# SAINT PAUL PUBLIC LIBRARY AGENCY

## Presentation of 2027 Budget Proposal to SPPLA Board

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# Proposed *Budget Changes*

**Proposed closure of Dayton's Bluff Library** **$286,722**

- Lease with Metropolitan State University (2027) **($148,274)**
  *(please note, city budgets $131,700; library absorbs remainder and any annual increases)*
- Technology costs **($20,000)**
- Library materials costs **($20,000)**
- Personnel savings (permanent reduction through attrition) **($98,448)**

This budget proposal reduces 1.3 FTE as a permanent reduction and repurposes 4.1 FTE as positions become vacant throughout 2027 to permanently fund the remainder of the Library Safety Specialist positions, some of which only have one-time funding through 2027.

Maintaining Dayton's Bluff Library eliminates the plan for the ongoing funding for 4 of the 7 Library Safety Specialists.

# Dayton's Bluff Library Overview

- Opened in 2004 as innovative partnership with Metro State University – public library within a local college.
- Was expansion of SPPL from 12 locations to 13.
- Holiday closures differ than other SPPL locations due to Metro State holiday and weather closing policies
- 6,600 square foot portion of the ground floor of the Metropolitan State Library and Learning Lab building.
- Dayton's Bluff Library has 7 library employees; equivalent to 5.4 FTE
- One of two leased library spaces in Saint Paul (second is West Seventh)
- Public library has small meeting room (10 people); 14 public computers
- All Saint Paul residents can get a community borrower card from Metro State for non-students, that allows access to:
  - Check out materials
  - Access computers
- For members of the public, Metro State also offers:
  - Printing and photocopying
  - Reference and research assistance
  - Public study tables and seating

# Dayton's Bluff Library

- Partnership with Ramsey County Workforce Solutions 2020-2022
  - Temporarily recommissioned this location as a Career Lab through partnership with Ramsey County Workforce Solution and Saint Paul Public Library.
  - Service level of 6 days per week, walk-in or appointment-based services, evenings, weekends.
  - Significant investment of county CARES dollars to support staffing and marketing as well as distributing TechPaks for residents
  - Overall investment of $625,325 from county during this time, contributing significantly to the City's finances during COVID and avoided workforce reductions in city and library.

# Dayton's Bluff Library

- **Partnerships and community events**
  - Mobile Library and Dayton's Bluff Elementary
  - CLUES
  - Dellwood Gardens
  - Metro State
  - Dayton's Bluff Rec
  - Urban Roots
  - Fiesta Latina
  - Rivoli Bluff Bash

# Other library resources

**Nearby SPPL locations**

- Arlington Hills Library 1.9 mi
- George Latimer Central Library 3.2 mi
- Sun Ray Library 3.7 mi

**Mobile Library stops in area**

- Edgerton Hi-Rise 1.3 mi
- Cerenity Marian 1.7 mi
- Wilson Hi-Rise 1.8 mi
- Burgundy Ridge 1.9 mi
- Additional Mobile Library stop on 7th coming this Fall

# Dayton's Bluff Library Usage Snapshot

- All SPPL data can be found in appendix
- 40,904 visitors; average 15 visitors per hour.
- 18,700 items circulated; average 7 check-outs per hour;
- 4,700 wi-fi sessions; 1.8 sessions per hour.
- 7,300 computer sessions; 2.8 per hour;
- Average circulation of DB materials:
  - Adult print: .9 (SPPL average 2.0)
  - Adult nonprint: 1.2 (SPPL average 3.3)
  - Children+Teen print: .9 (SPPL average 3.8)
  - Children+Teen nonprint: 1.1 (SPPL average: 3.3)
- Program participation
  - Reading Together (Reading mentoring program): 2025-2026 school year: 4 pairs; 2024-2025 school year: 1 pair
  - School age programs = avg attendance 10
  - Teen programs = avg attendance 5
  - Adult programs = avg attendance 8

# Dayton's Bluff Library Visitors and Circulation Since 2009

Dayton's Bluff visits per hour from 2009 to 2025 decreased 73%

During this same period, SPPL visits overall decreased 43%

Some other library location usage has decreased at similar levels to Dayton's Bluff but are at city-owned locations.

| Year | visits per hour | circulation per hour | DB weekly hours open (approx.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2009 | 61.2 | 38.7 | 50 |
| 2014 | 44.6 | 30.1 | 50 |
| 2019 | 25.9 | 18.9 | 51 |
| 2024 | 16.8 | 8.1 | 51 |
| 2025 | 16.5 | 7.6 | 51 |

# How to Keep Dayton's Bluff and Fund Safety Specialists in 2027 and 2028?

$286,722 amounts to approximately 0.13% increase to the overall levy.

If Dayton's Bluff Library is maintained, approximately $350K in 2028 and an additional $110K in 2029 will need to be identified to cover the ongoing cost of Library Safety Specialists.

In 2028, this amounts to a 0.14% increase to the proposed 2027 overall levy

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dayton's Bluff Lease** | **148,274** |
| **Technology costs** | 20,000 |
| **Library materials costs** | 20,000 |
| **Personnel costs** | 98,448 |
| **Total 2027 Gap** | 286,722 |

# Executive Summary: *Budget Changes from 2026*

**Investment:**

**Library Safety Strategy**

- 3.0 FTE in library general fund base budget **$306,678**
- 1.0 FTE in library general fund one-time (2027 only) **$122,419**
- 2.0 FTE in general government special projects fund 211 carryover (2027 only) **$204,900**
- 1.0 FTE in library special funds (grant through 2028 only from Mellon Foundation) **$90,722**

The proposed plan for sustaining the remaining 4 of the 7 safety specialists is repurposing public services positions as they become vacant in 2027.

# 2026 Proposed Changes: Special Fund Investments

**Library Safety Strategy (formerly known as Library Optimal Response in Fund 211) $295,622**

- 2.0 FTE Library Safety Specialist in general government special projects fund 211 carryover $204,900
- 1.0 FTE Library Safety Specialist in library special funds via restricted grant $90,722

The shift from Library Optimal response to Public Works in 2027 has no negative impacts to library and is an accounting change intended to reduce the number of interfund transfers; it does not represent a decision to redirect resources away from the Library.

# Library Safety Multi-Year Funding Need

Should Mayor's Office and City Council find another path to sustainable funding for Library Safety Specialists other than Dayton's Bluff Library, this chart demonstrates the multi-year budget need.

| | 2027 budget proposal | 2028 | 2029 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Library general fund (ongoing) | 3.0 FTE | Secured | Secured |
| Library general fund (one time) | 1.0 FTE | **1.0 NEEDED (approx $110,000)** | **NA** |
| Carry-over from fund 211 | 2.0 FTE | **2.0 NEEDED (approx $220,000)** | **NA** |
| Private philanthropy (Special Funds) | 1.0 FTE | **1.0 FTE** | **1.0 NEEDED (approx $110,000)** |

# Executive Summary: *Budget Changes from 2026*

**Reduction**

**Attrition ($13,265)**

- Base reduction that accounts for expense variances due to naturally occurring vacancies throughout the budget year.
- Percentage of attrition to personnel costs remains steady with this adjustment

**Shift partial library materials funding to special fund ($19,000)**

- To account for increases in revenue through special fund

# Executive Summary: *Budget Changes from 2026*

## Investment/Revenue Increase

- One-time investment in updated visit count technology across all library locations **($25,000)**

- Fee increases: **($19,000)**
  - Black and white copies and prints increase from $0.15 to $0.20 per page
  - Notary services increase from $1 per transaction to $2 per transaction
  - Pilot project to charge for professional, posed photography at George Latimer Central Library

# History of Budget to Actual – General Fund

| Year | Budget | Actual | Variance ($) | Variance (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2022** | 18,828,114 | 18,457,177 | 370,937 | 2.0% |
| **2023** | 20,722,939 | 20,009,146 | 713,793 | 3.4% |
| **2024** | 23,381,741 | 22,511,300 | 870,440 | 3.7% |
| **2025** | 23,210,960 | 22,297,609 | 913,351 | 3.9% |
| **2026*** | 23,454,844 | 12,888,584 | 10,566,260 | 45.0% |



