

LIBRARY UPDATE

August & September 2025

GRANTS

Let's get ready for our day:



CLLS Literacy Grant has required 4 rewrites of the budget



Zip 24 Finalized & Funding for 25 awarded



Lunch @ the Library extended for 1 year



Pilcrow Grant Applied \$400 for children's books



Willows Thrift Store Grant – Applied \$1,000 Loom Knitting

ACQUISITIONS

Vendors

- Baker & Taylor – Bankrupt
 - Applied for all available vendors
 - Will slow the pace of all acquisitions
- Backlog of books from summer & donations
 - new labelling and cataloging designations to ensure data can easily be pulled
- Catalog
 - Lacks basic information for a lot of materials
 - General assessment of overall collection – outdated
 - Purchase focus high interest titles in all sections
 - Weed old items – especially with misinformation



RENOVATIONS

- Painted by Public Works
- Beam installed
- Ceiling repaired
- IT support from Matson & Isom
 - reconnect existing server & internet
- Carpet ordered
 - Install TBD
- Room cleared as much as possible for carpet installation
- Fire Inspection in near future to ensure new footprint meets safety requirements

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Storytime

- Weekly Events

- Varied Attendance

- Sept 3 - 9
 - Sept 10 - 4
 - Sept 17 - 8
 - Sept 24 - 4
 - Oct 1 - 2
 - Oct 7 - 42
 - Oct 8 -
 - Oct 15 -

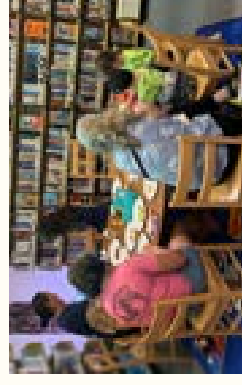
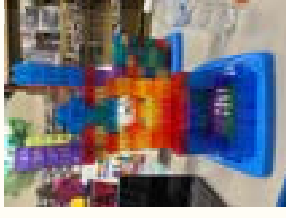


Maker Time

- Weekly Events

- Varied Attendance

- Sept 4 - 5
 - Sept 11 - 7
 - Sept 18 - 6
 - Sept 25 - 10
 - Oct 2 - 3
 - Oct 16 -



BUDGETS



Current Balances

- Materials & Services – \$23,525
- King's Trust – \$2,187.93 ?
- McDole Trust – \$35,395.75 ?
- Lost & Damaged – \$3,373
- Public Computer – 2,879.26
- Children's Services – \$15,531.19
- Zip Book Grant – \$4,752
- General Donation Fund – 203 \$17,764.38

