

Kent District Library

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**Ideas.**

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# Letter from the Director

KDL's Vision is to be "the cornerstone of a literate society." We seek to preserve the past and provide a bridge to the future, to build and strengthen the quality of life in our community, to support lifelong learning,

encourage economic development and support democracy. We partner with schools, businesses and other organizations to help them succeed. We work with our communities to provide quality services and resources. It is our mission to provide all library customers with information, ideas and excitement: information to make educated decisions, ideas to fuel innovation and progress, and excitement to stimulate the mind as well as the imagination. We are dedicated to being a vital community resource today and beyond. We thank you and look forward to a bright future.

*Marthe J. Smart*

*The Kent County Library bookmobile (and friends), circa 1960*



# Our Community, Your Library

Created in 1936 as the Kent County Library Association, the Kent District Library has transitioned from a small department of Kent County to an 18 branch district library system serving 26 municipalities throughout Kent County. From the beginning, our goal has been to enhance our residents' quality of life by providing superior library services. Today, the Kent District Library provides library service to over 360,000 people in Kent County, circulates almost 6 million items annually and hosts over 5,000 programs each year. We have seen our communities grow and our population become more diverse and vibrant. We have experienced rapidly changing technology. We have seen many changes within our communities, yet one thing remains the same: the Kent District Library is dedicated to meeting the needs of the community.

**Most Kent County residents live within  
5 miles of a Kent District Library location.**





# More than Books

From a variety of programs and events for all ages, to online content and other new media formats, the Kent District Library is more than just books. KDL offers a wide selection of library materials and resources, including:

- Books, DVDs and music CDs
- Videogames and computer software
- Online resources, including full-text magazine articles and subject guides
- Downloadable books, audiobooks and video
- Local community information

If you have not been to the Kent District Library lately, you may not know what you are missing.

**Over 66% of Kent District Library users rate our overall environment and materials collection as very good or excellent.**





# For Your Information

We all have questions. From “How do I learn about the adoption process?” to “How many lakes does Michigan have?” there is always a need to know. Fortunately, for most of these questions there are answers. When you need help finding these answers, the Kent District Library is here to help. No matter what the question, our friendly staff will help you find the information you are looking for. From a variety of books and journals, to online reference tools and more, KDL is your community information center. High-speed Internet access and free wi-fi are also available for your own research or recreational needs. So, if you have questions, chances are you will find the answers at your Kent District Library.

**82% of Kent County residents do not believe the Internet has replaced the public library.**



# A Positive Impact

A library is often a reflection of the values, beliefs and priorities of its community. Libraries offer services and resources that not only stimulate the mind, but stimulate the economic strength of the community as well. At KDL, we strive to be a catalyst for success. We offer resources for small businesses, entrepreneurs, job seekers and career-bound students. We provide meeting spaces and Internet access for businesspeople, researchers and community leaders. We offer computer training, career workshops and other resources to help people develop the skills they need to succeed. We are fully invested in the success of our communities because your future is our future.

**85% of Kent County residents feel the library is a good value for their tax dollars.**





# Leave a Legacy

From programs that help children prepare for a lifetime of literacy and success, to library materials and resources that stimulate the mind and imagination, we strive to become not only a community destination, but a community partner. We are very fortunate to have the support of library volunteers, friends and advocates, all working together to help enhance library quality. Through various entrepreneurial efforts and initiatives such as the KDL Fund, we are working hard to ensure the Kent District Library remains a vital community resource. The future of the library affects not only us but our children, their children and beyond. Leave a legacy for generations to come by supporting the Kent District Library.

**74% of Kent County residents believe that early literacy should be one of the library's highest priorities.**



# KDL Branch Locations

## **Alpine Township Branch**

5255 Alpine Ave. NW  
Comstock Park, MI 49321  
(616) 647-3810

## **Alto Township Branch**

6071 Linfield Ave.  
Alto, MI 49302  
(616) 647-3820

## **Byron Township Branch**

8191 Byron Center Ave. SW  
Byron Center, MI 49315  
(616) 647-3830

## **Caledonia Township Branch**

240 Emmons St.  
Caledonia, MI 49316  
(616) 647-3840

## **Cascade Township Branch**

2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
(616) 647-3850

## **Comstock Park Branch**

3943 W. River Dr. NE  
Comstock Park, MI 49321  
(616) 647-3860

## **East Grand Rapids Branch**

746 Lakeside Dr. SE  
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
(616) 647-3880

## **Englehardt Branch**

200 N. Monroe St.  
Lowell, MI 49331  
(616) 647-3920

## **Gaines Township Branch**

421 68th St. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548  
(616) 647-3870

## **Grandville Branch**

4055 Maple St. SW  
Grandville, MI 49418  
(616) 647-3890

## **Kentwood Branch**

4700 Kalamazoo Ave. SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508  
(616) 647-3910

## **Krause Memorial Branch**

140 E. Bridge St.  
Rockford, MI 49341  
(616) 647-3940

## **Plainfield Township Branch**

2650 5-Mile Rd. NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525  
(616) 647-3930