*2026 Actuals YTD as of 8/24/26

# 2027 Proposed Changes: Library General Fund

| General Fund (270) | Amount | FTE | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| Current service level adjustments for utilities and supplies, removal of library materials funding, other adjustments | 992,309 | 0.0 | Ongoing |
| Attrition adjustment | (13,265) | 0.0 | One-time |
| Shift library materials to special fund | (19,000) | 0.0 | Ongoing |
| Closure of Dayton's Bluff Library* | (270,148) | (1.3) | Ongoing |
| Updated visitor counters at all library locations | 25,000 | 0.0 | One-time |
| Library Safety Strategy | 428,797 | 3.0<br><br>1.0 | Ongoing<br>+<br>one-time |

* City budgets $131,070 for lease; Library will pay $148,274

# 2027 Proposed Changes: Special Funds

| Special Fund (275) | Amount | FTE | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| Increase in fees for black and white printing/copying; notary services; professional photography at Central Library | 19,000 | 0 | ongoing |
| Service level adjustments | (440,072) | 0 | one-time |
| Endowment updates | (5,000) | 0 | one-time |
| Library Safety Strategy | 90,722 | 1.0 | one-time |

| Special Fund (211) | Amount | FTE | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| Library Safety Strategy carryforward | $204,900 | 2.0 | One-time |

| Fund | 2023 Adopted FTE | 2024 Adopted FTE | 2025 Adopted FTE | 2026 Adopted FTE | 2027 Proposed FTE | Change from 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 270 : Library General Fund | 178.1 | 179.1 | 178.1 | 178.6 | 181.3 | 2.7 |
| 275: Library Special Project Fund | 2.9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 211: General Gov't Special Projects | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.8 | 2 | -3.8 |
| Total | 181 | 180.1 | 179.1 | 185.4 | 185.3 | -0.1 |

# FTEs – Unfilled Positions

| Position | FTE | Location | Responsibilities | Vacant since | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Public Information Specialist II | 1.0 | Communications | Promotes library services and programs across platforms, including social media, digital and print collateral. | June 2026 | Interviewing |
| LCSA I | 2.5* | Public Services – various locations. (*1.3FTE in 2027 budget proposal for permanent reduction). | Library circulation work, assists library customers, prepares library materials for use, returns library materials to proper locations. | June 2026 | Reviewing eligible list |
| Library Associate | .3 | Public Services | Paraprofessional work providing reference, information, material loan services to customers. | June 2026 | Requisition entered |
| Office Assistant III | 1.0 | Operations | Clerical work supporting library system with records management, contract processing, cash receipts, requisitions, data practices clerical assistance | January 2026 | Posted |

## Update on Fund 211 Projects and Activities

| Library Optimal Response | |
|---|---|
| Total Allocation | $1,380,037 |
| Spent to Date | $961,807 |
| Unspent Balance | $418,230 |
| Planned Use of Remaining Funds | Funding 7.0 FTE Safety Specialists through 2026, 2.0 FTE in 2027. 50k reallocated to PW |
| FY 2027 Budget Impact | $204k for Safety Specialists in 2027 |

## Update on Fund 211 Projects and Activities

| Smart Library Transformation | |
|---|---|
| Total Allocation | $1,250,000 |
| Spent to Date | $1,222,732 |
| Unspent Balance | $27,268 |
| Planned Use of Remaining Funds | Completion of project |
| FY 2027 Budget Impact | N/A - funds will be spent |

# 2026 Budget Recap

**Library General Fund**

- Eliminated 0.5 FTE in Facilities as part of budget reductions (through vacancy)
- Re-purposed 1.0 FTE in Operations
- Decreased library substitute staffing budget.
- Increased attrition rate from .7% to 1.1%.
- Shifted Read Brave from general fund (shifted to Special Funds – The Friends)
- Reduced contracted services line

**Other City funds**

- One-time $100,000 for temporary location for Rondo Community Library at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center.
- One-time $90,000 contract security for current Rondo Community Library during temporary relocation.

**Fund 211 (formerly ARPA) funded**

- Library Safety Specialists through 2026.
- Library Modernization (RFID) in 2026.

# Updates on Recent Initiatives

***Library Safety Strategy***

- Incidents across library locations decreased 40% in 2025 compared to 2024; on track for further decreases in 2026
- 7.0 Library Safety Specialists
- Library Safety Manager moved to general fund in 2025
- Safety Specialists assigned to locations but shift as library and community needs change.
- August 2026: Central; Hamline Midway; Rondo, Merriam Park, Rice Street; Sun Ray
- Safety Playbooks, Standard Response Protocol for each location completed and used regularly. Extremely valuable during Operation Metro Surge and during community situations on a regular basis.
- Ongoing safety staff training
- Restorative practices for staff and patrons launched in 2026 in partnership with Parks and Rec through grant from State of Minnesota

# Updates on Recent Initiatives

## Safety Infrastructure Investments

- Automatic door locking
- Vapor monitor full completion by end of 2026. Delays due to contractor going out of business, digital security incident, other.
- Camera work continues
- Additional changes to support staff safety and separation of staff and public areas
- Rondo Library renovations underway and on track for opening by end of 2026
  - Safety infrastructure investments
  - Play and Learn
  - Technology investments
  - Other maintenance projects alignment with Premiere Properties (owns apts)

# Updates on Recent Initiatives

**Transforming Libraries**

- Hamline Midway Library opened July 18
- Hayden Heights Library construction underway; opening by late summer 2027
- CIB budget proposes re-allocation of $2.5 million from Hayden Heights Library to Riverview Library
  - Hayden Heights was allocated $3.45 million in CIB funds for 2027.
  - After this allocation, SPPL also received a federal earmark of $3.15 million from Congresswoman McCollum's office. This created surplus funds in the Hayden Heights project.
- Riverview Library will seek final funding via CIB in Spring 2027 for a tentative 2028 start
  - Riverview's projected funding gap ranges from $2.4 to $3.7 million pending final cost estimate.
- Technology-Rich Spaces
  - Merriam Park, Rice Street, George Latimer Central Library, Hamline Midway Library
  - Underway at Rondo, Hayden Heights
- Play & Learn
  - Underway at Rondo, Sun Ray, additional elements for Hamline Midway

# Updates on Recent Initiatives: General Funds, Special Funds and Other City Investments

2022-2024

- Creation of "substitute pool" staffing budget (library general fund)
- Restoration of 16.9 positions (general fund from ARP)
- Sprockets budget and FTE moved to Parks and Rec. (general fund)
- Library Safety Strategy funding – (formerly ARP, now fund 211)
- New Mobile Library (CDBG CARES, general fund, The Friends)
- One-time $150K library materials increase in 2024 – (Cultural STAR)

2025-2026

- One-time $225K library materials increase in 2026 (Cultural STAR and City Central Service fund)
- One-time $175K library materials increase in 2025 (Library Fund Balance)
- Rondo Frogtown Loop (After-School Community Learning Grant – parks and library –State funds-Dept of Ed)
- Safety Infrastructure Investments – (City Public Safety Aid and City Opioid Settlement Funds)
- Library Safety Manager (moved from Fund 211 to Library General Fund)

# Revenue Trends, Changes, and Outlook

Library services revenue planned to increase from cost adjustments to black and white printing/copying, notary services and photography fees

- Room rentals (for profits) are down
- Copy revenue is slightly down
- Lost/damaged materials (cost recovery) is stable
- Used book sales stable

Friends and SPPL meet monthly to review grant opportunities that support strategic direction or offer opportunities for innovative program and service development

Funds transfer from The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library have increased and will continue to do so as we carry out the Transforming Libraries capital projects through 2029

# Questions & Discussion

# Appendix

# Current 2026 fees – MELSA Libraries

| System | B+W printing | Color printing | Notary | For profit meeting room use |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Saint Paul** | **.15** | **.75** | **$1 per document** | **$50/hr + $75 fee** |
| **Anoka** | .20 | .50 | Not offered | No charge |
| **Carver** | .15 | .50 | Not offered | $10 - $25/hour |
| **Dakota** | .15 | .50 | Not offered | No charge |
| **Hennepin** All cardholders get $5 in free printing monthly | .20 | .50 | Not offered | No charge |
| **Ramsey** Honor system; no managed print system | .20 | .50 | Not offered | No charge |
| **Scott** | .15 | .50 | Not offered | No charge |
| **Washington** | .15 | .50 | Not offered | No charge |