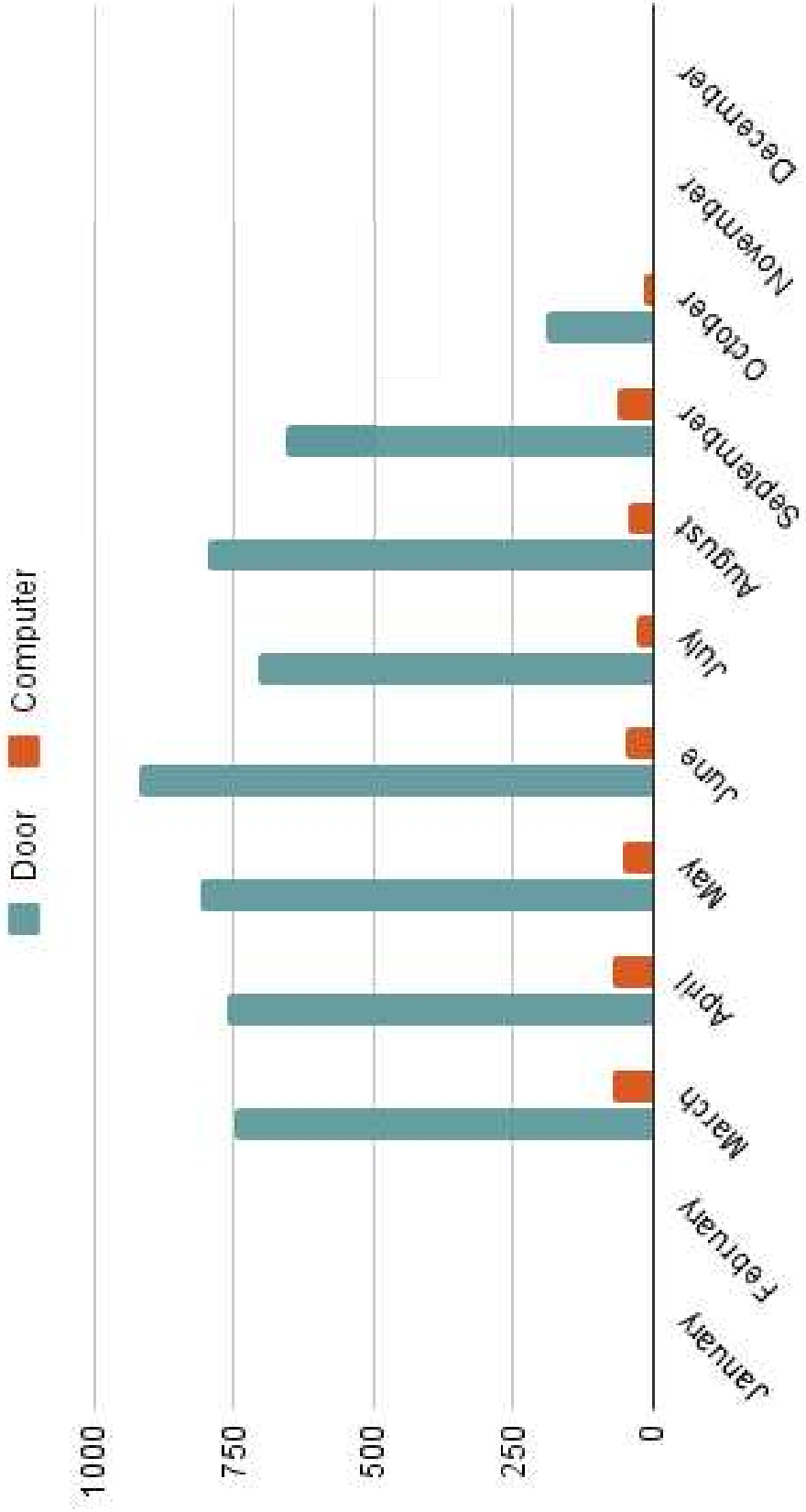
Needs

- Books, Books, Books
- Staff technology if possible
- Updated computer for Librarian
- Professional Resources & Development



