COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The library's collection is comprised of 76,854 books, periodicals, digital resources, and miscellaneous circulating equipment. Cardholders also have direct access to the 4.4 million items held in other Rhode Island public libraries through the library's membership in the Ocean State Libraries network. On a month to month basis, the library is a consistent net lender to other libraries in the consortium. Staff mediated interlibrary loan service provides additional access to the holdings of over 40,000 libraries worldwide.

Annual Circulation Statistics

FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
128,438	137,034	145,438	145,303	141,667	129,869	122,814	122,633
*library card holders use trends physical vs. digital							
*FY18		*FY19			*FY20		
physical	113,29	3 physic	al 1	118,985	physical	101,010	
electronic	18,19	2 electr	onic	20,869	electronic	26,136	
streaming	7,043	3 strear	ning	10,856	streaming	13,723	
grand total	138,528	grand	total 1	150,710	grand total	140,869	