# Engagement Numbers Over Time

| Annually - calendar year | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | % change 2024 – 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **visits** | 1,009,534 | 1,148,443 | 1,271,015 | 1,174,761 | **-6%** |
| **physical circulation** | 1,641,561 | 1,845,185 | 1,823,102 | 1,697,326 | **-7%** |
| **e circulation** | 851,426 | 902,709 | 1,043,163 | 1,153,637 | **11%** |
| **# programs** | 1,966 | 2,692 | 3,367 | 3,344 | **-1%** |
| **prog participation** | 26,954 | 36,035 | 47,051 | 44,592 | **-5%** |
| **meeting room use** | 2,330 | 3,608 | 4,081 | 4,340 | **6%** |

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*** Public wi-fi was not available in all SPPL locations from July 28 – Sept 18, 2025 due to City of Saint Paul digital security incident.*

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# Materials Budget – library collections

| Year | Materials budget – proposed | Materials budget – adopted | Difference | Funding source |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2024 | $ 1,032,224 | $ 1,182,224 | $ 150,000 | Cultural STAR (one-time) |
| 2025 | $ 1,032,224 | $ 1,207,224 | $ 175,000 | Library Fund balance (one-time) |
| 2026 | $ 967,145 | $ 1,244,145<br>**Includes commitment from friends* | $ 287,000<br>**$62,000 – Friends Funds* | Cultural STAR $140,000; City Central Service Fund $85,000;<br>**The Friends of The Saint Paul Public Library $62,000*<br>(all one-time) |
| 2027 | $ 918,145 | TBD<br>*$1,281,469 to keep pace* | **$363,324** | |

# Materials & Supplies Budget

| | 2026 Adopted | 2027 Proposed | Change from 2026 Adopted | Percent of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES TOTAL** | **2,067,027** | **1,816,608** | **(250,419)** | **-12.1%** |
| COMMODITIES | 460,612 | 435,000 | (25,612) | -5.6% |
| COMMUNICATION MATERIALS | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | 0.0% |
| COMPUTER MATERIAL | 250,246 | 230,246 | (20,000) | -8.0% |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES | 87,887 | 95,887 | 8,000 | 9.1% |
| REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SUPPLY | 58,914 | 108,107 | 49,193 | 83.5% |
| SPECIAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES | 1,208,368 | 946,368 | (262,000) | -21.7% |

# Performance Management

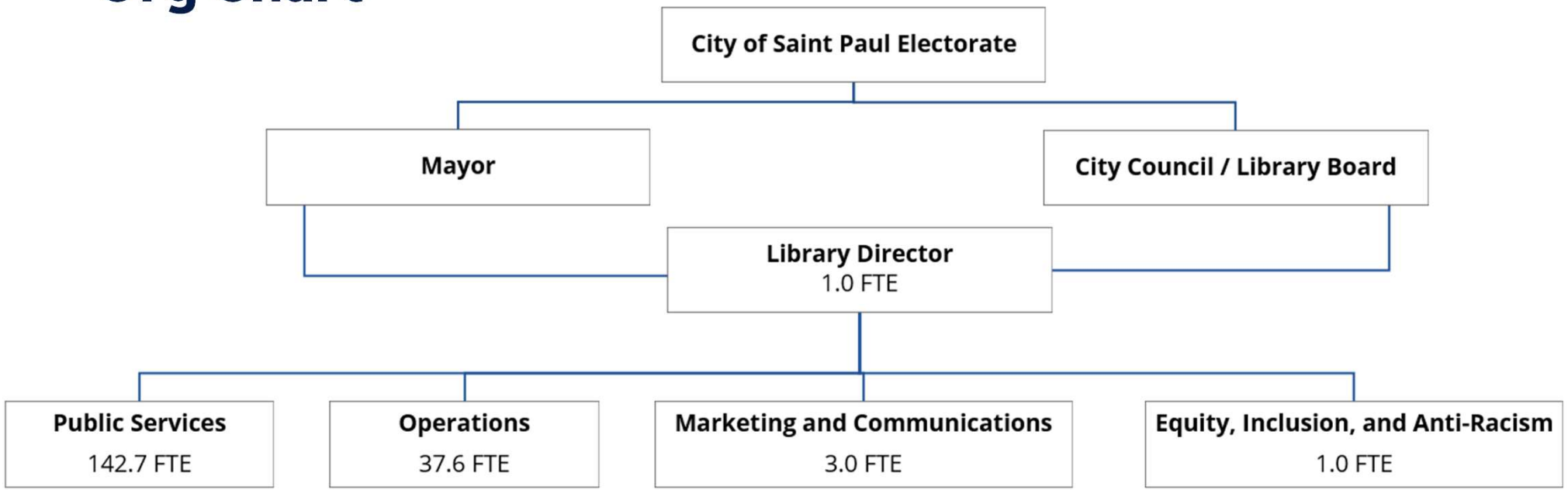
Public-facing (highlights)

- Increase number of in-person visitors to library locations
  - 6% decrease over 2024
- Increase percentage of Saint Paul residents who have and use their library card
  - 24% increase in 2025 – 69,137
- Secure public portion of Transforming Libraries funding.
  - Hayden Heights – completed
  - Riverview – in progress

Internal performance metrics (highlights)

- Reduce number of disruptive behavior incidents in library locations.
  - 43% decrease 2025 over 2024
  - Continued downward trend in 2026
- Decrease amount of time public services positions are vacant
  - Average moved from 6 months to 3 months

# Org Chart




**Total FTE 185.30**

# Personnel Budget

| | 2026 Adopted | 2027 Proposed | Change from 2026 Adopted | Percent of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PERSONNEL TOTAL | 18,176,907 | 19,508,577 | 1,331,670 | 7.3% |
| SALARIES | 12,768,558 | 13,518,949 | 750,391 | 5.9% |
| OVERTIME | 16,923 | 16,923 | - | 0.0% |
| ATTRITION | (179,051) | (190,115) | (11,064) | 6.2% |
| SUB-POOL BUDGET | 207,670 | 207,670 | - | 0.0% |
| FICA | 978,663 | 1,035,319 | 56,656 | 5.8% |
| PENSION | 959,710 | 1,015,159 | 55,449 | 5.8% |
| HEALTH INSURANCE | 2,692,184 | 3,099,083 | 406,899 | 15.1% |
| OTHER BENEFITS | 732,250 | 805,589 | 73,339 | 10.0% |

# Services Budget

| | 2026 Adopted | 2027 Proposed | Change from 2026 Adopted | Percent of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SERVICES TOTAL** | **3,210,410** | **3,272,852** | **62,442** | **1.9%** |
| ADDITIONAL SERVICES | 774 | 2,500 | 1,726 | 223.0% |
| CONTRACTED SERVICES | 220,483 | 224,855 | 4,372 | 2.0% |
| GENERAL SERVICES | 13,676 | 10,676 | (3,000) | -21.9% |
| INTERNAL SERVICE EXPENSE | 2,181,845 | 2,354,568 | 172,723 | 7.9% |
| MILEAGE AND PARKING | 8,050 | 8,050 | - | 0.0% |
| REAL ESTATE SERVICE CHARGES | 22,400 | 22,000 | (400) | -1.8% |
| RENTAL SERVICE | 187,044 | 55,344 | (131,700) | -70.4% |
| REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE | 402,624 | 402,624 | - | 0.0% |
| TRAVEL TRAINING DUES | 2,000 | 2,000 | - | 0.0% |
| UTILITY SERVICE | 171,514 | 190,235 | 18,721 | 10.9% |

# Public Services Accounting Unit Detail As Requested

| AU 27043200 - SPPL Public Services | |
|---|---|
| | Budget Adjustment |
| Salary increases | 388,187 |
| Benefits increases | 483,652 |
| Other charges/adjustments | 2,251 |
| Library Safety Specialists | 428,797 |
| Reduce 1.3 FTEs | (98,448) |
| Attrition adjustment | (13,265) |
| Total | 1,191,174 |

# Library Hours

Factors in allocating hours:  geography, neighborhood demographics, facility sizes and features, usage data, stipulations of co-located leased properties, and distribution of evening and weekend service options.

