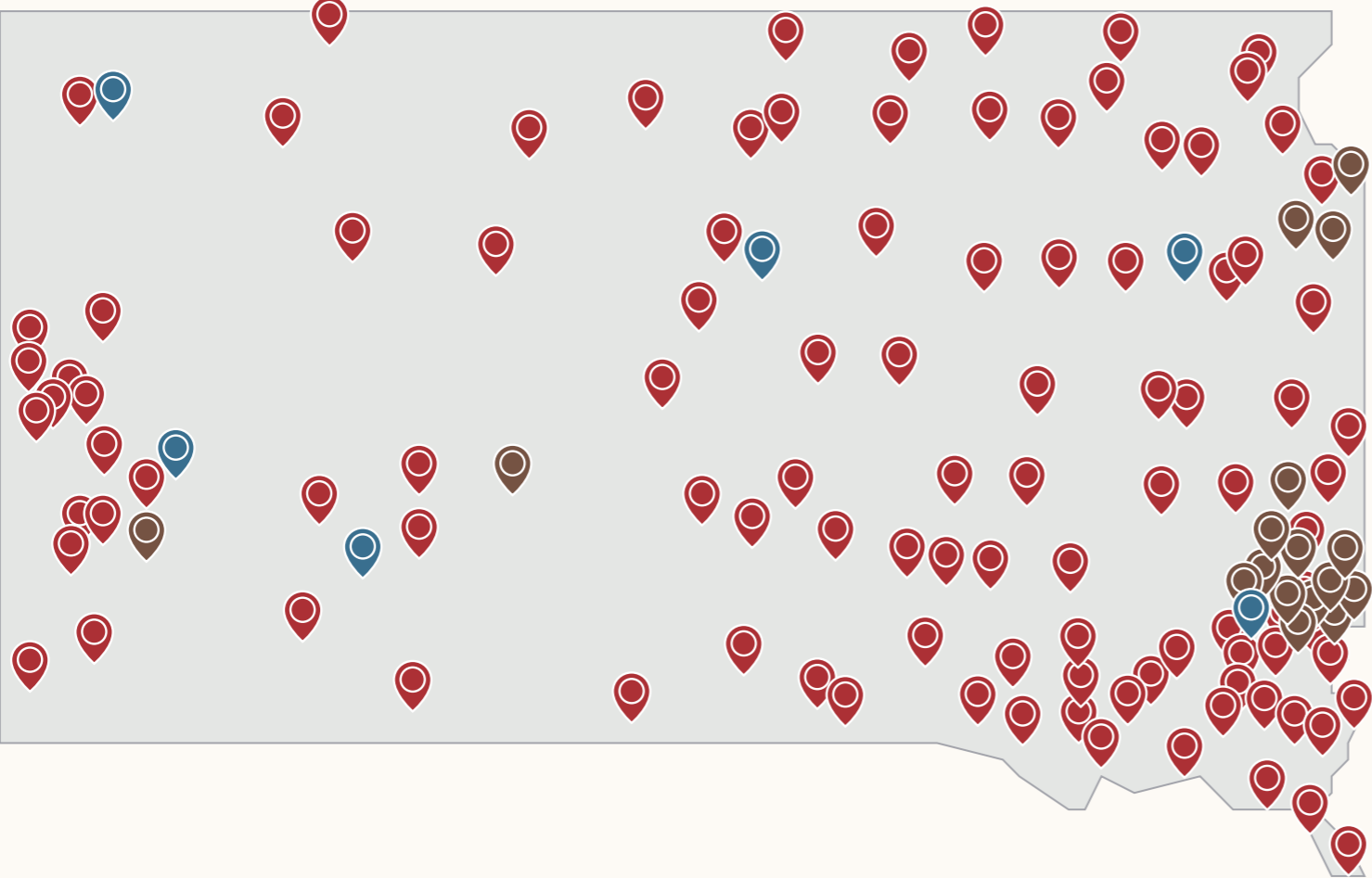
2024 PUBLIC LIBRARIES FACTS & STATS

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Every year financial and service data is collected from South Dakota's public libraries via the Public Libraries Survey-- a statistical survey of all public libraries in the U.S.