## **Sand Lake/ Nelson Township Branch**

88 Eighth Street  
Sand Lake, MI 49343  
(616) 636-4251

## **Spencer Township Branch**

14960 Meddler Ave.  
Gowen, MI 49326  
(616) 984-5680

## **Tyrone Township Branch**

43 S. Main St.  
Kent City, MI 49330  
(616) 678-4710

## **Walker Branch**

4293 Remembrance Rd. NW  
Walker, MI 49544  
(616) 647-3970

## **Wyoming Branch and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

3350 Michael Ave. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509  
(616) 647-3980

## **KDL Service Center**

814 West River Center NE  
Comstock Park, MI 49321  
(616) 784-2007



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## Recognition

- Kent District Library was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the American Library Association's "The American Dream Starts @ your Library" program to reach out to new immigrants to the United States. KDL used the funds to create a Storytime Ambassador program to offer bilingual storytimes with help from community volunteers.
- Hennen's American Public Library Rating (HAPLR) Index named Kent District Library a "Top Ten American Library." Kent District Library ranked eighth nationally among 96 libraries serving a population of more than 250,000 people.

With your support, we plan to continue these trends as we work toward providing our customers with superior library services and resources. At the Kent District Library, we see a bright future ahead.

### Library Director

Martha Smart

### KDL Board of Trustees

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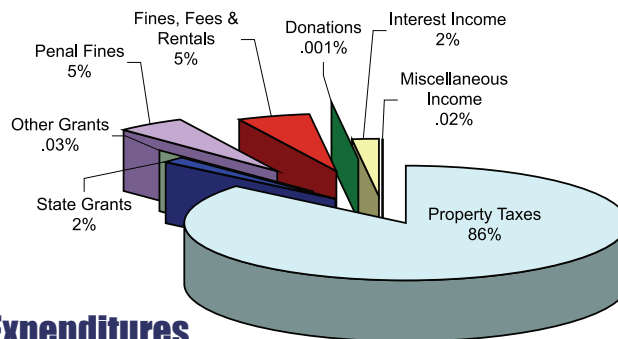
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## 2008 Summary Financial Information

### Revenue

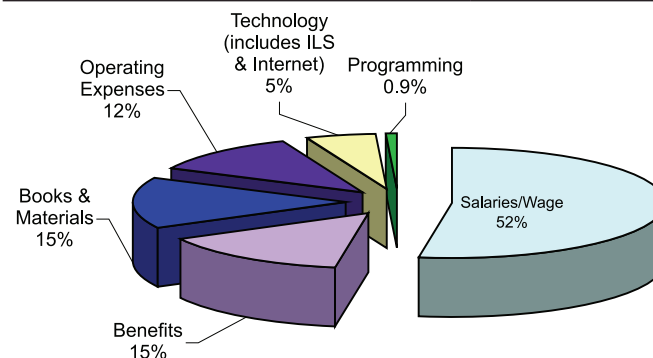
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| Property Taxes - Millage (.88mills) | 14,053,001          |
| State Grants                        | 280,812             |
| Other Grants                        | 5,000               |
| Penal Fines                         | 814,916             |
| Fines, Fees & Rentals               | 844,402             |
| Donations                           | 175                 |
| Interest Income                     | 321,668             |
| Miscellaneous Income                | 2,729               |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>               | <b>\$16,322,703</b> |



### Expenditures

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries/Wages                       | 8,506,789         |
| Benefits                             | 2,381,421         |
| Books & Materials                    | 2,433,247         |
| Operating Expenses                   | 1,870,221         |
| Technology (includes ILS & Internet) | 859,700           |
| Programming                          | 145,625           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>            | <b>16,197,003</b> |

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Fund Balance, Beginning of Year        | 2,753,877          |
| Excess Revenues over Expenditures      | 125,700            |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE, End of Year</b> | <b>\$2,879,577</b> |



The above numbers have been derived from the 2008 Financial Statements. The complete audited Annual Financial Statements will be available after June 2009.

## 2008 KDL Annual Report



2008 was another year of tremendous growth and opportunity at the Kent District Library. It was a year of record-breaking circulation statistics and program attendance, as well as continued increases in website visits and usage of online resources. A number of new media formats were added to the collection, including Wii videogames and Playaway portable audiobooks. All of these accomplishments have been a testament to the support and enthusiasm of our customers, proving once again the value of the library as not only a community resource, but a community destination.