Library locations: sppl.org/locations

Mobile Library stops: sppl.org/mobilelibrary

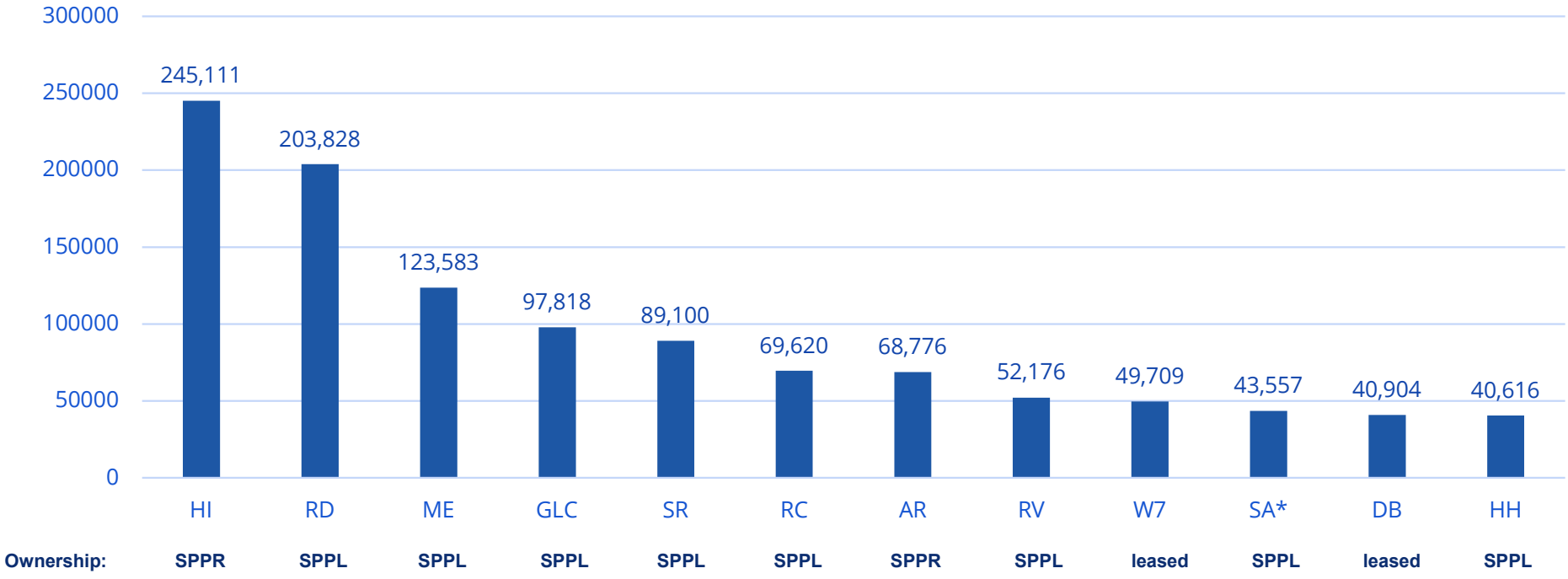
Note as of April, 2026, Hayden Heights Library is closed for renovation.

| SPPL hours as of 2022 | | Summary |
|---|---|---|
| Arlington Hills<br>Rondo<br>Sun Ray<br>Highland Park | M-Th 10AM – 8PM<br>Fri-Sa 10AM – 5:30PM<br>Sun 1-5PM | 7 days/wk<br>59 hrs/wk<br>4 nights<br>6 mornings |
| Rice Street<br>Merriam Park | M, W 12PM - 8PM<br>Tu, Th 10AM - 8PM<br>Fri 10AM – 5:30PM<br>Sa 10AM – 5:30PM<br>Su 1-5PM | 7 days/wk<br>55 hrs/wk<br>4 nights<br>4 mornings |
| Dayton's Bluff<br>Hayden Heights<br>Riverview<br>Hamline Midway<br>St. Anthony Park | M,W 12PM – 8PM<br>Tu, Th 10AM - 8PM<br>Fri 10AM – 5:30PM<br>Sa 10AM – 5:30PM<br>Su Closed | 6 days/wk<br>51 hrs/wk<br>4 nights<br>4 mornings |
| George Latimer<br>Central | M Closed<br>Tu, Th 10AM - 5:30PM<br>W 12PM – 8 PM<br>Fri, Sa 10AM - 5:30PM<br>Su 1-5PM | 6 days/wk<br>42 hrs/wk<br>1 night<br>4 mornings |
| West 7th | M, Th 12:30 - 8PM<br>Tu 11:30AM - 5:30PM<br>W, Fr 10AM – 5:30 PM<br>Sa, Su Closed | 5 days/wk<br>36 hrs/wk<br>2 nights<br>2 mornings |
| Mobile Library | | Approxiimately<br>33 hrs/wk |

# West Seventh Library

- West Seventh Library is open 36 hours per week, Mon-Fri; no weekends
- Opened in 1984 as a "popular materials library" and remains as such.
- Library staff 2.0 FTE
- SPPL contracts with Keystone for West Seventh lease.
- Lease expires 12/31/2027; approximately $31,500
  - $22K annually for space
  - Additional $9,300 for Keystone staffing and maintenance during hours community center is not open
- Parks and Recreation owns Community Center but Keystone operates it through an agreement with Parks and Rec and terms of their lease allow them to sublet to other tenants, including Library
- Interest from community in expanding hours to include weekends and in having a larger library space.
- No current library budget to expand hours or expand space.

# SPPL 2025 Annual visitors
# Total visitors:1.8M
# Average visitors per location: 90,366

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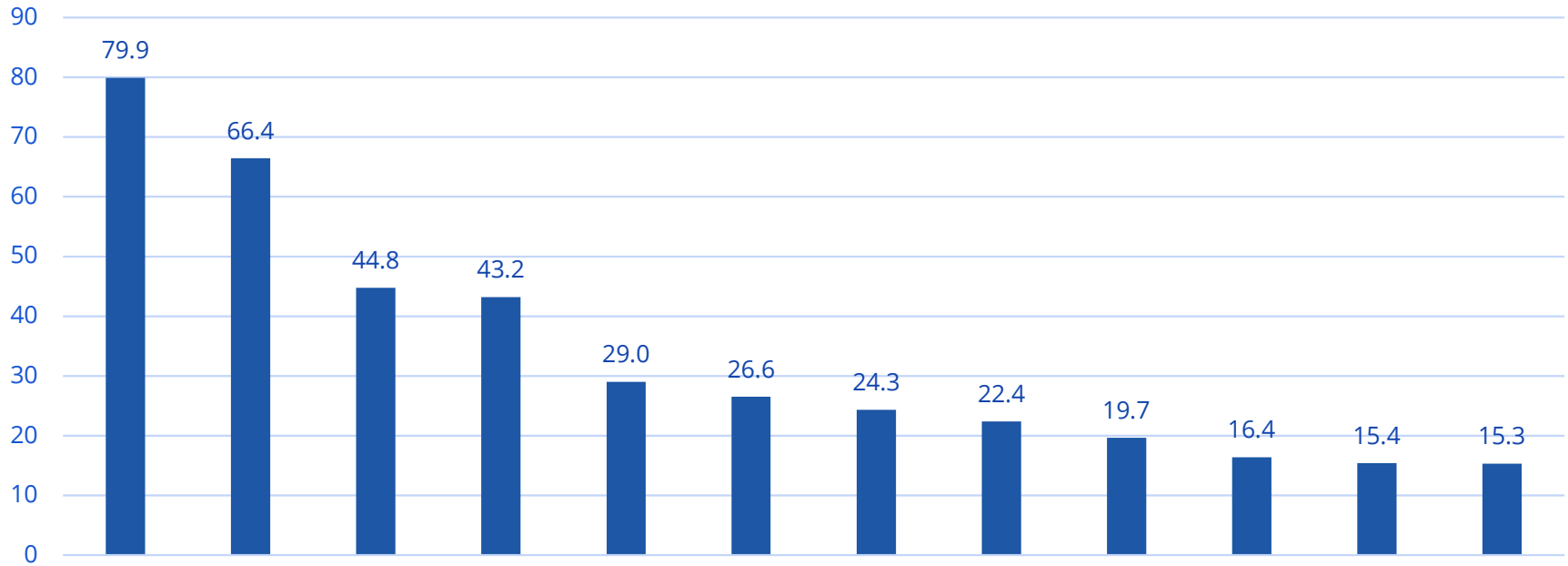
# SPPL 2025 Visitors per open hour
## Average visits per hour: 34