State-level statistics comprise information collected for calendar year 2023.

130 PUBLIC LIBRARY OUTLETS



106 central libraries



18 branch libraries



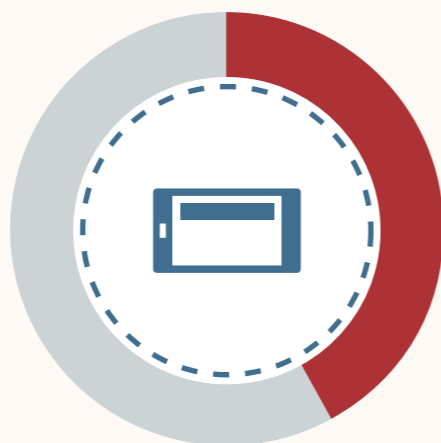
6 bookmobiles

SNAPSHOT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

South Dakota public libraries connect communities through knowledge, imagination, and opportunities.



■ **90%** of South Dakota residents are served by a local public library.



■ **40%** of South Dakota residents have a library card.

In 2023, local residents and travelers visited South Dakota public libraries **2.6 million times**.

That's more visitors than Mount Rushmore (2.4 million)!

Circulation

South Dakotans checked out **5.5 million items** including physical and digital items.



Library Internet Access

Visitors used library wifi and public computers to access the internet **1.7 million times**.



Programming

South Dakota libraries hosted **365,000 people** through program events and activities.



Reference

Librarians answered **270,000 questions** including informational and technical assistance.



FRIENDS, FOUNDATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

It takes great people to make great libraries. Local residents volunteer their time and expertise to support their libraries.



24%

of libraries have a Friends of the Library group that supports the library through volunteer work, advocacy & fundraising.

Friends



11%

of libraries have a Library Foundation to secure additional funding that enhances library services.

Foundations



1,000

library volunteers contributed over 21,000 hours to South Dakota public libraries.

Volunteers



600

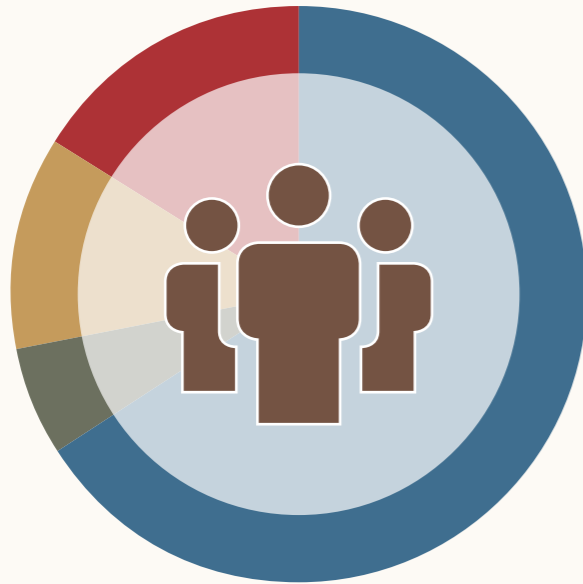
library trustees guide the mission, funds and policies of their local public libraries.

Trustees

LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Library programs bring communities together with educational, cultural and recreational activities.

IN-PERSON PROGRAM ATTENDEES



- **66%** children
- **6%** young adult
- **12%** adult
- **16%** general interest

PROGRAM FORMATS



Libraries produced more than **200 recorded programs** viewed by **11,600 people**.



Libraries hosted **290,000 people** at more than **15,000 programs**.