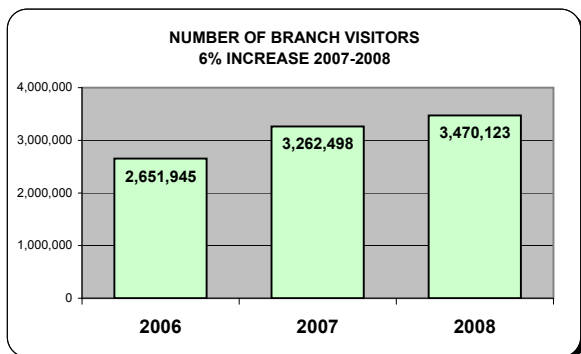
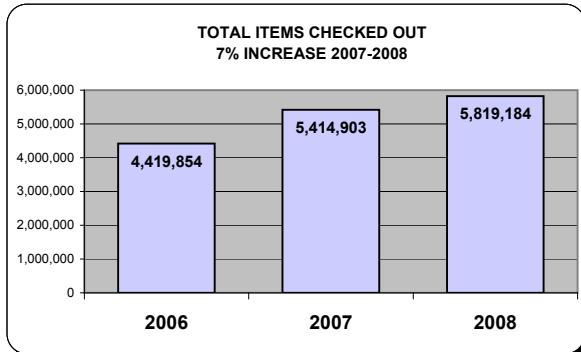
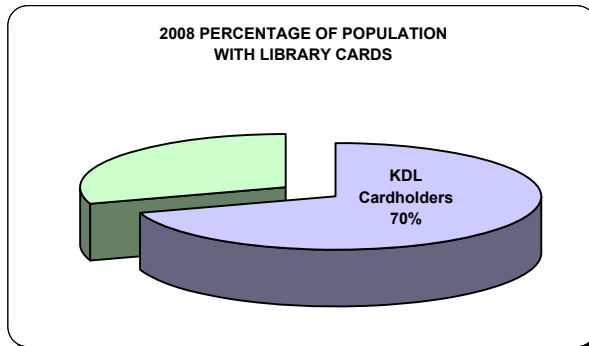
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# 2008 Highlights

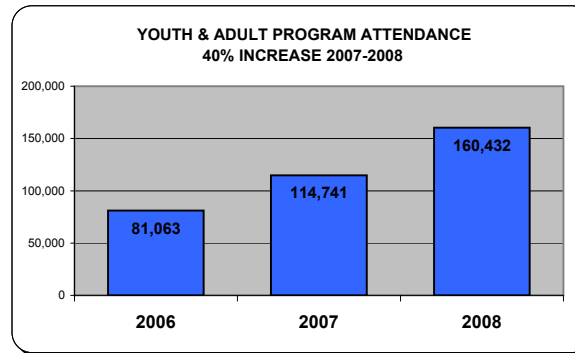
## Usage

- More than 250,000 people have KDL library cards – approximately 70% of the people in KDL's service area.
- Our visitor count continues to trend upward. Over 3.4 million visitors used KDL branches in 2008.
- More than 5.8 million items were checked out, an increase of 7% from 2007 and 32% from 2006.



## Programs

- In 2008, 160,000 people attended more than 5,000 free library programs, an increase of 40% over the previous year.

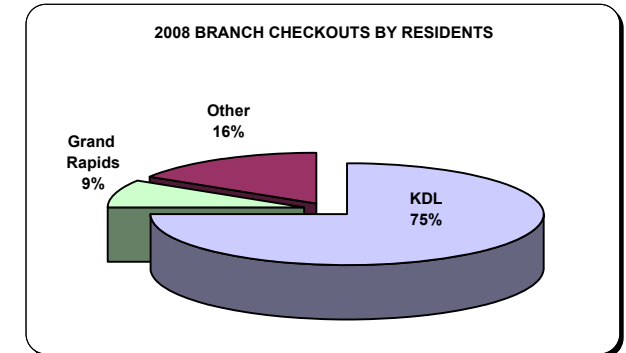


- Participation in the “Catch the Reading Bug” Summer Reading Club met a record high of nearly 20,000 children and teens. Over 1,000 free programs were offered during the summer.
- Over 1,000 adults attended KDL's computer classes. Topics included basic Internet skills, email, resume writing, and job searching on the Internet.
- KDL hosted a number of award-winning, notable authors including One Book, One County author Ha Jin, Michigan notable author John Otterbacher, Christian fiction author Francine Rivers, and Newbery Honor and Printz Award author Gary Schmidt.

## Resources

- KDL expanded its collection to include Nintendo Wii games, Playaway audiobooks, and new ebook content.
- The KDL website was visited 2,030,765 times, or an average of 5,549 visitors per day.
- The Lakeland Library Cooperative's shared online catalog was upgraded with the addition of a new search interface. Catalog users can now search the catalog using one simple search box, explore related subjects through tag clouds, and narrow searches to favorite formats such as DVDs or audiobooks.

- Kent District Library joined over 250 public, academic, school, and special libraries in an enhanced resource sharing service called MeLCat, a statewide initiative providing KDL customers access to 26 million items.



