



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: 6-month Update of Library Expanded Hours

In April 2019, the Fort Worth Public Library added 202 additional open hours per week across the city. As the library works to break down barriers to access and create a more welcoming and inclusive environment, being open when families are able to visit is extremely important. The purpose of this IR is to give a six-month expanded hours update.

As a reminder, the additional hours were achieved with no additional library FTE and no increase to the library's budget.

The expanded hours provided an additional 20 hours a week for patrons to visit regional libraries, 14 more hours a week at local branches, and an additional 8 hours at the central library downtown. Satellite locations such as BOLD, COOL, and Cambridge Court maintained their original hours. The Central and regional libraries are now open seven days a week and all neighborhood branches throughout the city are open six days a week. Individuals and families can now enjoy more evening hours. Monday through Thursday, all branches are open until 8 p.m. and until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Locations with Sunday hours are also open until 6 p.m.

While six-months is not long enough to measure ongoing success, it is illustrative of a positive trend. When libraries are open during the times needed, more residents will use this valuable city service.

Increased Library Usage
– average across multiple areas

27%

With no additional staff

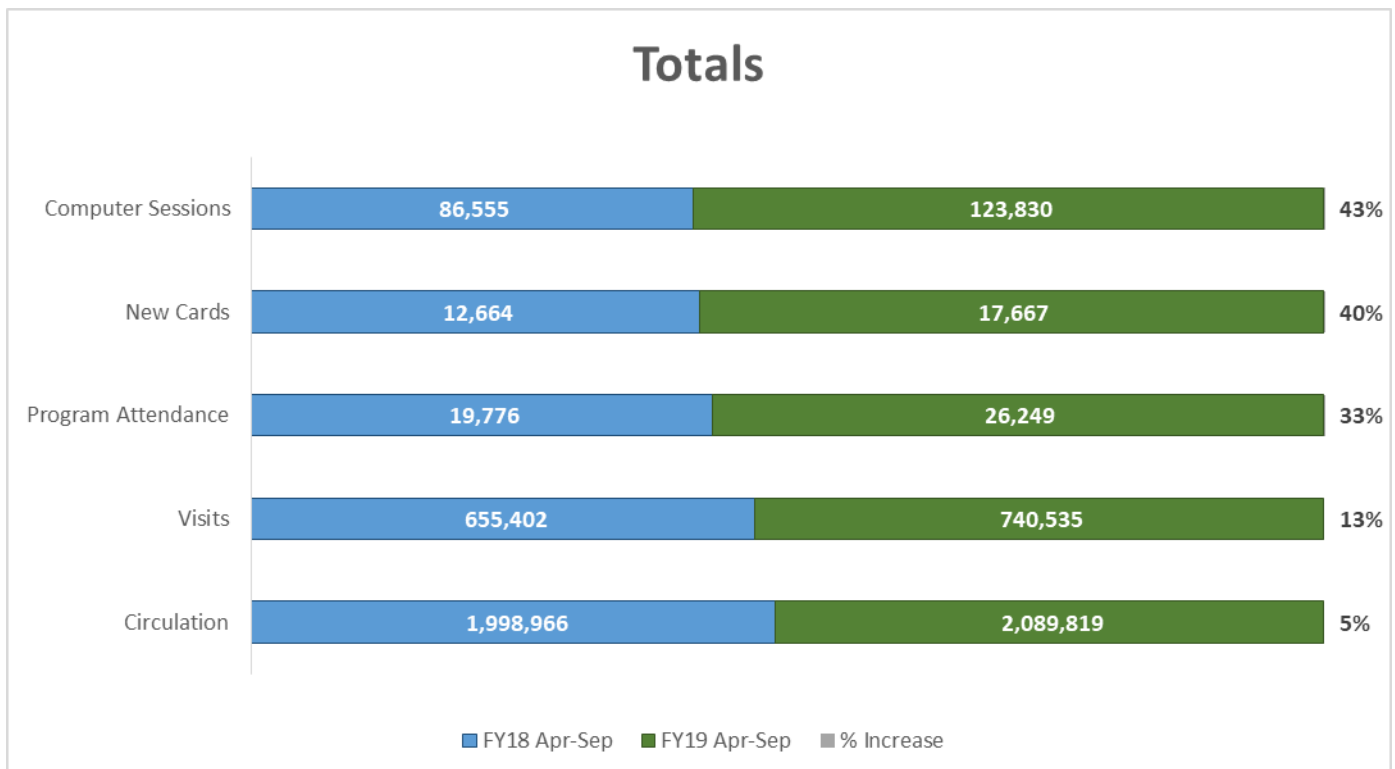
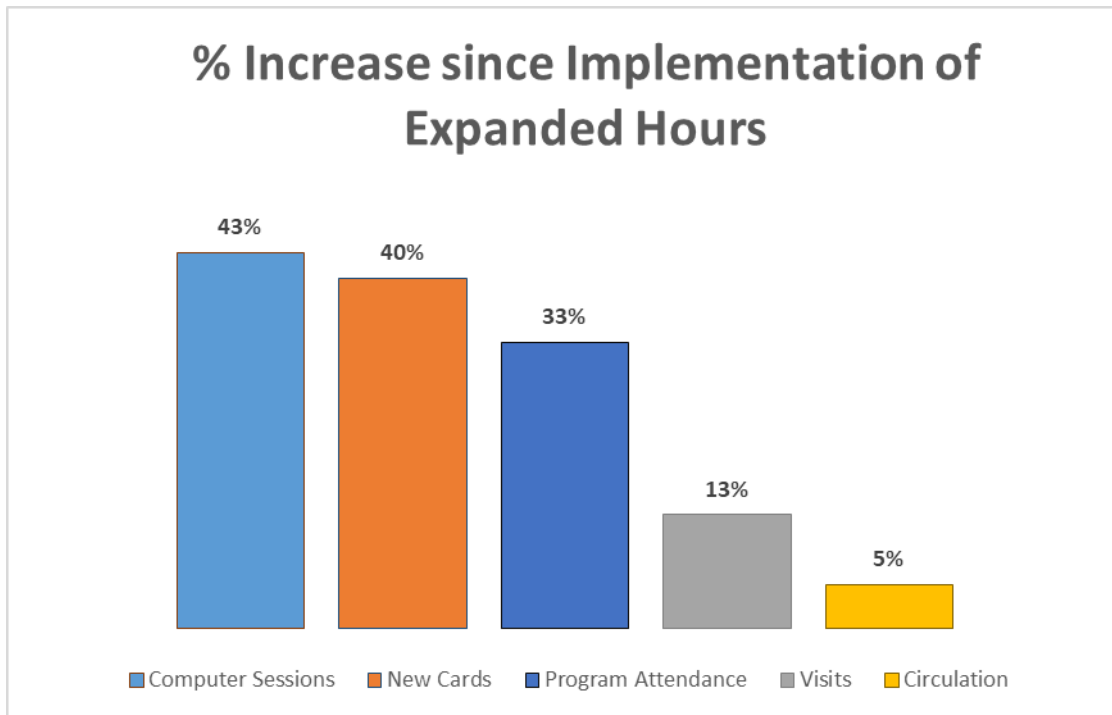