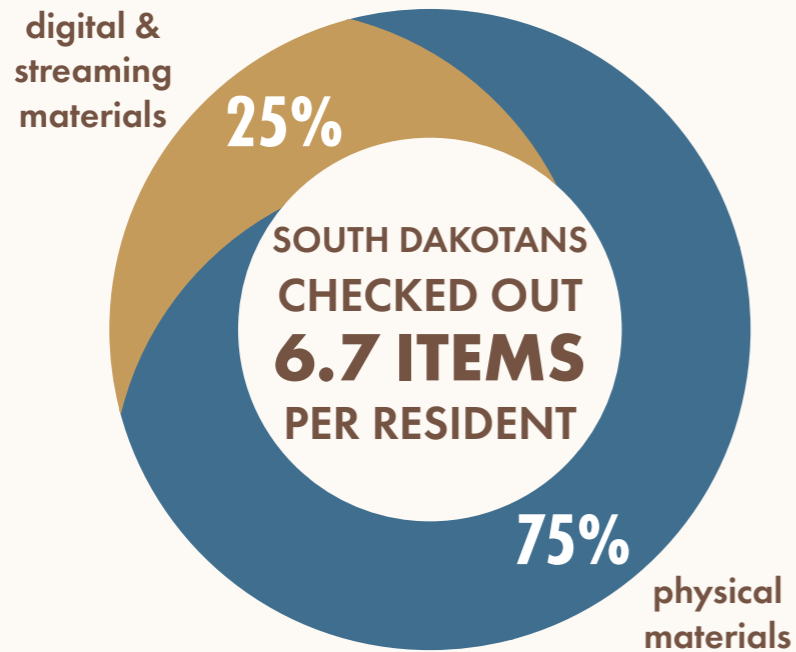
Library staff helped **12,300 people** through **one-to-one programs** like homework help, test proctoring, and homebound deliveries.



Libraries offered more than **1,600 self-directed activities** like take-home craft kits and story walks to **48,000 visitors**.

COLLECTION USE

Libraries offer books and more to foster literacy, information, imagination, and access to all kinds of materials.



100% of SD residents have access to **58** research databases provided by the South Dakota State Library

89% of libraries offer ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and streaming video collections

70% of libraries share physical collections with other libraries through interlibrary loan

70% of libraries do not charge fines for overdue materials

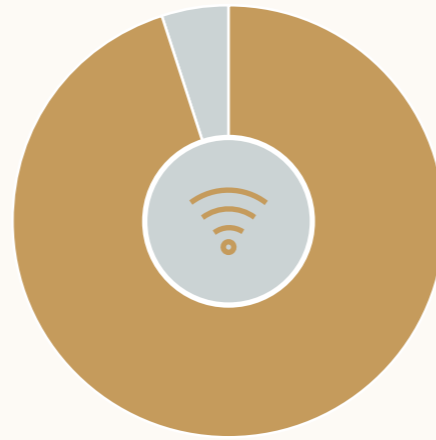
40% of circulation is children's materials

COMPUTERS & INTERNET

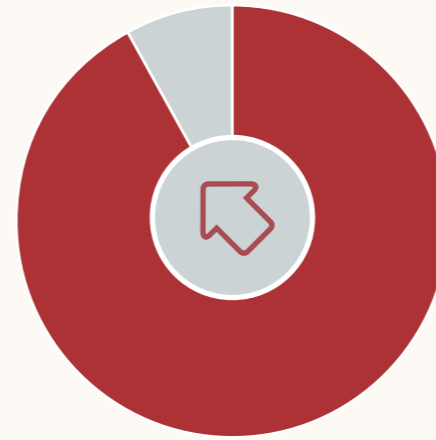
Libraries provide essential online access and opportunities for all residents.



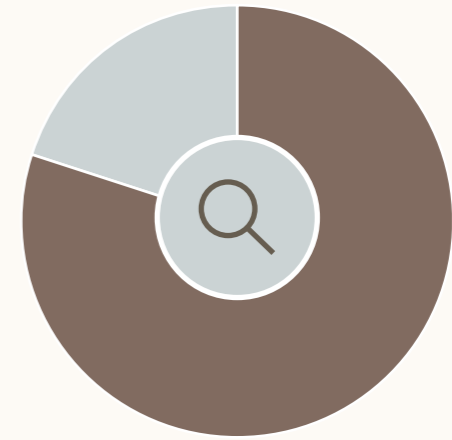
100% of libraries provided **public computers** and internet access.



95% provided **public WiFi**: used approximately **1.3 million** times.



92% of libraries have a **website** that provides access to ebooks, audiobooks, research databases, and more.

