CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Kenneth W. Striplin, City Manager

FROM:

Darren Hernández, Deputy City Manager

DATE:

May 14, 2015

SUBJECT:

SANTA CLARITA PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS - APRIL 2015

Attached is the statistical report for the Santa Clarita Public Library for April 2015.

Overall statistics for the three Library branches in April 2015 include:

- 71,601 patrons visited the Libraries, 1,338 new Library cards were issued, and 5,392 patrons attended a Library program.
- 137,061 books and materials were circulated by the three branches, and 11,597 holds were filled.
- 17,623 patrons reserved and used a public computer, while 4,974 patrons used the Library's free wireless internet (Wi-Fi), and the Library website received 54,754 visits.

| | | | Month- | to-Date | | | | |
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| APRIL 2015 | CANYON COUNTRY | | OLD TOWN NEWHALL | | VALENCIA | | TOTALS | |
| | April 2015 | April 2014 | April 2015 | April 2014 | April 2015 | April 2014 | April 2015 | April 2014 |
| Patron Traffic | 20,853 | 21,325 | 28,960 | 29,525 | 21,788 | 24,384 | 71,601 | 75,234 |
| Circulation | 36,141 | 29,224 | 36,359 | 35,629 | 64,561 | 58,258 | 137,061 | 123,111 |
| PC Reservations | 5,641 | 6,383 | 7,827 | 8,029 | 4,155 | 4,686 | 17,623 | 19,098 |
| Volunteer Hours | 355 | 304 | 558 | 580 | 227 | 232 | 1,140 | 1,116 |
| Holds Filled | 3,504 | 3,861 | 2,824 | 3,547 | 5,269 | 6,784 | 11,597 | 14,192 |
| Number of Programs | 62 | 61 | 102 | 102 | 55 | 48 | 219 | 211 |
| Program Attendance | 1,715 | 1,393 | 2,646 | 1,804 | 1,031 | 1,120 | 5,392 | 4,317 |
| Library Cards Issued | 390 | 325 | 603 | 647 | 345 | 377 | 1,338 | 1,349 |
| Wi-Fi Users | 1,378 | 1,245 | 2,360 | 2,231 | 1,236 | 1,194 | 4,974 | 4,670 |
| Website Visits | xxx | xxx | xxx | XXX | xxx | xxx | 54,754 | 27,568 |

Santa Clarita Public Library April 2015 Programs and Highlights

As part of the Winter/Spring schedule, all three Library branches continued to offer Storytimes for Baby/Toddler, Just for 2s and 3s, School Readiness, Bilingual, and Pajama Storytimes. Regular scheduled programs include, Homework Help, Lego Days, Digital Drop-In, Read to Dogs, and Board Games.

In addition to our regularly scheduled programs, the following highlights are some of the additional events that occurred in April:

- Cowboy Festival Tie-In Events In addition to the exciting events the Cowboy Festival offered this year, the Santa Clarita Public Libraries hosted some fun tie-in events in April to keep up the cowboy theme throughout the City. The Valencia Library held a Cowboy and Cowgirl Day for families. The Newhall Library held a cowboy-inspired poetry craft event for adults and a Cowboy Adventuring program for children.
- Dia de Los Niños/Dia de los Libros (Childrens Day/Book Day) On April 25, the Canyon Country Library hosted a free family festival celebrating children and children's books. The event featured Nathalia Palis, whose bilingual songs reflect her South American heritage, the SCV Youth Symphony, Native American dancing, crafts, storytelling, and face painting. This international event emphasized literacy for children of all cultural backgrounds by celebrating children, reading, and families.



- Newhall Wins LEED Gold The City of Santa Clarita was recently awarded a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certificate for the Old Town Newhall Library's efficient and sustainable features. Designed to use one-third less energy than a typical library, the building was singled out for its "cutting-edge design practices."
- **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** In April, the Teen Advisory Boardmembers met at Barnes and Noble and were given the opportunity to select teen books that would be added to the Santa Clarita Public Library collection. Bookplates indicating books selected by TAB members were also added to each book.
- Library in the Community Library staff outreached to the community in April by attending five Hart District open houses and speaking to over 400 people about the programs and services offered by the Santa Clarita Public Library. The Library also staffed a booth at the Earth/Arbor Day Festival and interacted with approximately 350 people, visited Santa Clarita Valley International School to talk about the Library's databases and online web research to approximately 50 students, and attended the LA County Resources Fair in Newhall to share information on the Library's programs and services.