## Initiatives

- In 2008, Kentwood voters approved a 0.35 millage to build a new 40,000 sq. ft. library to be located on Breton Avenue just south of the Kentwood City Hall. The facility completion date is scheduled for the summer of 2010.
- The Caledonia Campaign Committee kicked off a public fundraising “Next-Chapter” campaign in September to raise \$1 million for a new Caledonia Library.
- In 2008, KDL initiated a sustainability effort in order to review the environmental impact of our organizational practices.
- With donations to the KDL Annual Fund in 2008, an Early Literacy Computer Station was purchased for the Kentwood Branch.

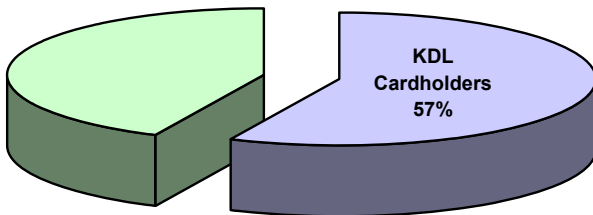


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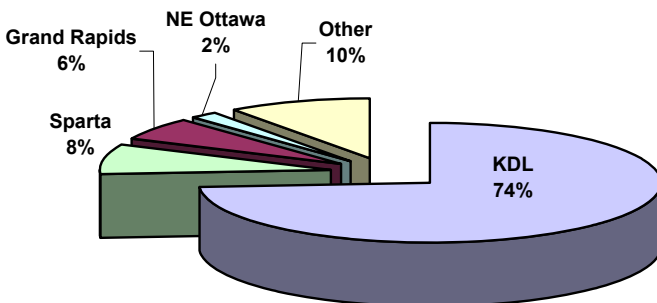
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

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| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Marcia DeMeester    |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 13,976              |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 4,862 square feet   |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 14,640 items        |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 9                   |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 2.25 FTEs           |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 31.5 hours per week |

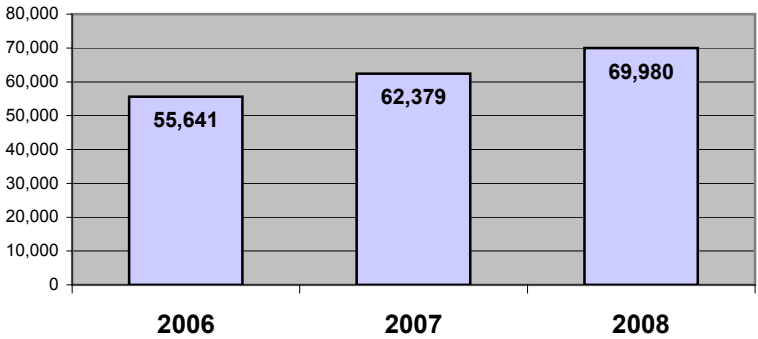
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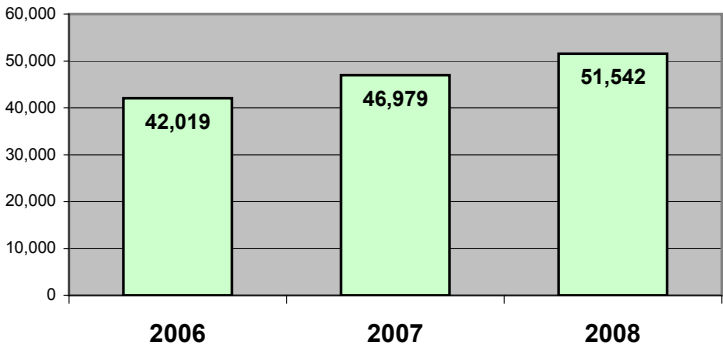
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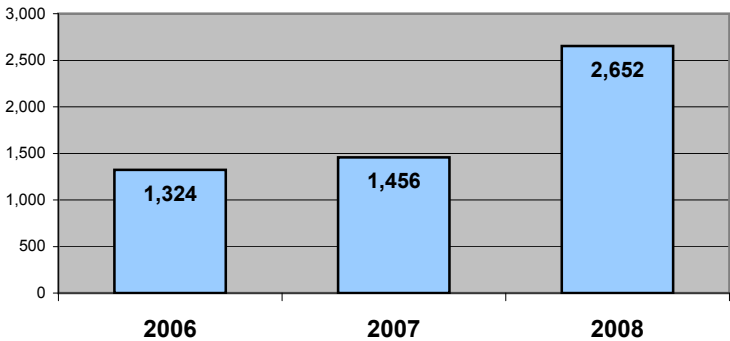
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**12% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**10% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**82% INCREASE 2007-2008**