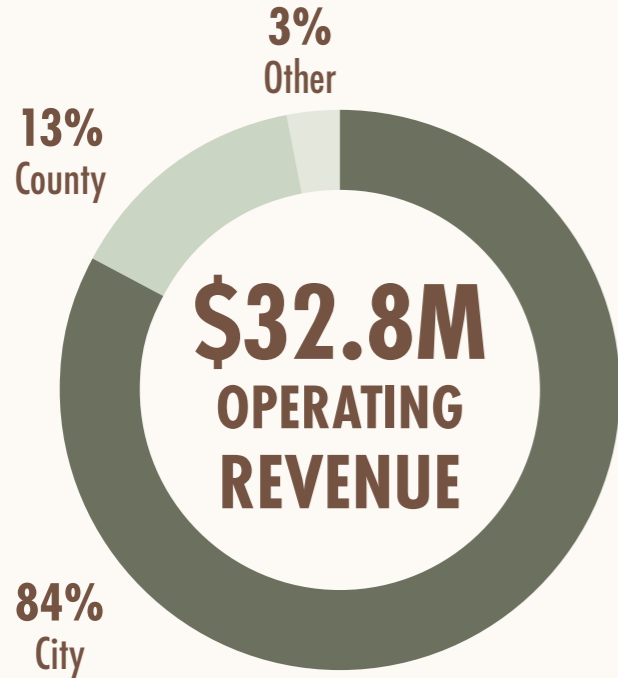


80% of libraries have **online catalogs** so patrons can search and reserve items at their convenience.

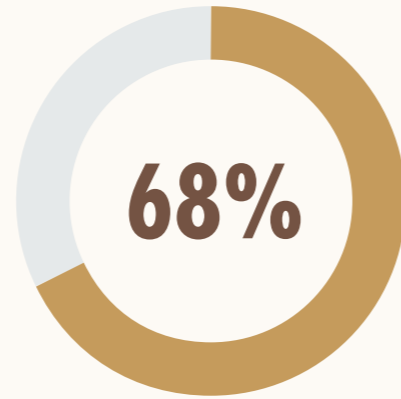
Libraries deliver **24/7 online services** for their communities.

FINANCIALS

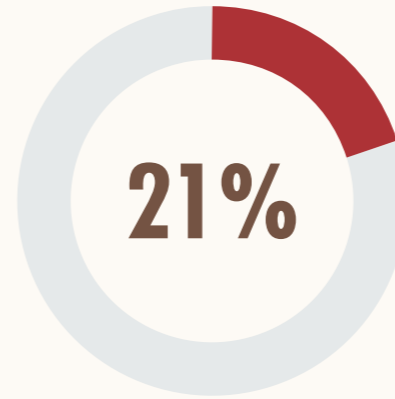
South Dakota public libraries spent an average of **\$39 per resident** providing library services.



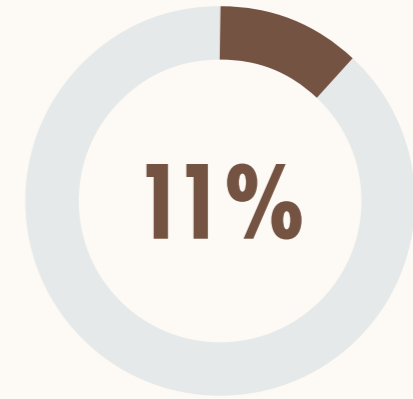
Local Governments
contributed **\$32.8 million** to
public library operating revenue.



Staff
South Dakota's public libraries
spent **\$21.9 million** on
staff salaries and benefits.