DATA

Door and Computer

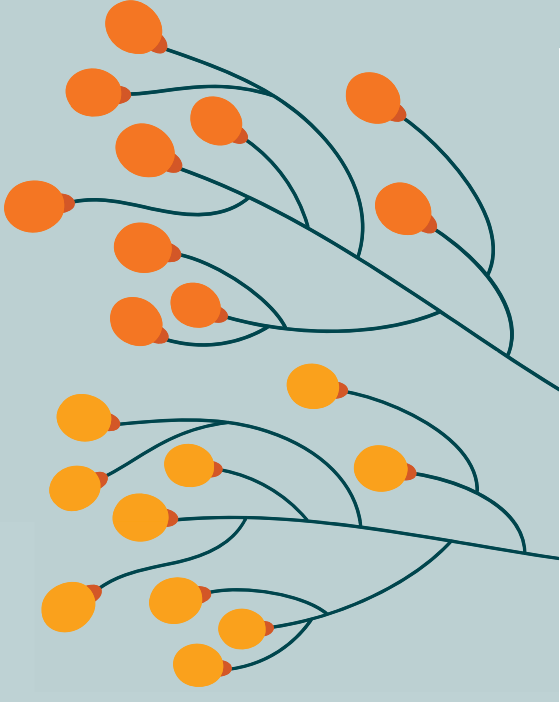


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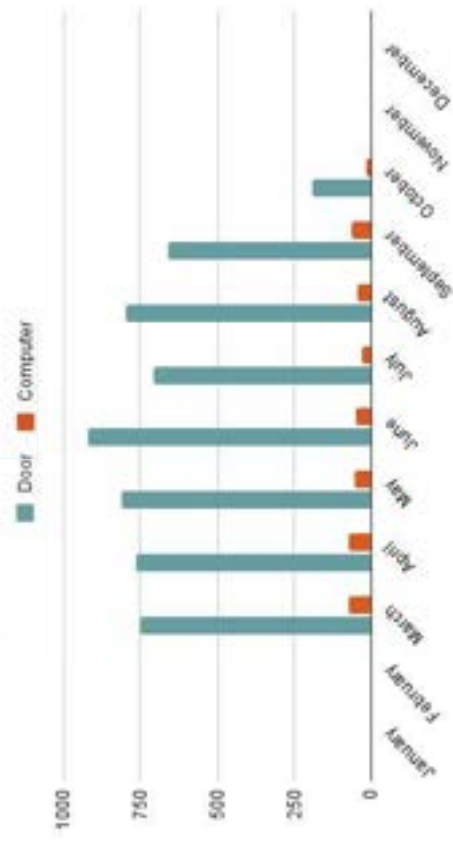
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Usage is down slightly

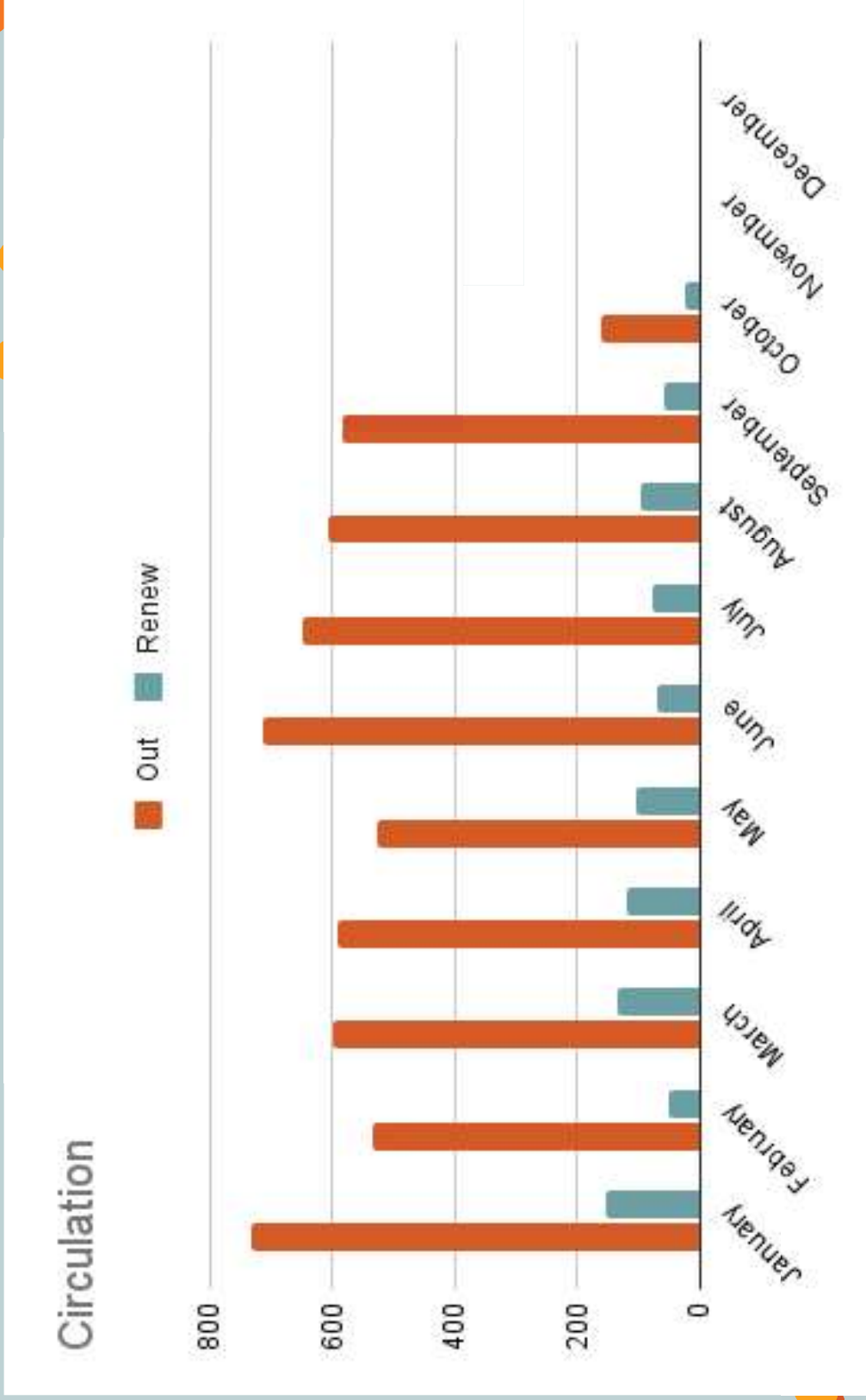
Plan: Market new desktop computer and backroom once ready.