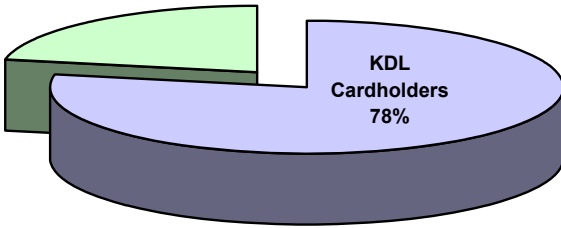


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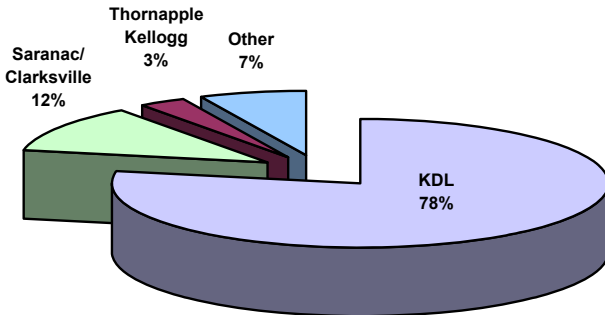
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| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Sandy Graham      |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 2,454             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 5,795 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 21,888 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 6                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 2 FTEs            |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 28 hours per week |

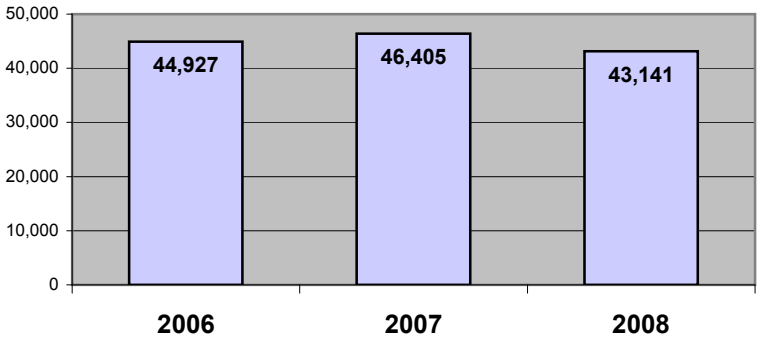
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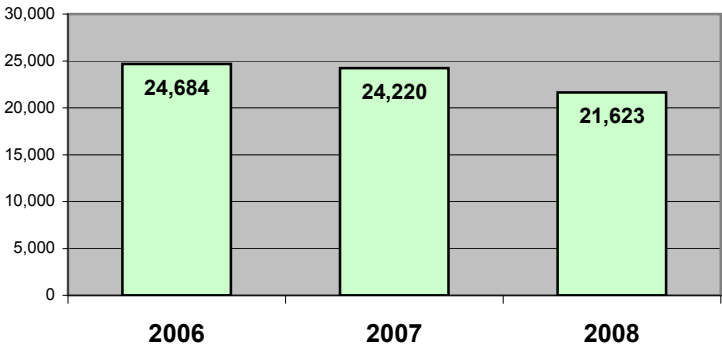
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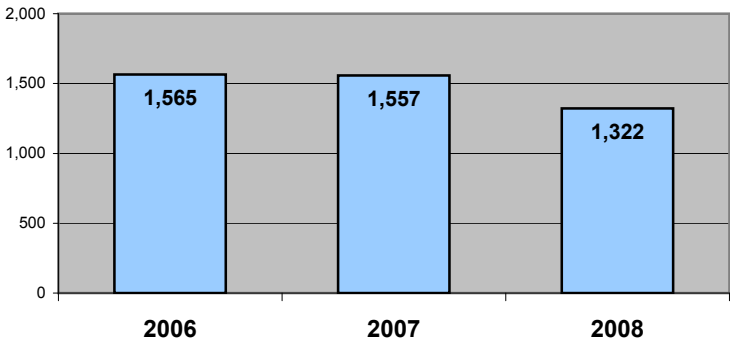
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**7% DECREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**11% DECREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**15% DECREASE 2007-2008**

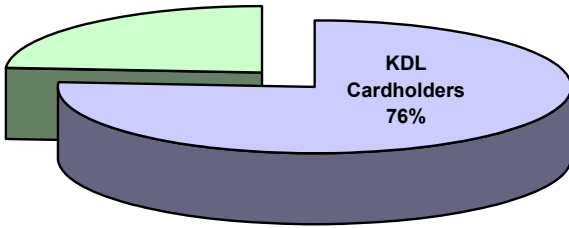


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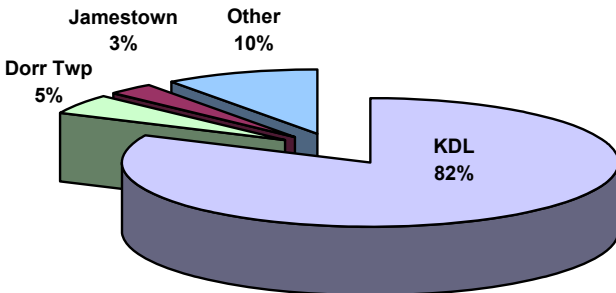
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| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Marie VanFleet     |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 17,553             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 13,640 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 69,535 items       |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 16                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 7.3 FTEs           |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 49 hours per week  |