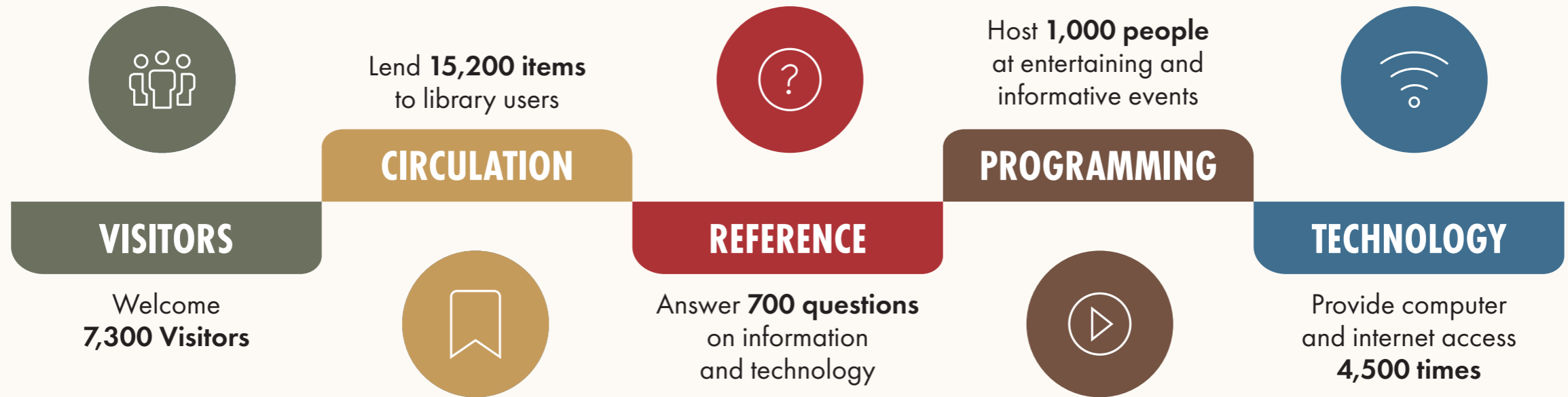
Operations
South Dakota's public libraries
spent **\$6.7 million** on
facilities, supplies, and utilities.



Collections
South Dakota's public libraries
spent **\$3.8 million** on library
collections... that's about **\$4.55**
on new materials per resident.

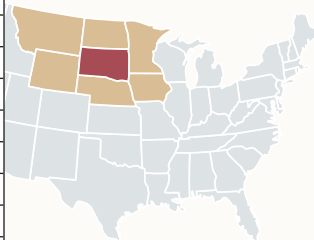
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LIBRARIES: SD VS REGIONAL VS NATIONAL

FY2021, Per capita*	SD	IA	MN	MT	NE	ND	WY	USA
Total Operating Revenue	\$38.17	\$46.62	\$41.13	\$33.74	\$43.50	\$33.25	\$57.47	\$46.82
Total Operating Expenditures	\$36.28	\$44.46	\$39.01	\$31.16	\$39.47	\$31.93	\$53.28	\$41.43
Collection Expenditures	\$4.57	\$5.19	\$4.33	\$3.02	\$4.85	\$3.83	\$4.27	\$4.47
Staff Expenditures	\$24.52	\$31.53	\$26.44	\$21.85	\$26.45	\$21.89	\$40.31	\$27.83
Square Footage / 1,000 pop.	965	1,336	788	870	1,226	753	1,374	670
Registered Users	0.42	0.61	0.59	0.4	0.63	0.35	0.59	0.5
Library Visits	2.57	1.84	1.71	1.68	2.32	1.68	3.08	1.3
Total Circulation	6.36	5.54	7.58	4.23	7.21	4.19	6.73	4.86
Physical Materials Circulation	4.92	4.32	5.67	2.95	5.61	3.15	5.64	3.41
Electronic Materials Circulation	1.43	1.23	1.91	1.28	1.6	1.03	1.09	1.45
Program Attendance /1,000 pop.	227	228	78	172	211	248	306	128
Public Internet Computers /5,000 pop.	6.13	6.87	3.6	4.74	7.51	4.62	6.25	4.1
Public Computer Use	0.31	0.2	0.22	0.2	0.37	0.25	0.38	0.17
Wireless Sessions	0.77	0.76	1.18	0.7	1.84	2.4	0.51	0.86
MLS degreed librarians: % of total FTE staff**	14%	18%	26%	18%	16%	21%	13%	24%
Computer user sessions per computer**	253	147	302	211	247	276	301	202
Children's Material circulation percentage**	41%	34%	39%	32%	46%	38%	39%	33%



