MORE Administrator's Report

March 2024 – MORE Directors Council

2023 Public Library Annual Reports

Again this year, IFLS staff compiled collection, use, and technology data for member libraries' annual reports.

Across MORE, circulation activity was up in 2023 compared to 2022:

	2023	2022
Checkouts	2,374,347	2,231,611
Renewals	784,054	770,158
Total circulation (checkouts plus renewals)	3,158,401	3,001,769
Items loaned and borrowed among MORE-member libraries	612,484	580,410
OverDrive/Libby checkouts	864,230	755,409

New MORE Member Library

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funding has been approved for Hawkins Area Library to join MORE. Hawkins will go live on MORE in early as July 2024, which involves adding the library's collection to the shared MORE database, training staff on MORE policies and procedures, and shoring up patron registration, all tasks managed by MORE Project Manager Kathy Setter, who has been involved with adding all of MORE's new member libraries throughout the consortium's nearly 25-year history. Hawkins Area Library is the last IFLS-member public library to join MORE!

As they're added, Hawkins' materials appear as "unavailable" in Sierra. Please continue to use WISCAT to request materials from Hawkins until July.

Looking ahead:

In the next couple of months, in addition to adding Hawkins Area Library to MORE, the consortium will be:

- Sending MORE Project Managers Bridget Krejci and Kathy Setter and Martha Spangler from Altoona Public Library to the annual Innovative Users Group (IUG) Conference in Detroit. The IUG Conference is a good opportunity to share ideas and news among library users of the automation software in use by MORE.
- Negotiating a new agreement for our automation software package with vendor Innovative.
- Considering an update to Sierra 6.1 and evaluating a new Sierra email notification service.