Door and Computer



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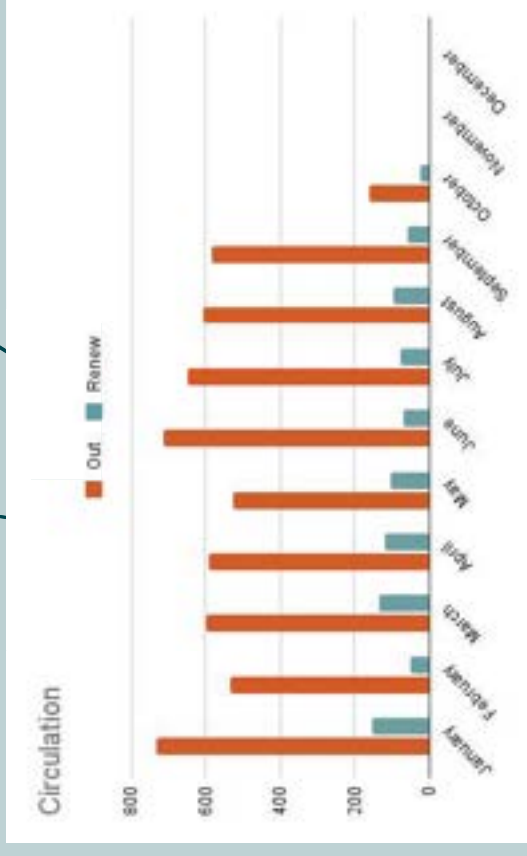
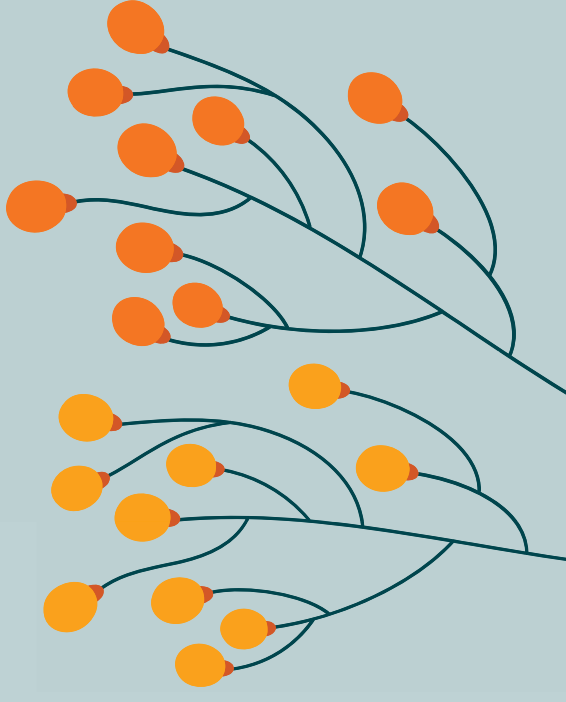