- Global Warming: Reality, Hope, and Solutions At the Newhall Library, Eve Simmons, environmental advocate and Climate Reality Project leader, gave an eye-opening overview of global warming. This event was held in honor of Earth Day and sponsored by the local chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby. Ninety-four patrons found out about the current status of the earth and became inspired by solutions and actions they could take.
- **Drought-Resistant Landscaping** Through a partnership with the Garden Society, an excellent presentation on drought-resistant plants was enjoyed by a group of adults at the Valencia Library.
- Slide Into Summer Event The City's Recreation and Community Services Divisions and Newhall Library teamed up to create a one-of-a-kind event, Slide Into Summer. The purpose of the event, held at Newhall Library, was to offer a unified and coordinated presentation of City programs and activities to all Newhall residents. The event focused on summer programs and services offered at the various City facilities.
- Alepho Deng: The Lost Boys of the Sudan and the Rights of Children A special Library program was offered featuring Alepho Deng, the author of "They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky" who spoke about his experiences and the plight of children's rights worldwide. This special Library program had an attendance of 113 patrons and was cosponsored by local student chapters of the Human Rights Watch and by the City of Santa Clarita's Cultural Landscape Initiative.
- Adult Adaptive Reading In April, Canyon Country Library's Adult Adaptive Reading program offered adults and their caregivers a fun opportunity to get up close and personal with wildlife.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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City Leadership Team
Citizens Public Library Advisory Committee
Friends of Santa Clarita Public Library



STATISTICAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2014-15

April 2015

SANTA CLARITA PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

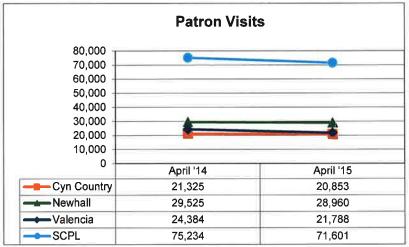
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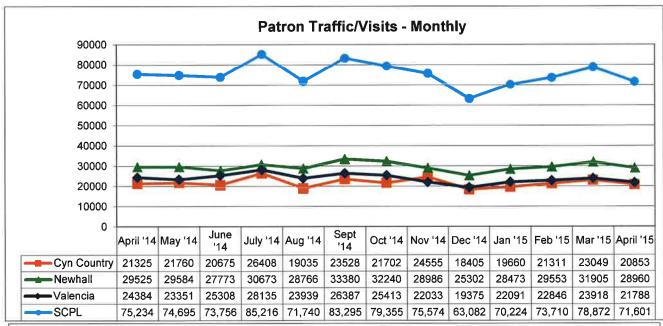
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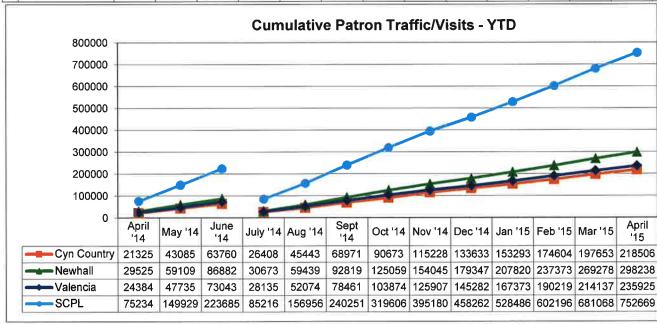
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| Patron Traffic | 218,506 | 216,344 | 298,238 | 302,186 | 235,925 | 241,219 | 752,669 | 759,749 | |
| Circulation | 320,248 | 305,911 | 349,485 | 356,560 | 581,491 | 582,364 | 1,251,224 | 1,244,835 | |
| PC Reservations | 58,475 | 68,476 | 79,591 | 84,223 | 42,900 | 47,173 | 180,966 | 199,872 | |
| Volunteer Hours | 4,499 | 4,978 | 6,646 | 6,107 | 2,491 | 2,815 | 13,636 | 13,900 | |
| Holds Filled | 36,599 | 40,596 | 32,485 | 39,313 | 56,703 | 73,408 | 125,787 | 153,317 | |
| Number of Programs | 598 | 523 | 973 | 786 | 584 | 417 | 2,155 | 1,726 | |
| Program Attendance | 13,522 | 11,349 | 26,930 | 20,989 | 13,992 | 11,378 | 54,444 | 43,716 | |
| Library Cards Issued | 3,647 | 4,096 | 6,308 | 8,021 | 3,383 | 4,006 | 13,338 | 16,123 | |
| Wi-Fi Users | 14,272 | 11,943 | 23,873 | 21,895 | 13,144 | 12,088 | 51,289 | 45,926 | |
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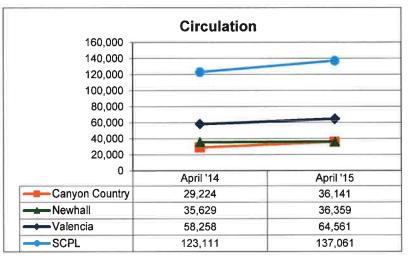