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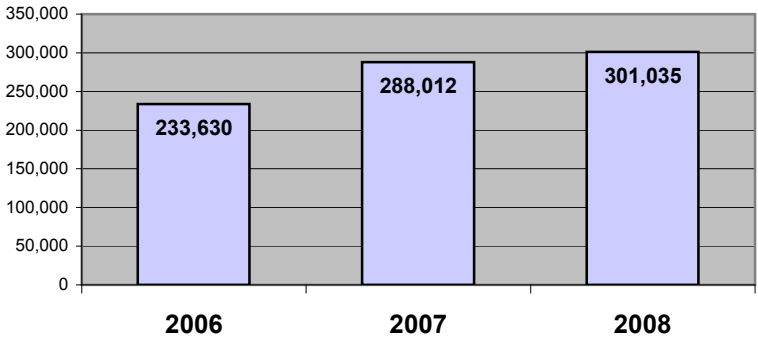


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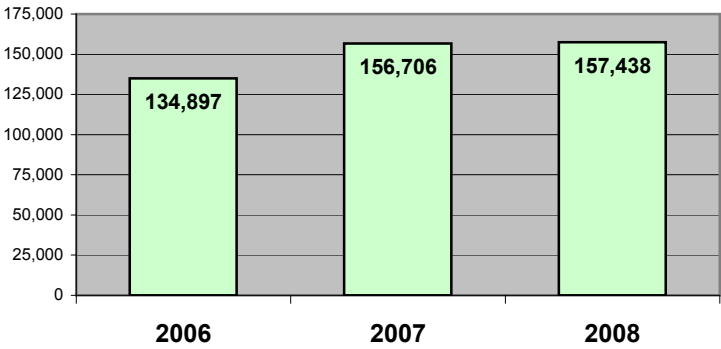




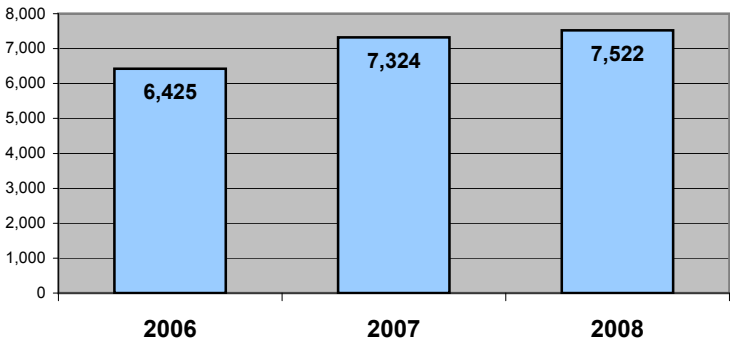
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**5% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**.5% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**3% INCREASE 2007-2008**

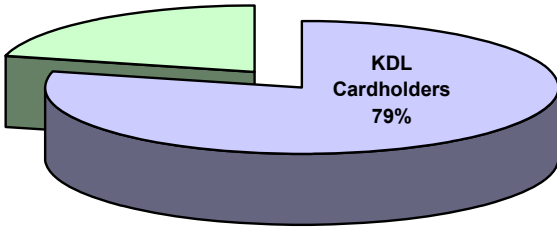


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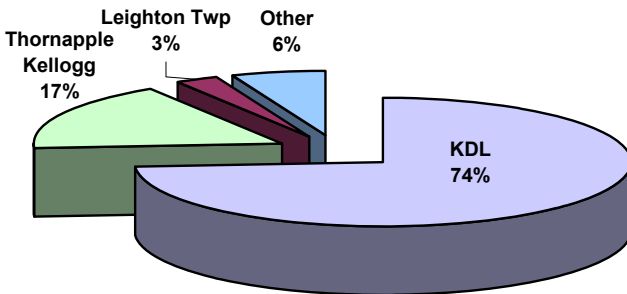
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| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Jane Heiss        |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 8,948             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 2,336 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 33,135 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 7                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 3.18 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 35 hours per week |