*Per capita population is based on unduplicated population of legal service areas

**Not calculated per capita

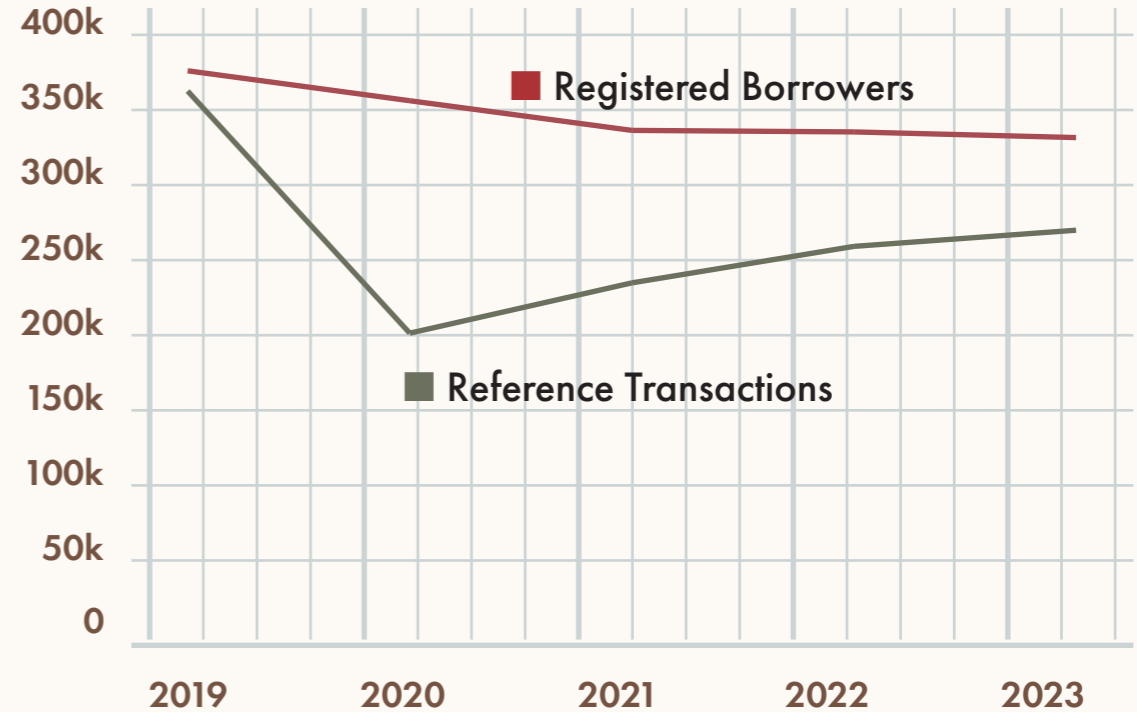
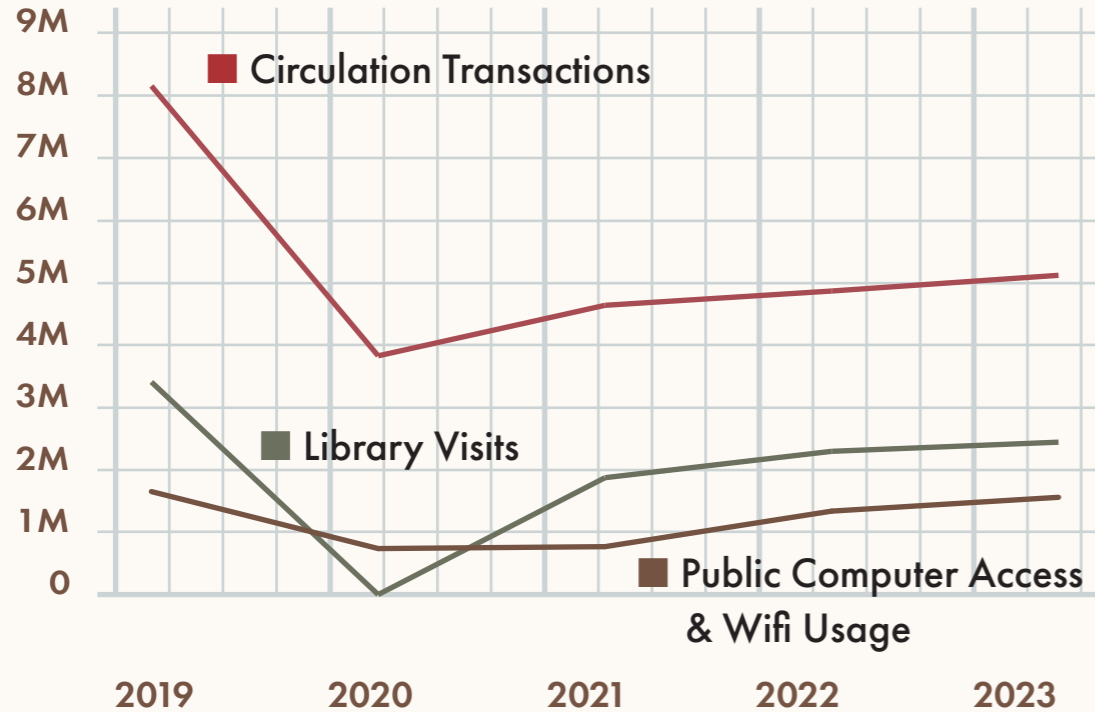