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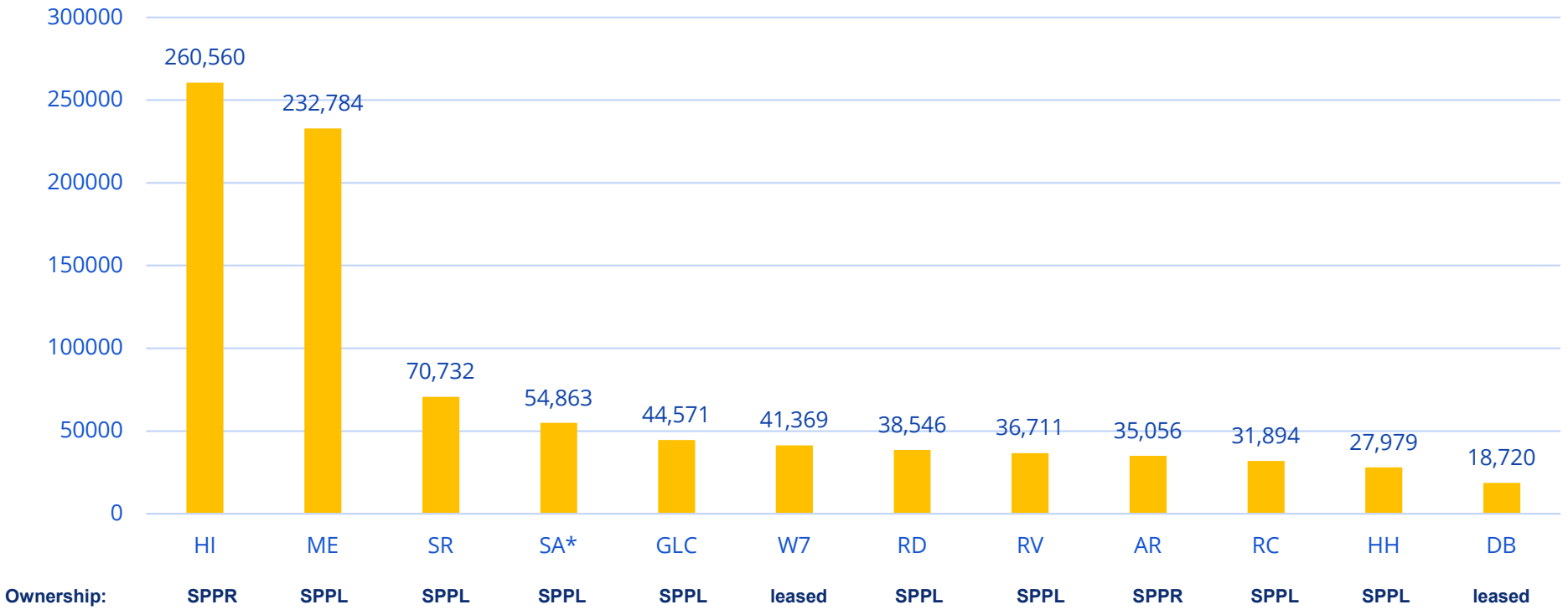
# SPPL Annual Physical Circulation
# Total physical circulation: 939,700
# Average circulation per location: 72,281

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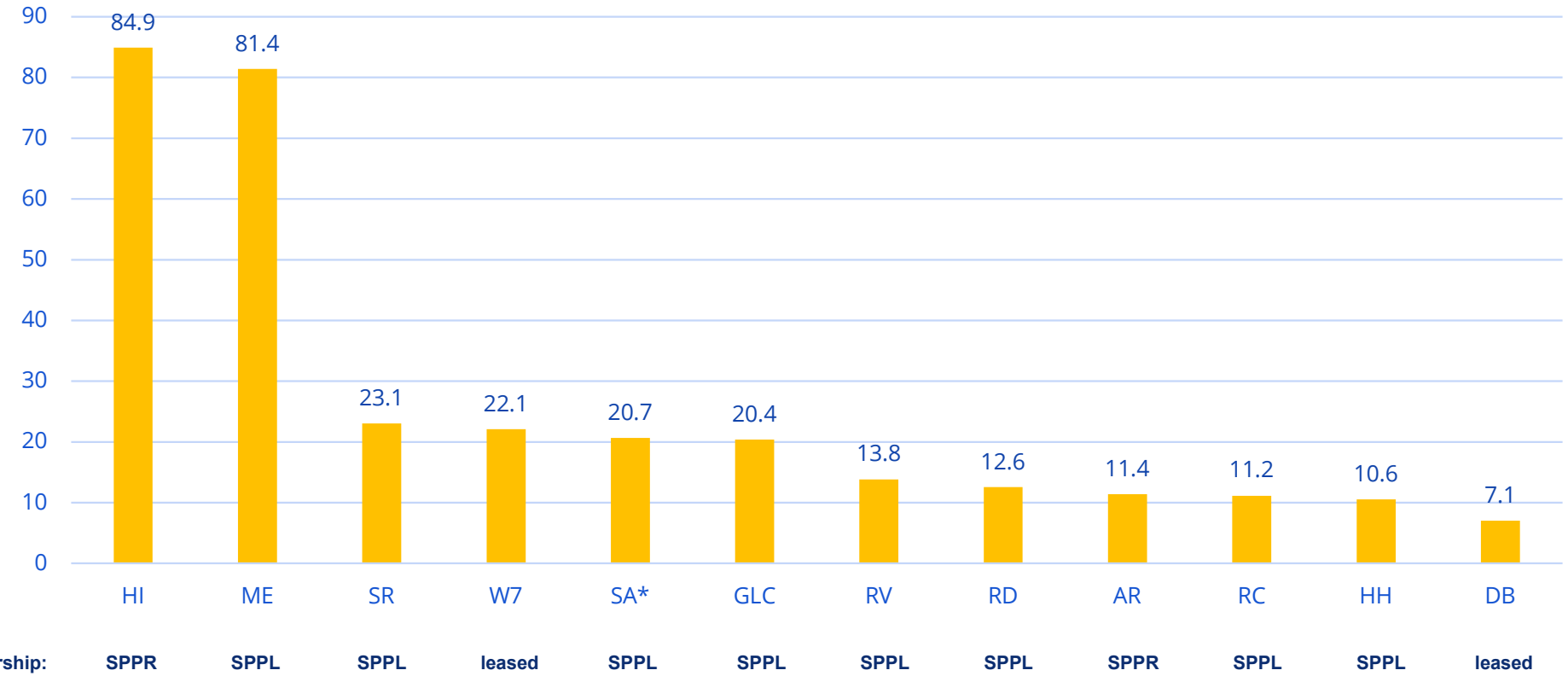
# SPPL Physical Circulation per open hour
## Average circulation per hour: 27