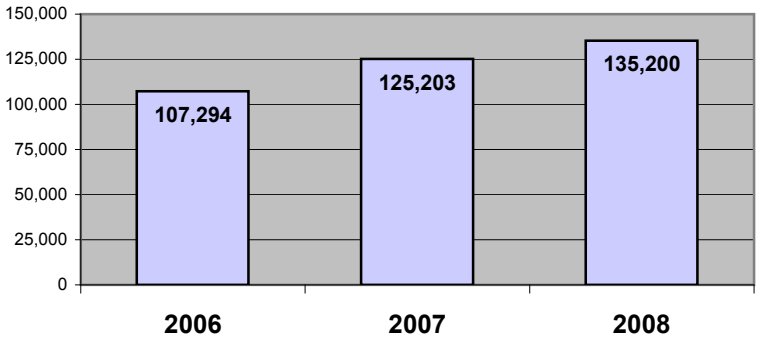
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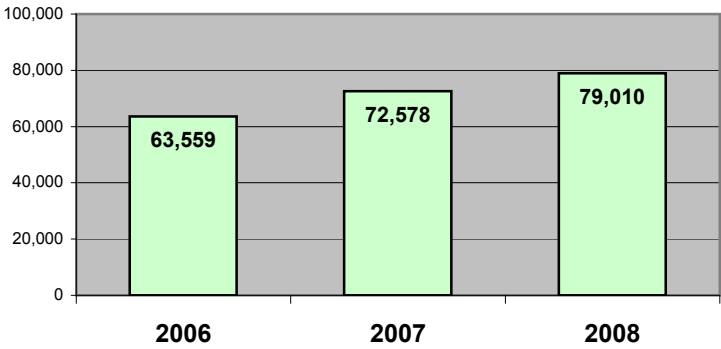
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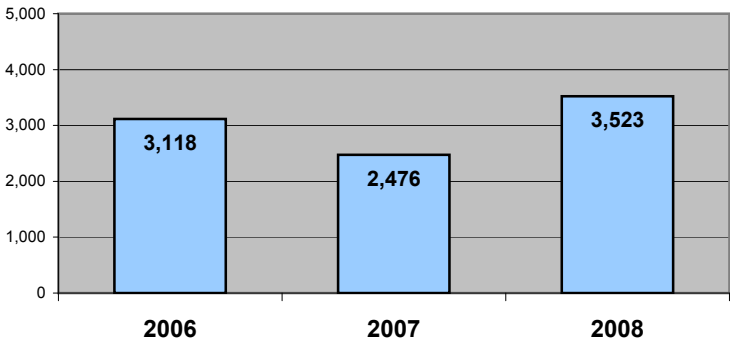
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**8% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**9% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**42% INCREASE 2007-2008**

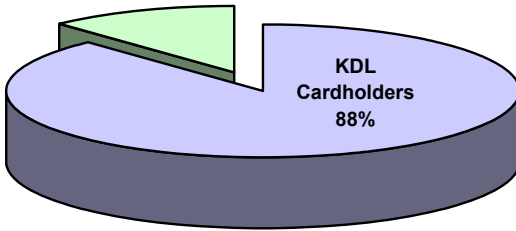


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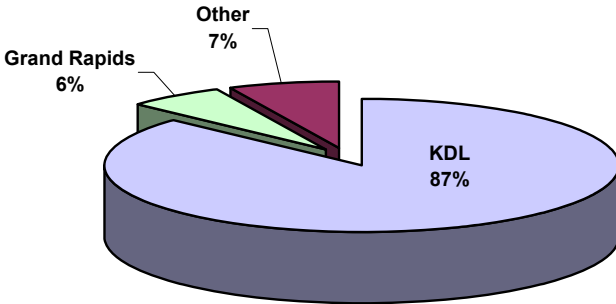
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| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Diane Cutler       |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 15,107             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 21,913 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 119,951 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 19                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 16.45 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 61 hours per week  |

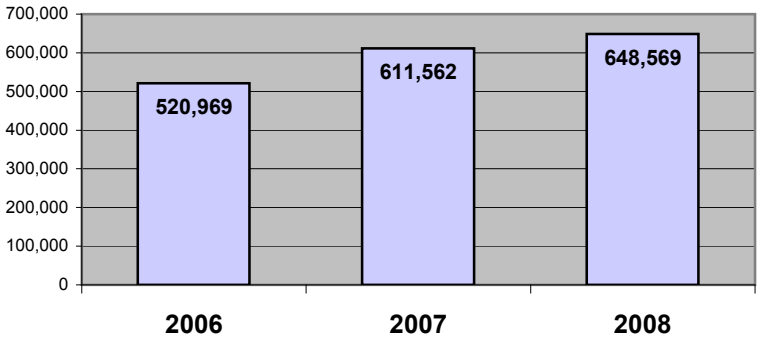
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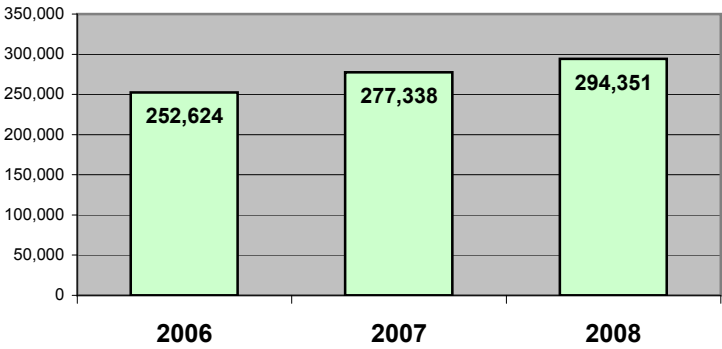
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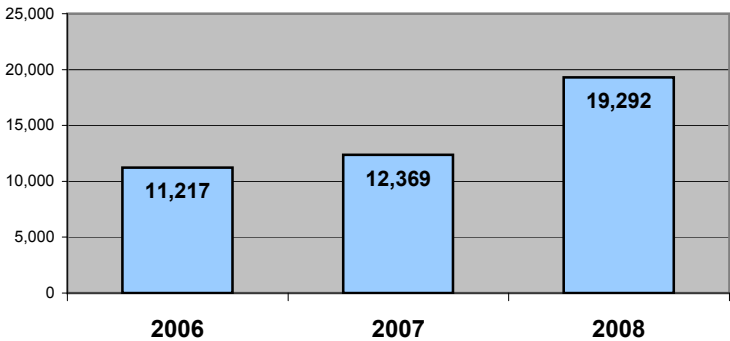
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**6% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**6% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**56% INCREASE 2007-2008**