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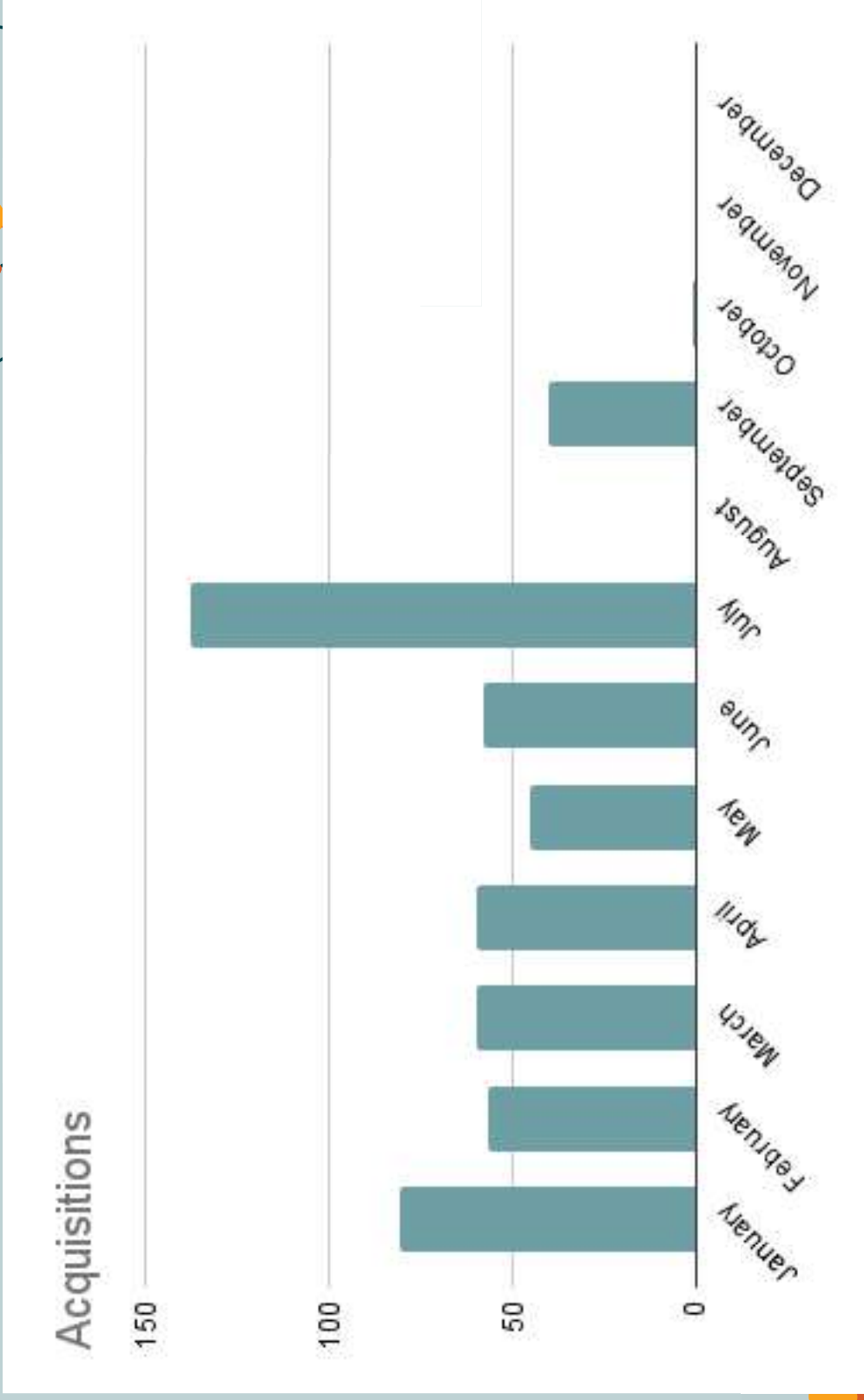
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Circulation is down slightly

Plan: Acquire new titles
and market them widely.