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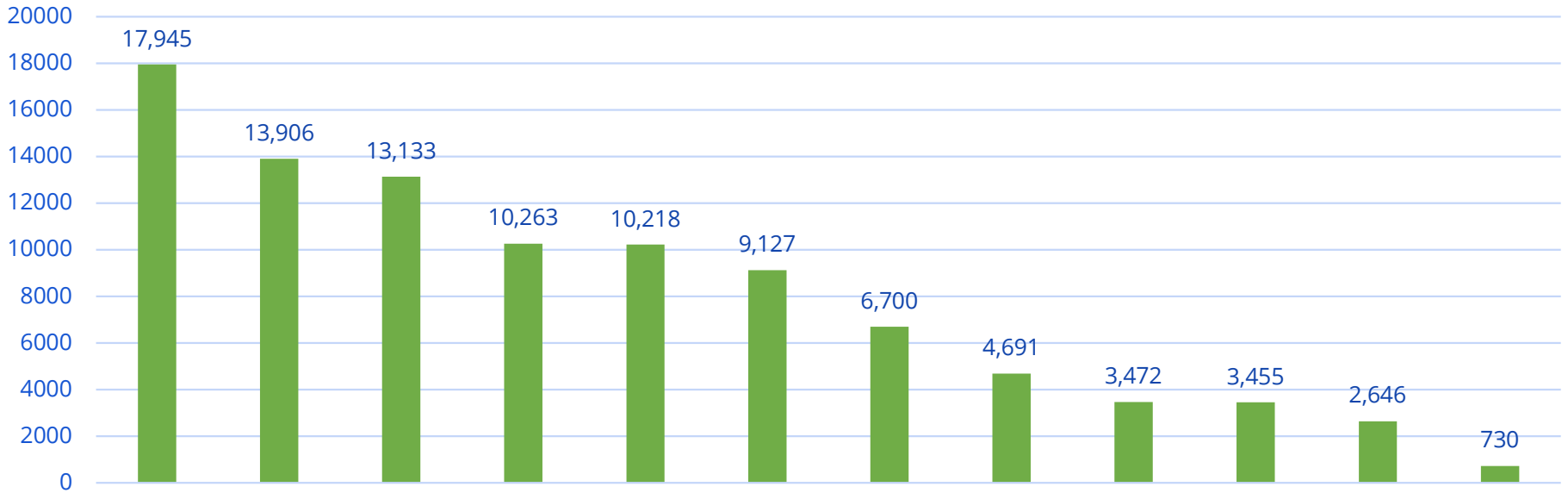
# SPPL 2025 Annual wi-fi usage
# Total: 96,286
# Average total wi-fi use per location: 8,024

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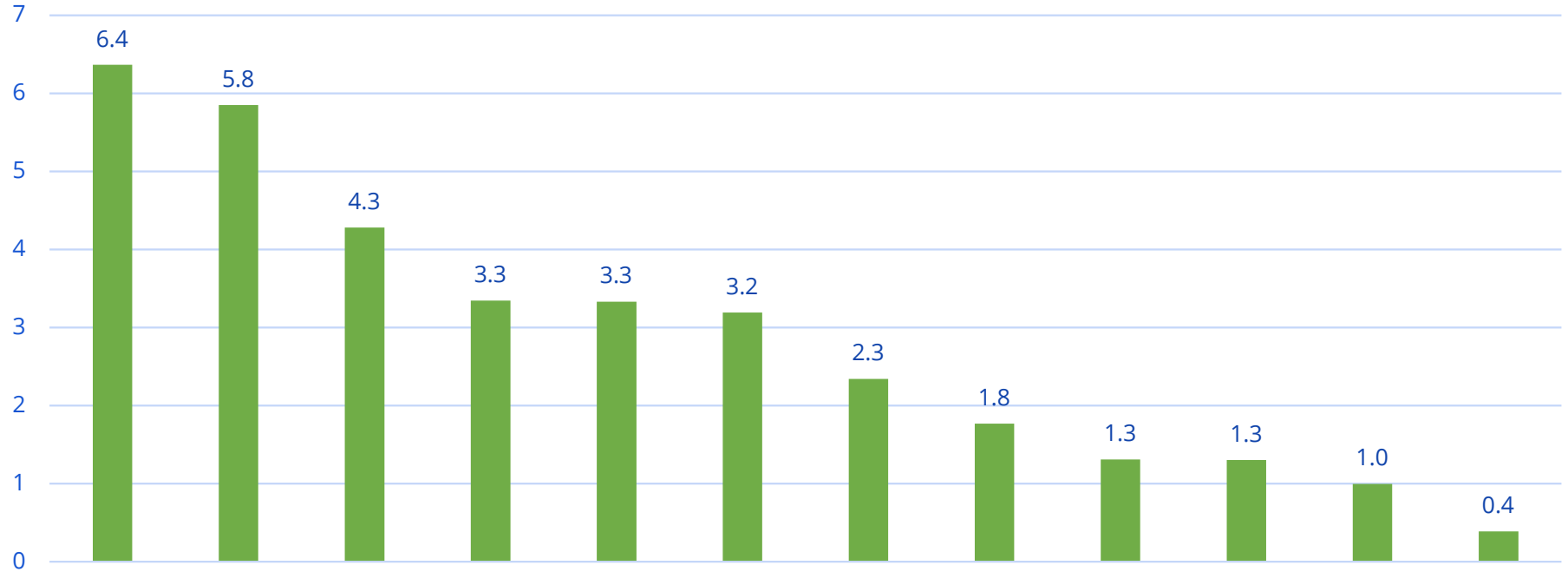
# SPPL 2025 wi-fi usage per open hour
## Average wi-fi use per hour: 2.9

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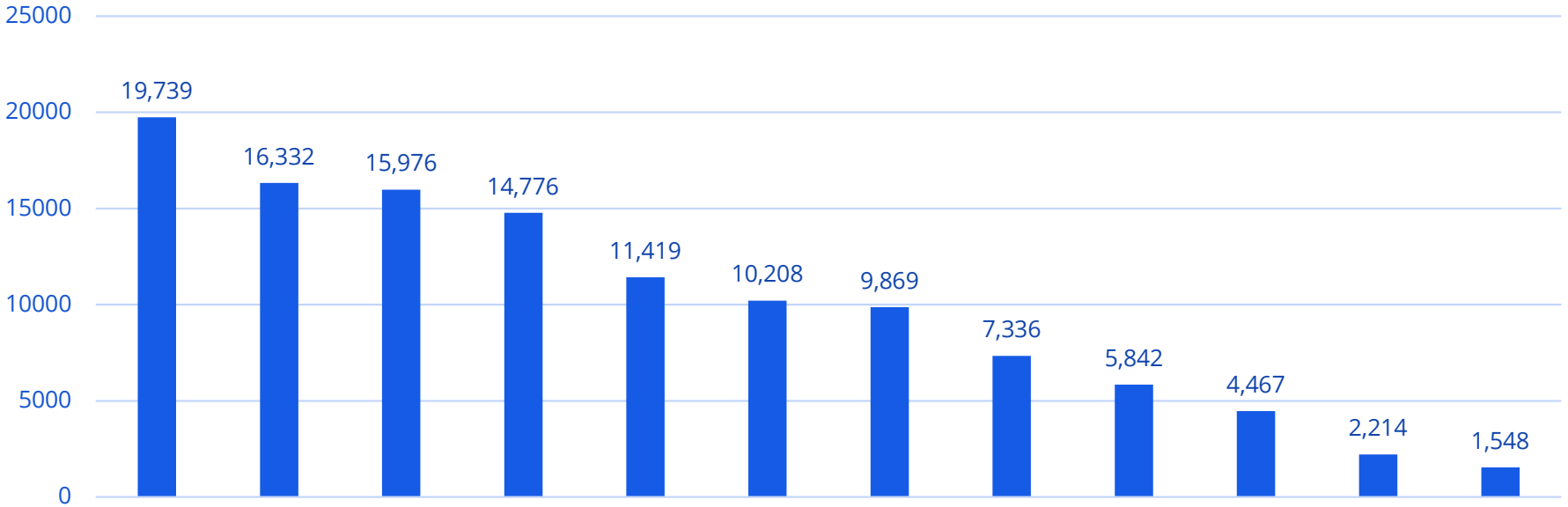
# SPPL 2025 Annual PC Use
# Total PC use: 119,726
# Average total PC use per location: 9,977

