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ELibrary Use

OverDrive (ebooks and media)

2016 2017

rbDigital (emagazines)

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New Items Added

Print items

2016 2017

Audiovisual (CD & DVD)

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OverDrive ebooks

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New Cardholders

2016 2017

Patrons

2016 2017

Meeting Rooms Reserved

2016 2017

Meeting Rooms Attendance

2016 2017

Computer Sessions

2016 2017

Wi-Fi Sessions

N/A 2,200,000

All Libraries

2016 2017

New Cardholders

38,391 58,040

Patrons

253,313 275,440

Meeting Rooms Reserved

4,586 4,721

Meeting Rooms Attendance

39,760 35,759

Computer Sessions

440,945 420,000*

Wi-Fi Sessions

N/A 2,200,000

Events

2,486 2,564

Overall Event Attendance

61,405 62,857

Checkouts

3,910,619 3,656,303

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Total Expenditures

$21,923,393

Total Revenues

$22,986,973

3% Other

7.5% Timber Revenue

89.5% Property Taxes

14% Books & Materials

73% Salaries & Benefits

8% Professional Services

3% Supplies

4% Property & Supplies

2% Capital Expenditures

1% Salaries & Benefits

72% Collections

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Total Revenues $12,094,973

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In December, TRL’s Pinterest account was launched under the name “BookPinster” with 10 boards and over 400 pins featuring cookbooks, genealogy, trends, crafts, quotes, book displays, and more! #CheckThisOut and get involved with TRL on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram by using #TRL50 & #ilovemylibrary as we Celebrate 50 Years Together.

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