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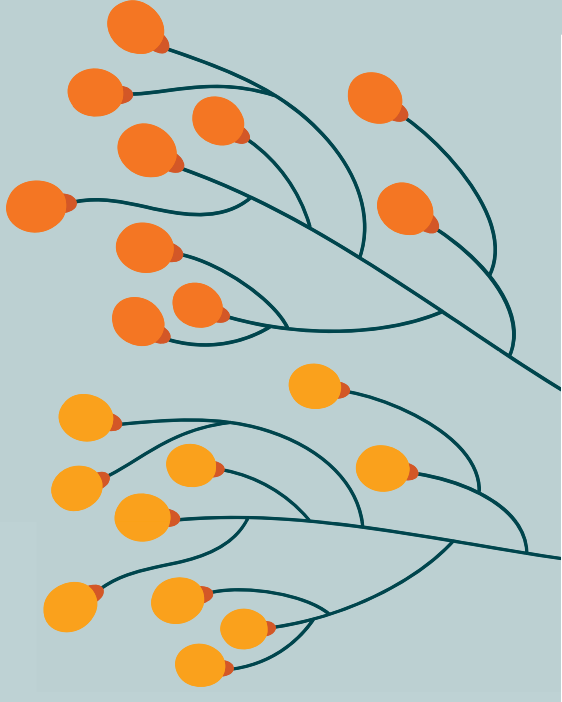


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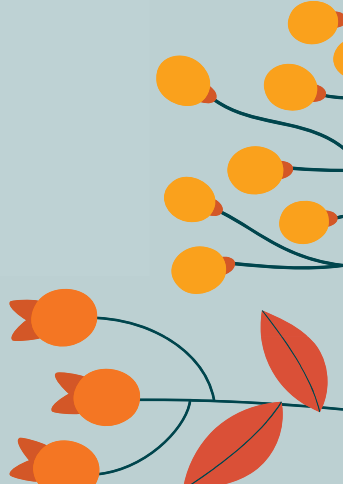
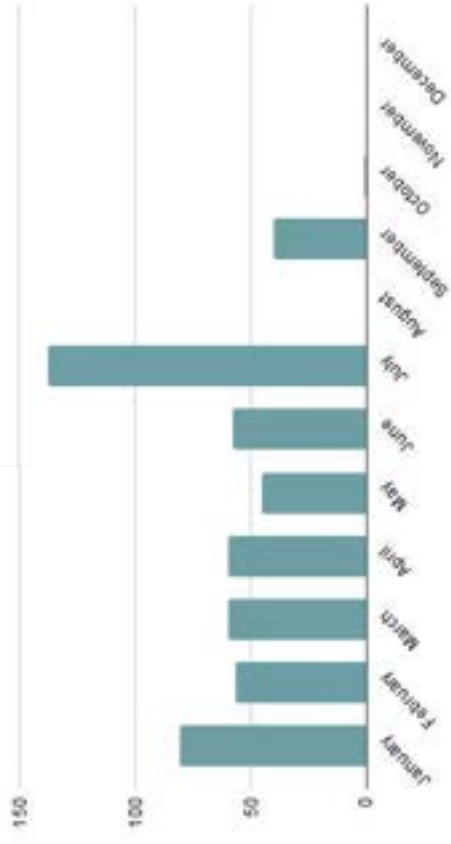
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Acquisitions is very low.