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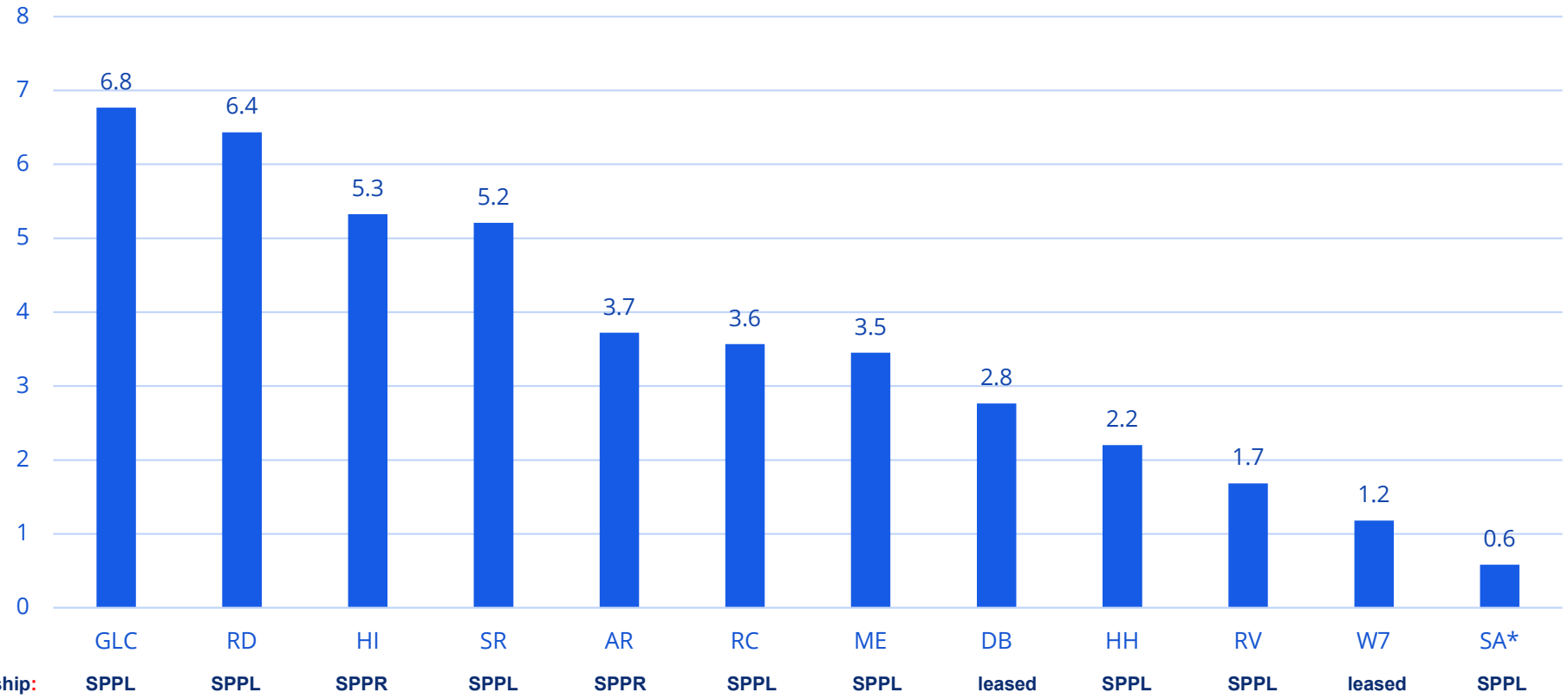
# SPPL 2025 PC Use per open hour
# Average PC use per hour: 3.3

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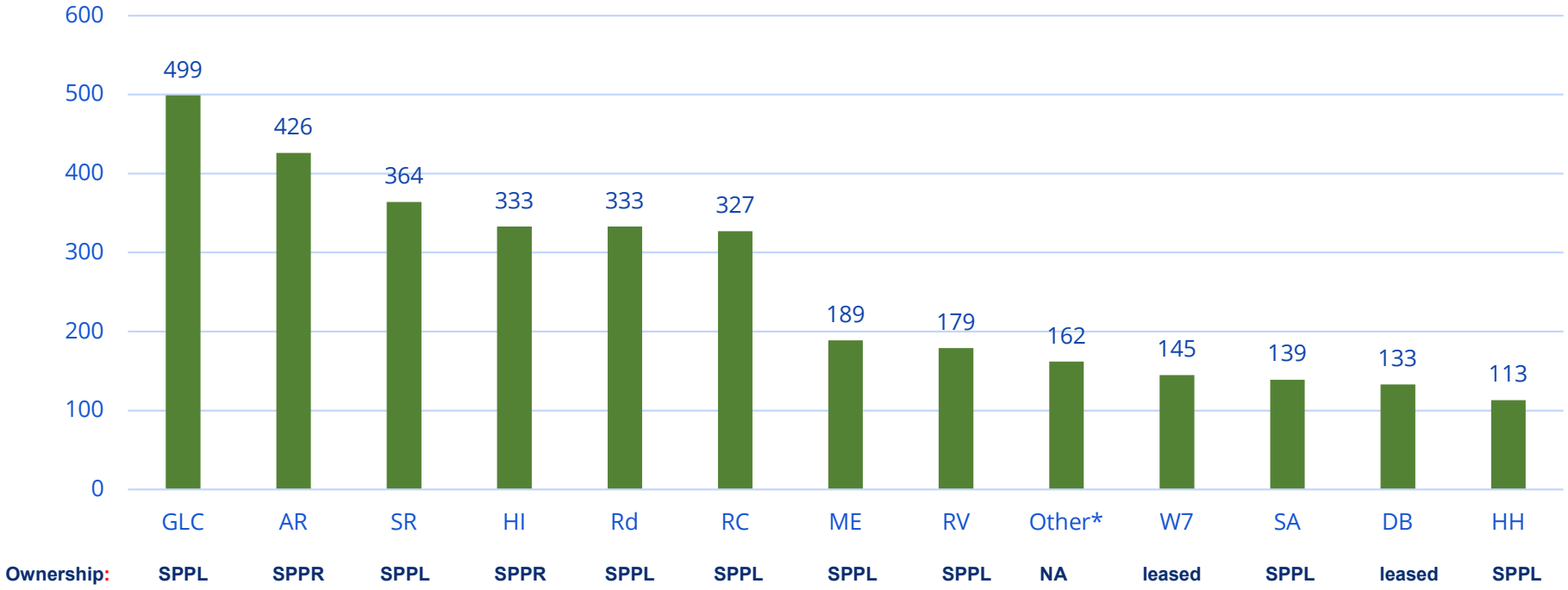
# SPPL 2025 Library Programs
# Total Programs: 3,344
# Average total programs per library location: 265

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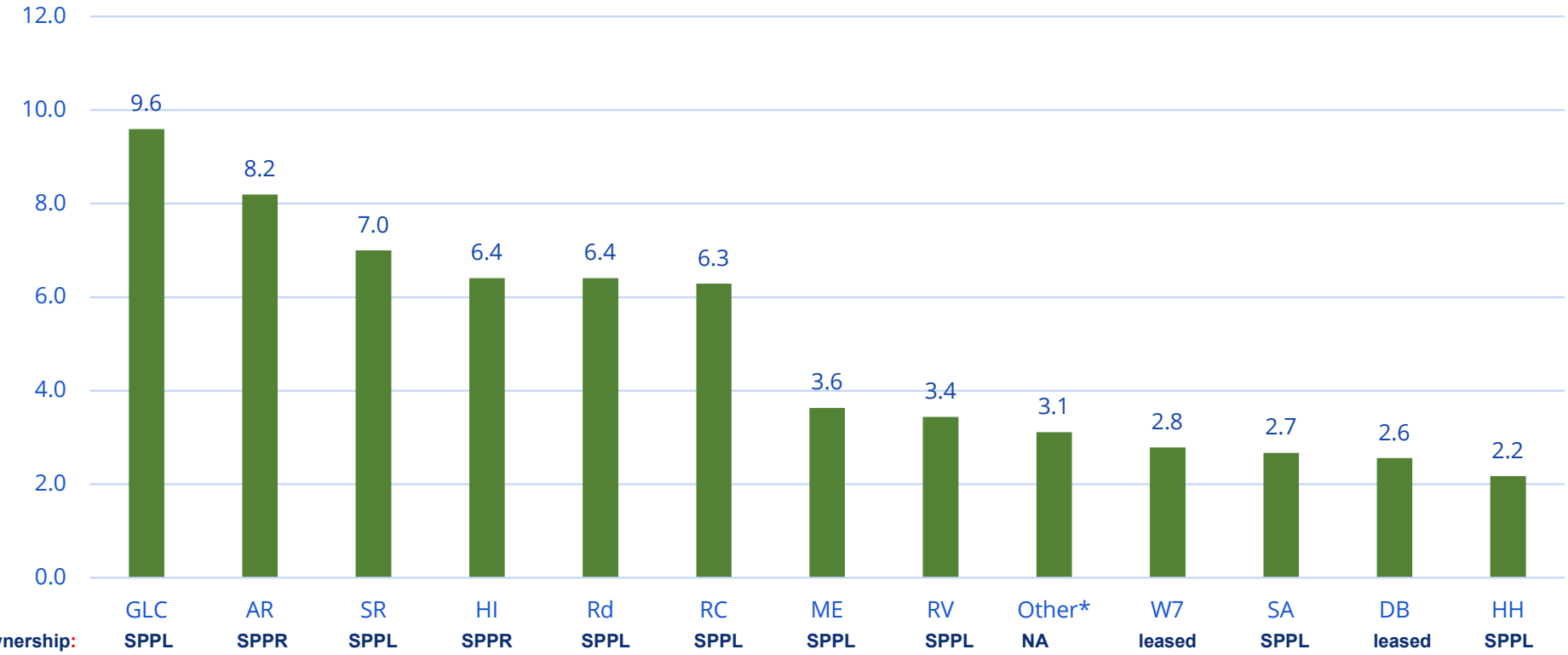
# SPPL 2025 Library Programs per week