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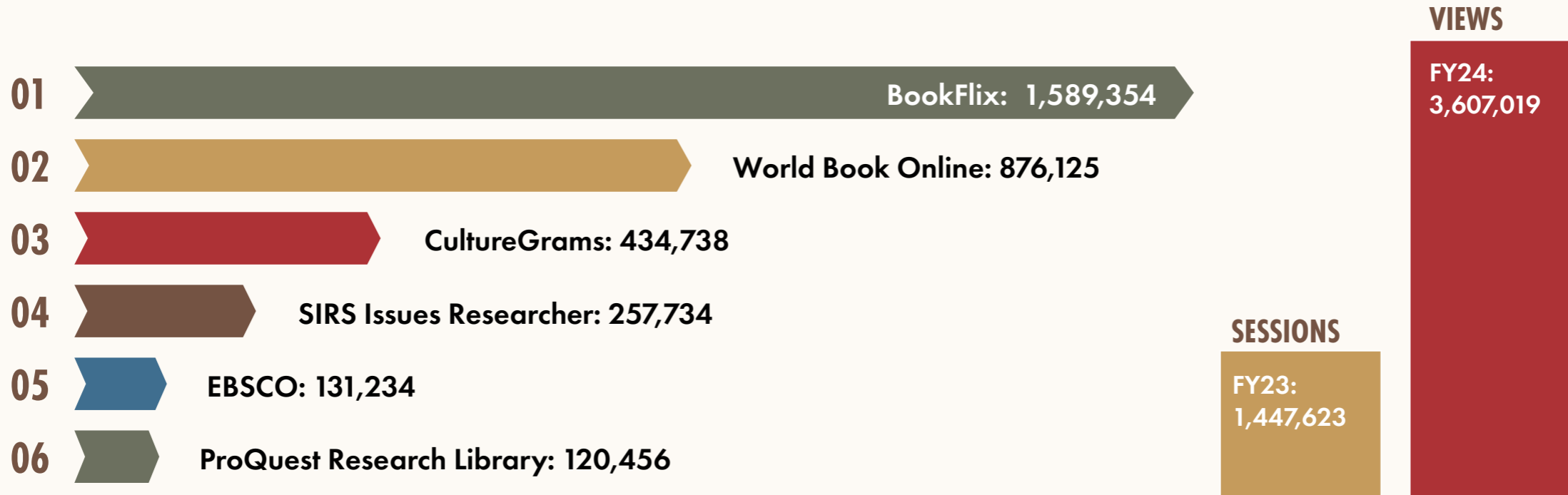
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5 YEAR TRENDS: 2019-2023



ELECTRONIC RESOURCES STATISTICS

Top 6 most used databases from FY2024 (by views)



The South Dakota State Library provides statewide access to a variety of general and subject-based online databases. A complete listing of these electronic resources can be found at library.sd.gov.



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