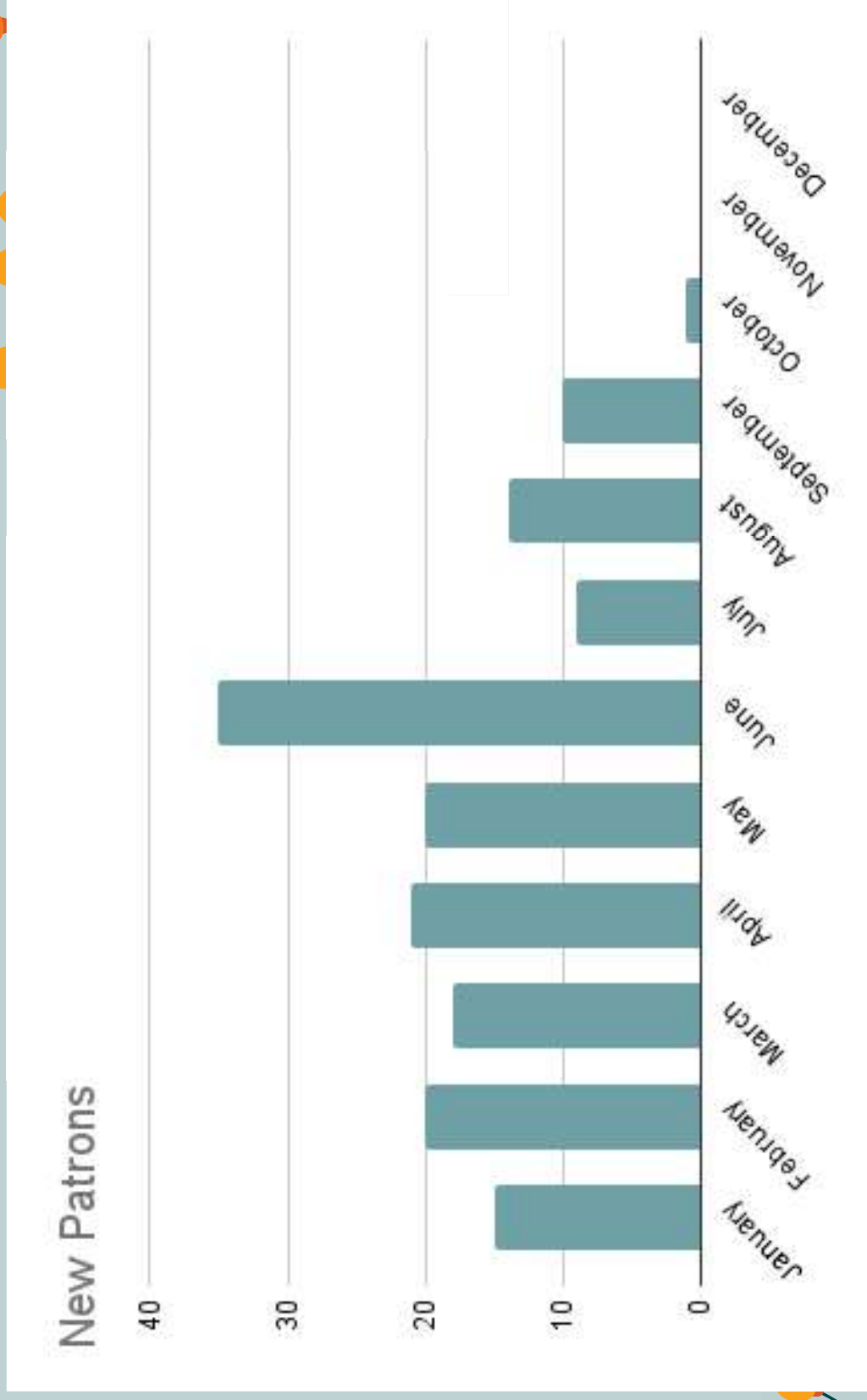
Plan: Devote full days to cataloging and processing new titles and donations.



Acquisitions



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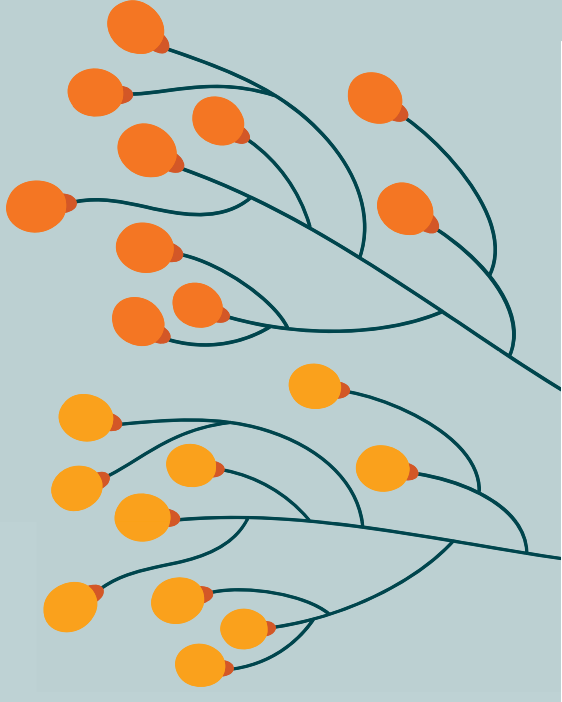