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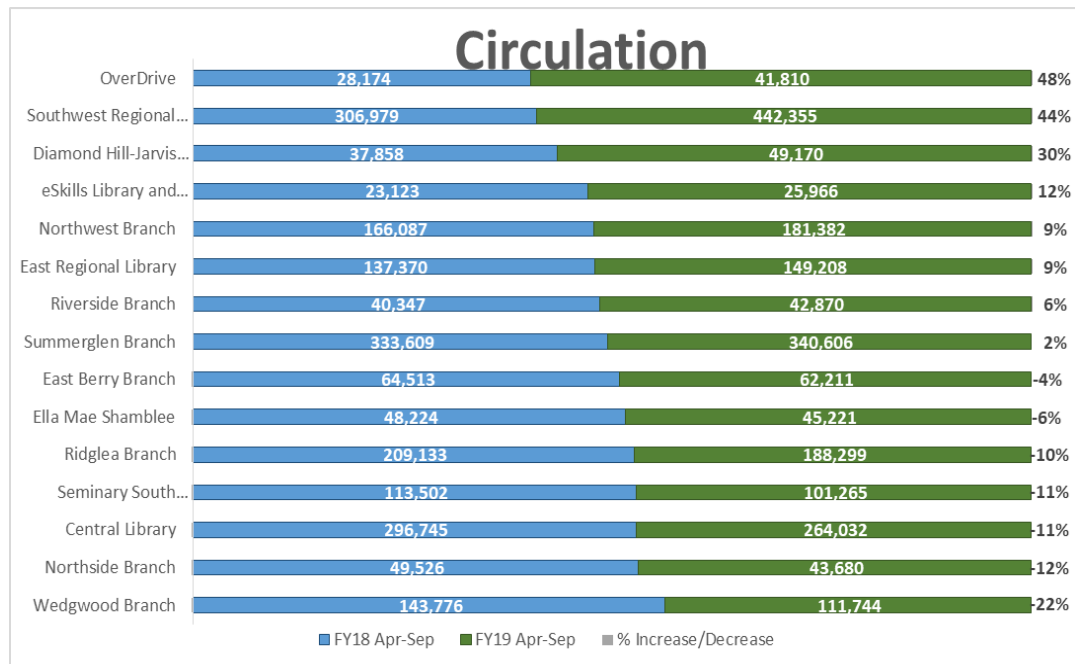
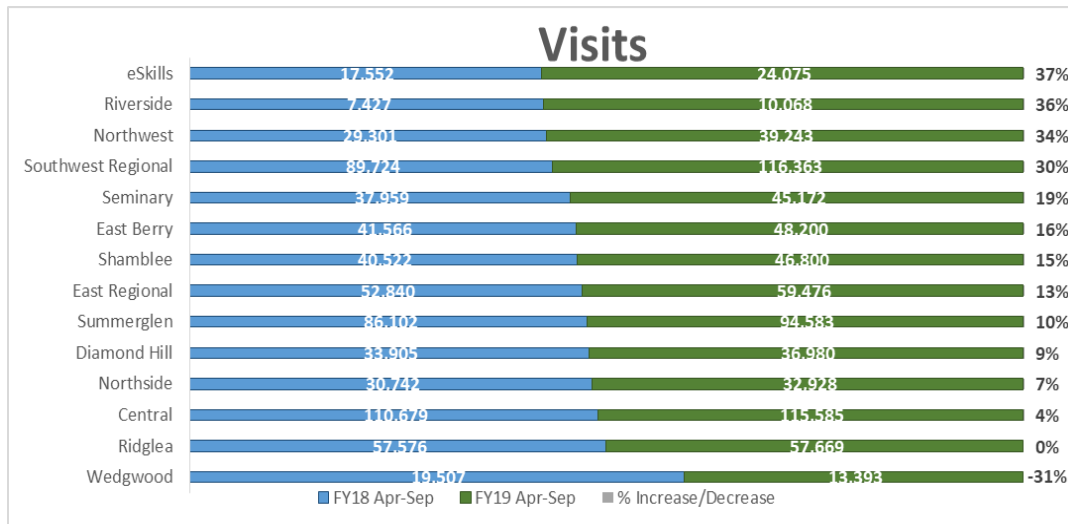