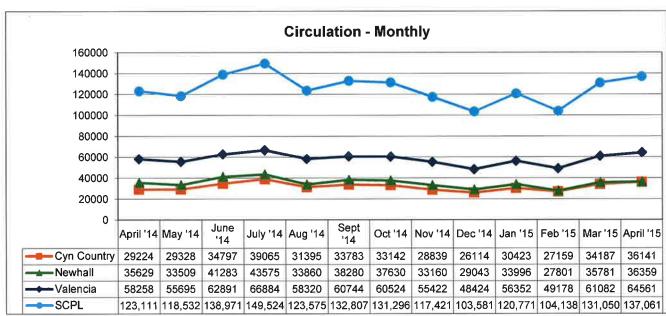


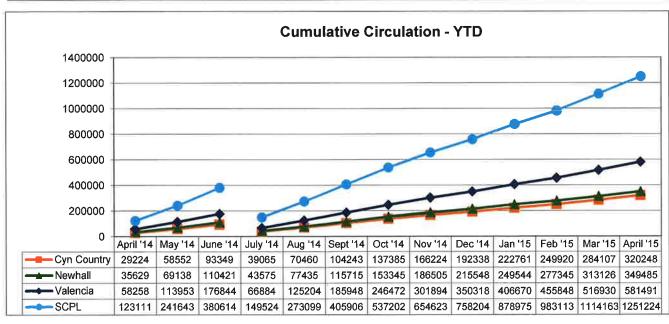
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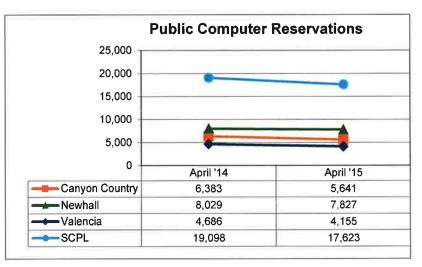