## Average programs per week at library locations: 5.4

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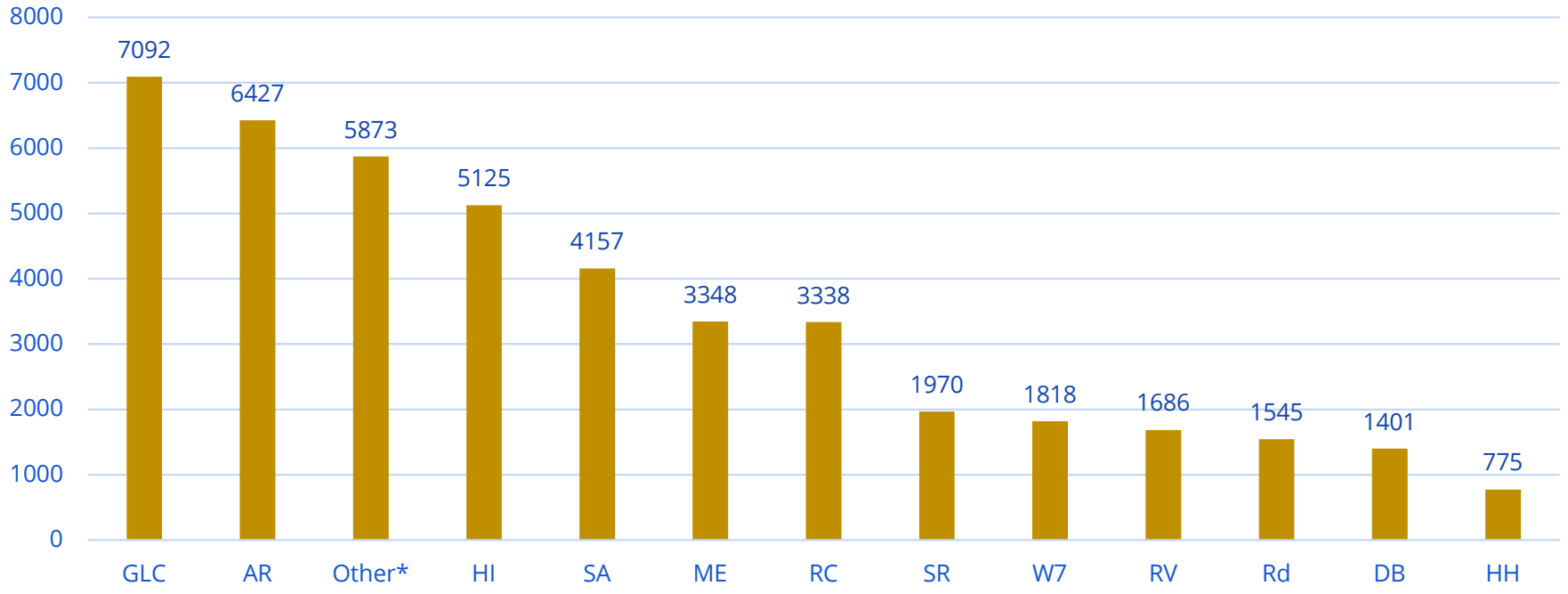
# SPPL 2025 Library Programs attendance
# Total program and event attendance: 44,592
# Average program attendance (at library only): 3,713

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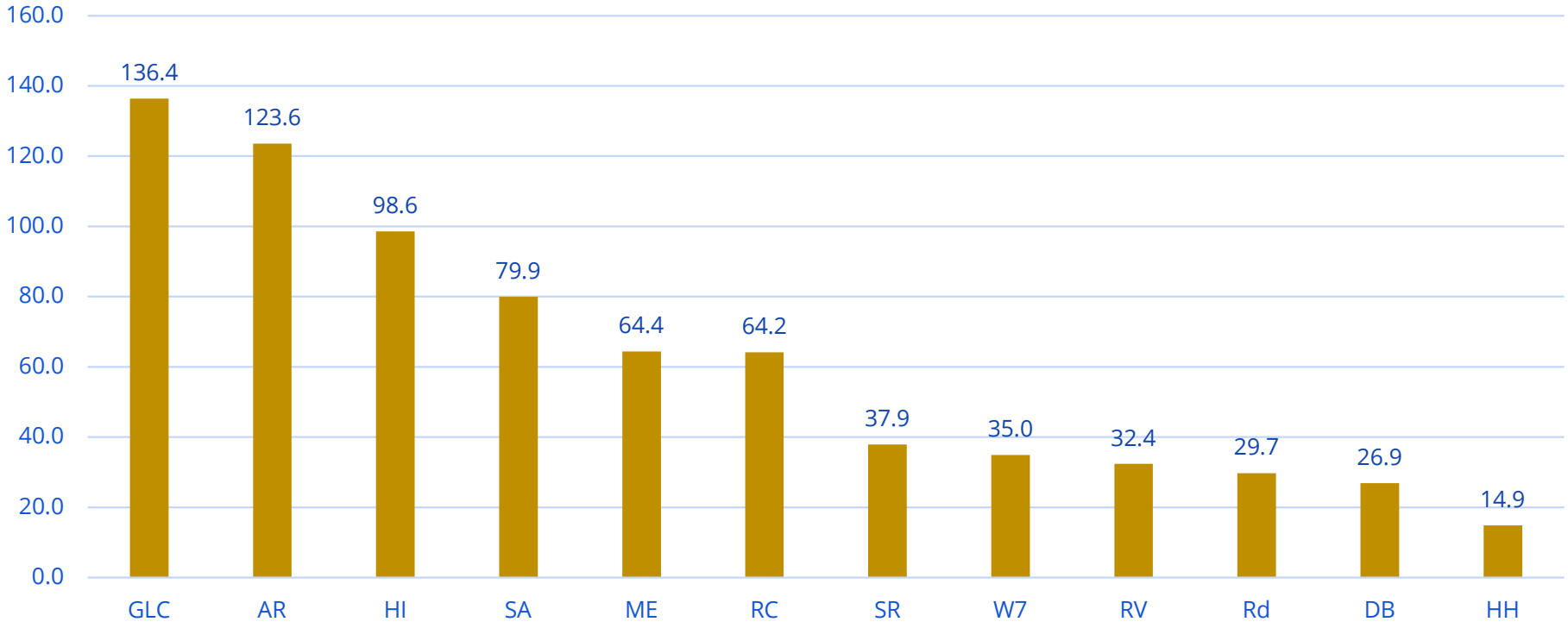
# SPPL 2025 Library Programs attendance per week
## Average program attendance per week: 133

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