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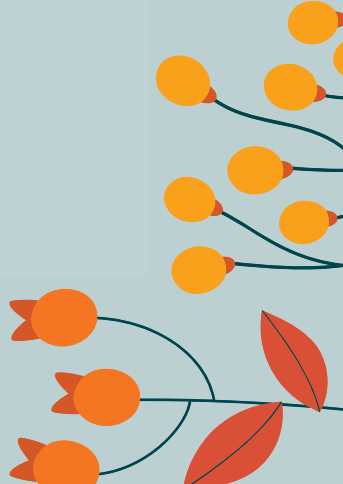
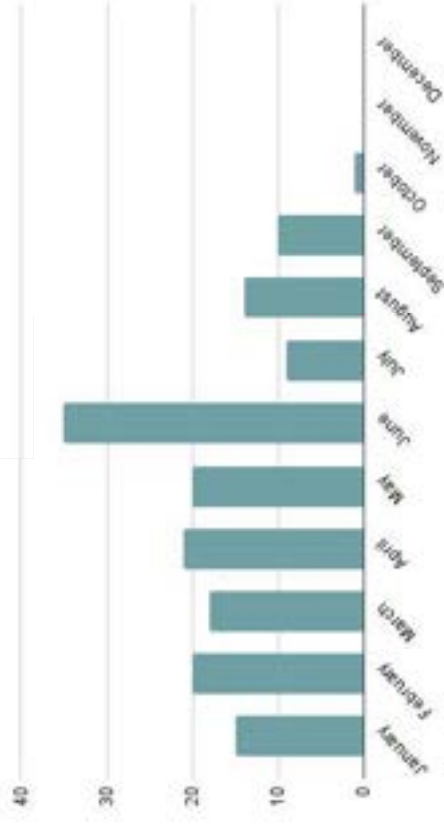
Analysis

New patrons are lower.

Plan: Market and promote resources and connect with area schools.



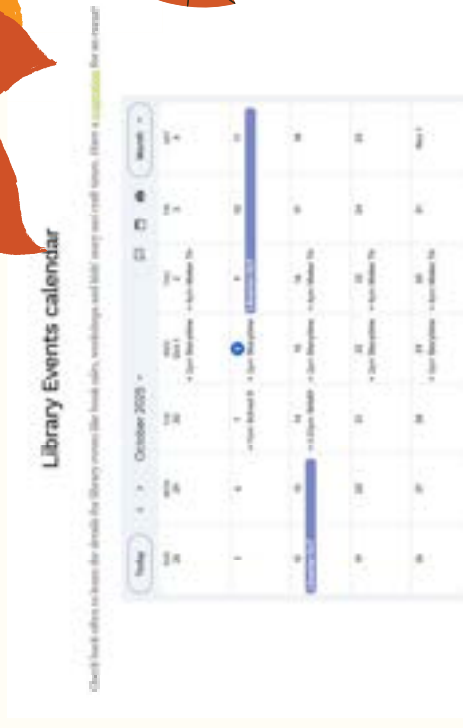
New Patrons



MARKETING

Facebook

New Facebook page
'Willows Pub Lib'
No access to
Willows Public Library





NEEDS

Air Purifier Maintenance

Full Time Children's Librarian

Connections with Local Schools

Guest Readers for Storytime

Upcoming Community Events

No more book donations

LEGO Donations





COMMENTS AND REPORTS