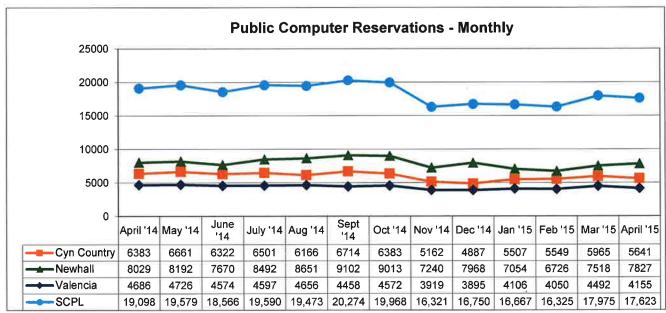


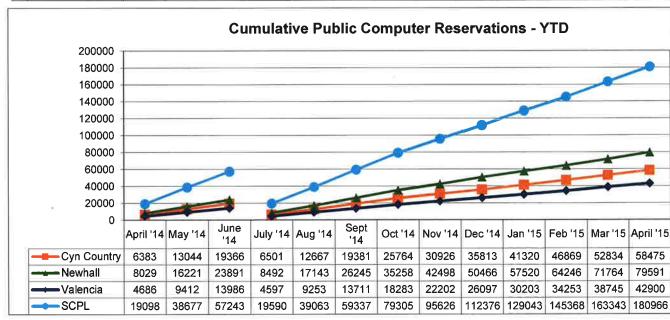
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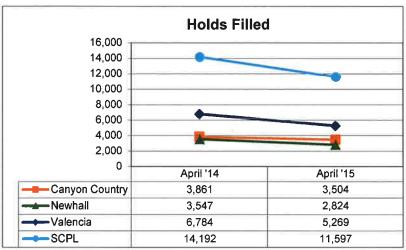


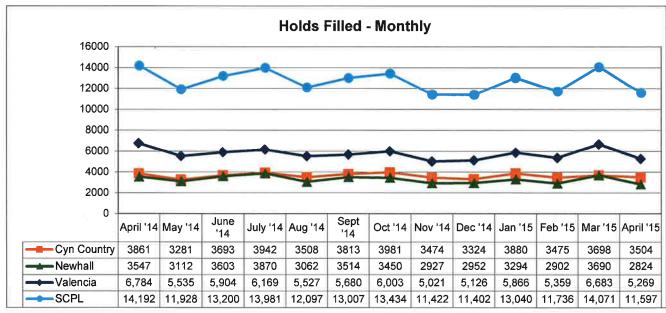


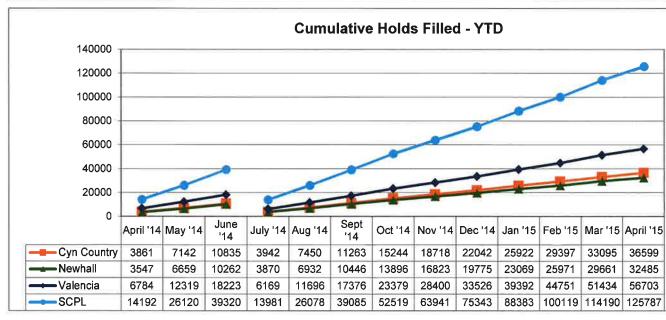
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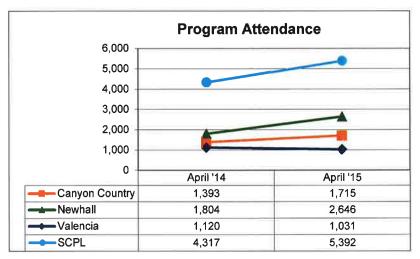


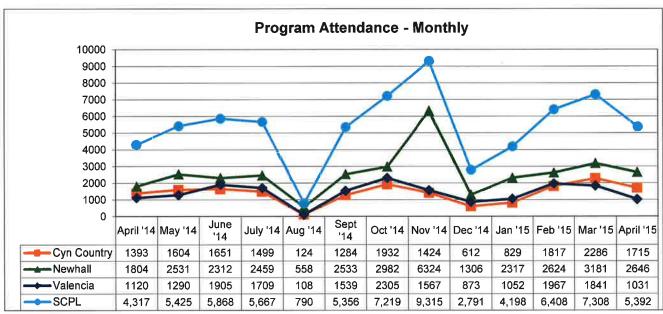


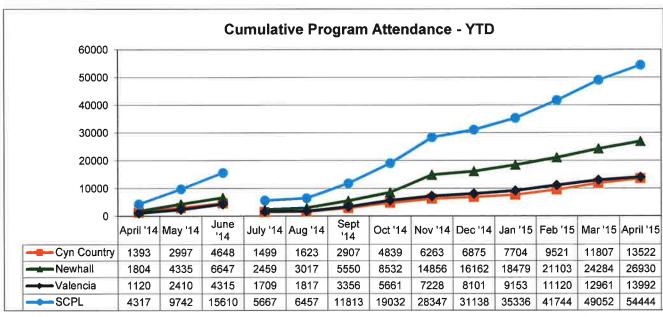
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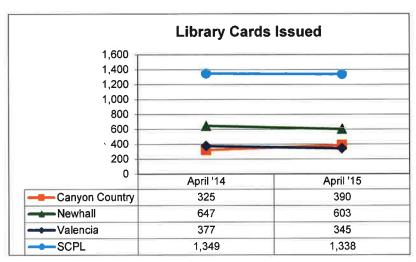


