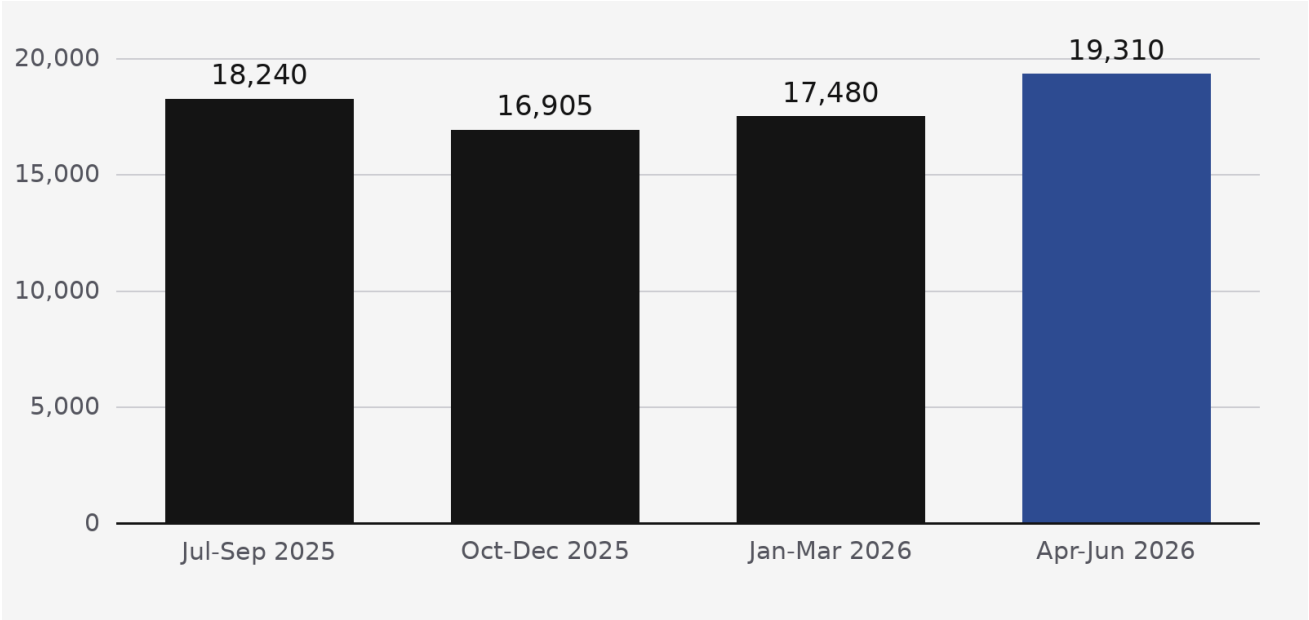


Annual report 2025–26

This report covers the library year from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. Visits rose in the last quarter after the reading room reopened, and loans followed the same pattern. The table below gives the figures for each quarter.



Visits by quarter, 2025–26.

Visits, loans and events by quarter

Quarter	Visits	Loans	Events
July to September 2025	18,240	9,815	42
October to December 2025	16,905	9,120	37
January to March 2026	17,480	9,560	40
April to June 2026	19,310	10,245	46
Year	71,935	38,740	165

What changed this year

The main reading room closed for eight weeks in the spring while the floor and the lighting were replaced. Study tables moved to the community room for that time, and the children's area stayed open throughout.

When the room reopened in April, it had twelve study tables in three rows instead of ten, and a longer shelving wall along the east side. The new layout adds six seats and keeps a clear path from the door to the help desk.

Evening events grew in the second half of the year. The weekly homework club moved from Tuesday to Wednesday, when more volunteers are free, and two new reading groups started in March.

Loans of audiobooks and e-books grew faster than loans of printed books. The library added a second e-book collection in January and now offers both through the same account.

Next year the library plans to extend Saturday hours in the summer months and to replace the public computers in the reference area. The budget for both is in the plan the board adopted in June.

Feedback cards left at the front desk asked most often for more quiet study space and for longer weekend hours. Both requests shaped the reading room design and next year's plan.

