

# MORE Administrator's Report

January 2025 – MORE Directors Council

## 2024 Public Library Annual Reports

Again this year, IFLS staff have compiled collection, use, and technology data to give our member libraries a head start on their annual reports.

Across MORE, circulation activity was up again in 2024 compared to 2023 and 2022. Checkouts of digital materials (ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines) via Libby again saw a strong increase:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Checkouts of physical materials	2,423,481	2,374,347	2,231,611
Renewals of physical materials	782,028	784,054	770,158
Total circulation of physical materials (checkouts plus renewals)	3,205,509	3,158,401	3,001,769
Physical items loaned and borrowed among MORE-member libraries	639,718	612,484	580,410
OverDrive/Libby checkouts	961,927	864,230	755,409

## 2024 In Review

- Hawkins Area Library joined MORE in July, becoming the last IFLS-member library to join
- Kathy Setter, longtime MORE Project Manager, retired in December
- Catalogers at IFLS and cataloging partner libraries added 28,656 title records to the shared catalog. Member libraries added 114,130 item (copy) records.

## Staffing changes for MORE

In addition to full-time Database Maintenance Specialist Alyson Jones, who started at IFLS in December, Jackee Johnson became the new MORE Support Specialist in January, and Julia Reid will join us later in January as a part-time Database Maintenance Specialist. Welcome to all our new colleagues!

## Looking ahead:

In the next few months, MORE will be:

- Launching a text message notification service, and working on updating email notifications
- Sending IFLS staff and a library director or staff member to the annual Innovative Users Group (IUG) Conference in Denver. The IUG Conference is a good opportunity to share ideas and news among library users of the automation software in use by MORE.