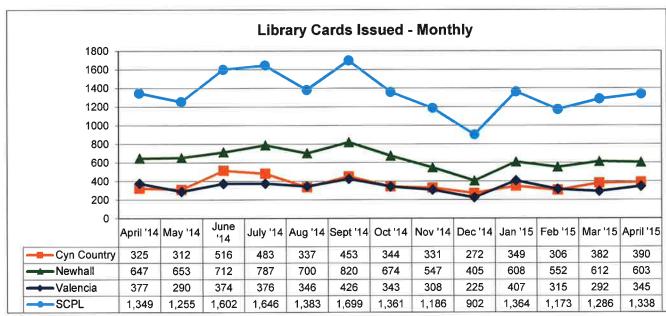


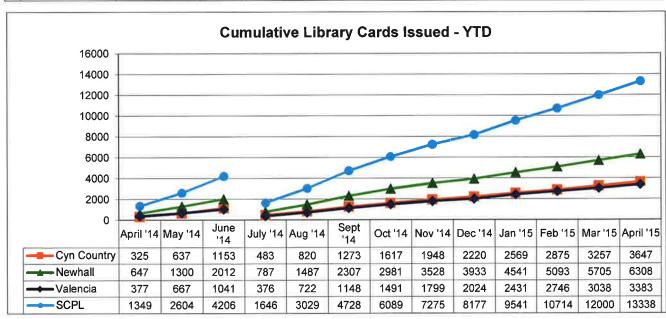
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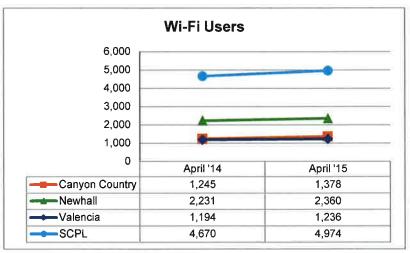


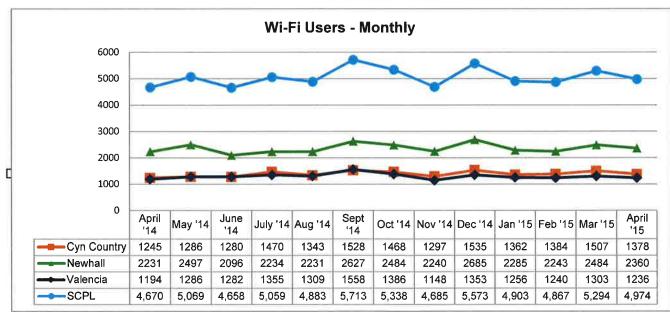


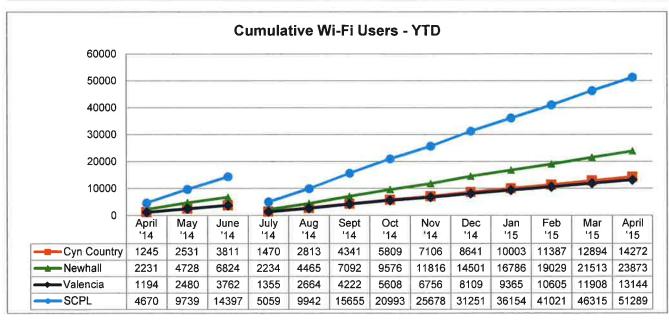
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In April 2015, a total of 4,974 Library patrons used the Santa Clarita Public Library's free wireless internet (Wi-Fi).

1,378 Wi-Fi users were at the Canyon Country Library, 2,360 at Newhall Library, and 1,236 at Valencia Library.







SANTA CLARITA PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 LIBRARY WEBSITE

In April 2015, the Library's website received a total of 54,754 visits.

30,443 were returning visitors and 24,311 were new visitors to the Library website.

Visitors to the Santa Clarita Public Library website viewed 94,272 website pages during the month of March 2015.