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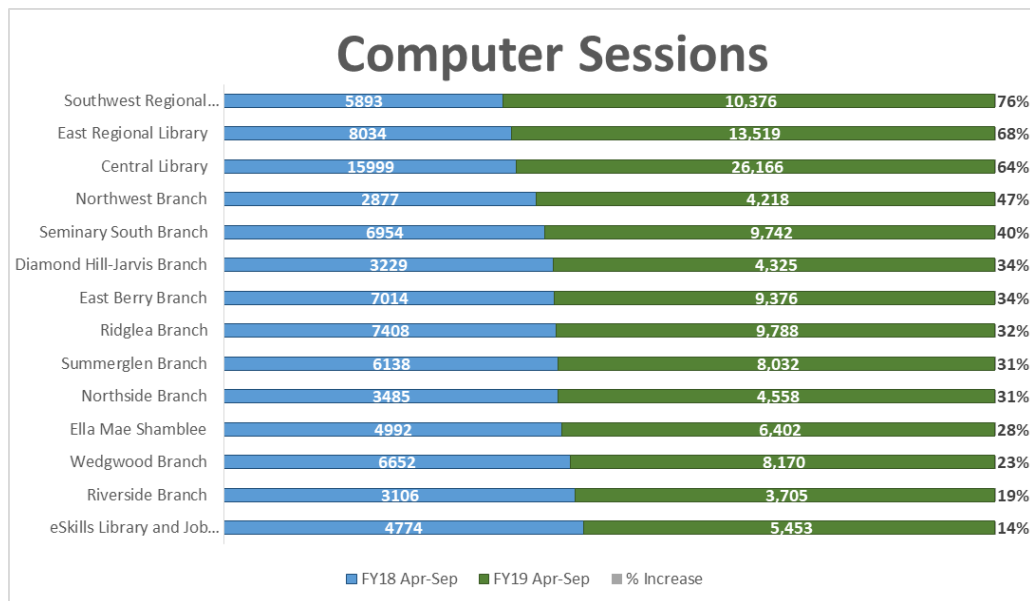
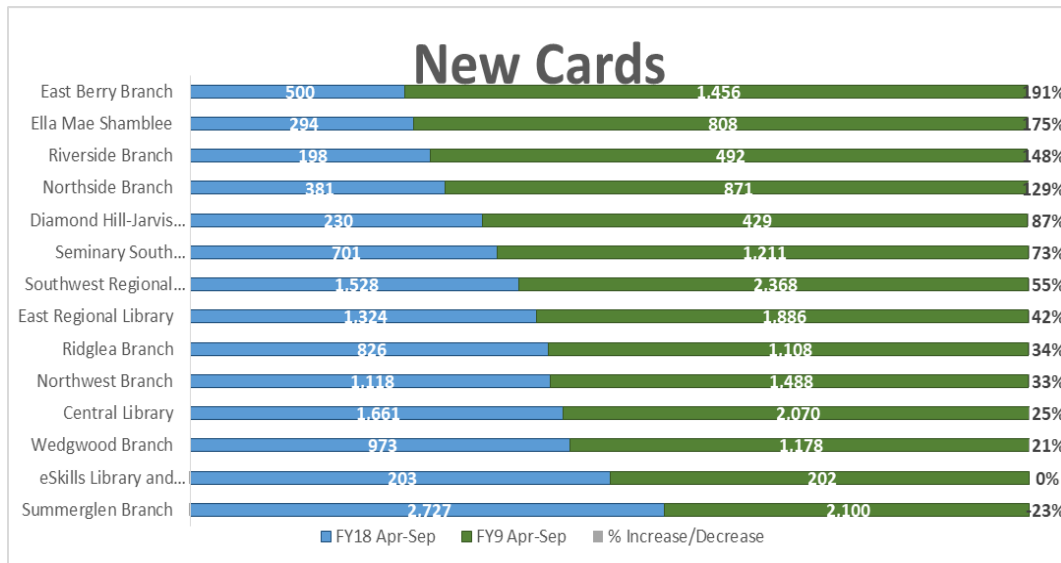


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