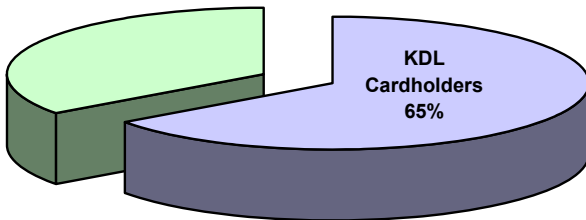


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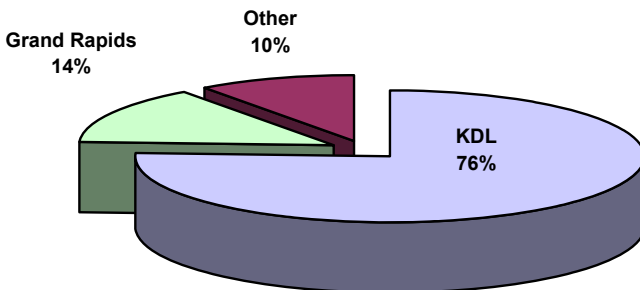
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| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Nancy Mulder             |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 30,195 (Plainfield Twp.) |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 4,095 square feet        |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 29,360 items             |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 9                        |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 3.75 FTEs                |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 42 hours per week        |

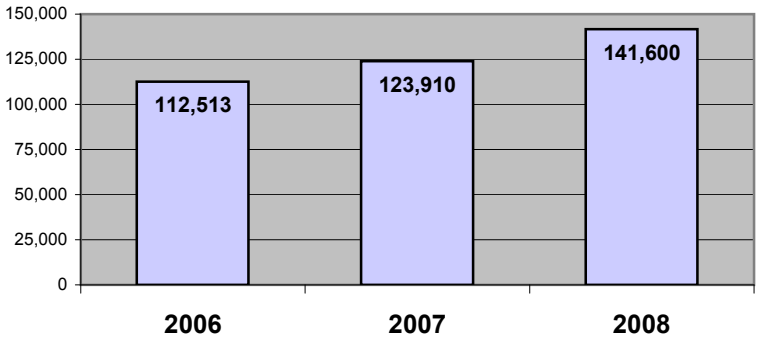
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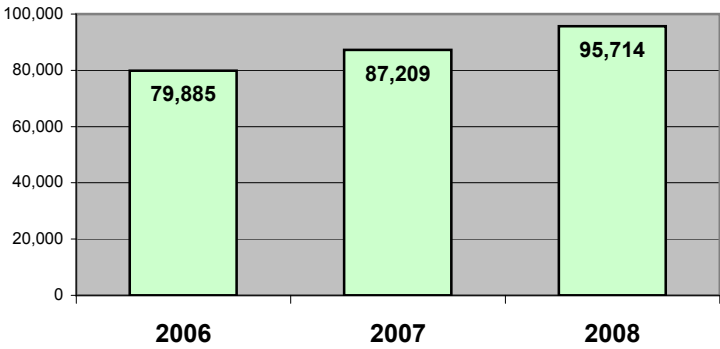
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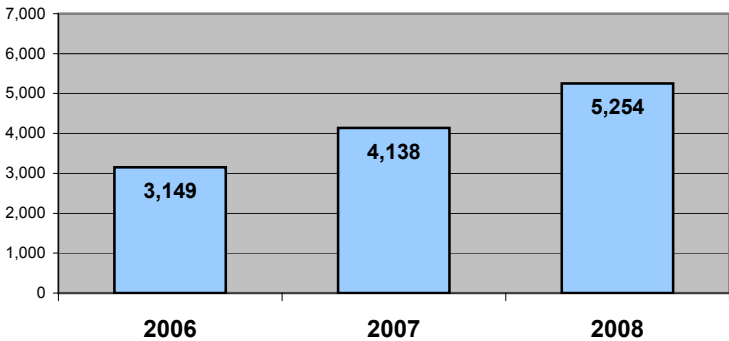
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**14% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**10% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**27% INCREASE 2007-2008**

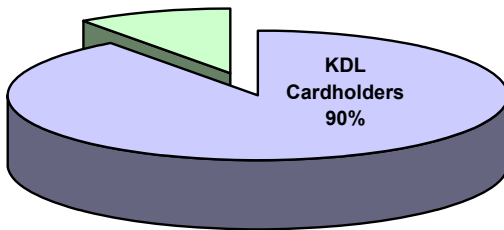


# East Grand Rapids Branch

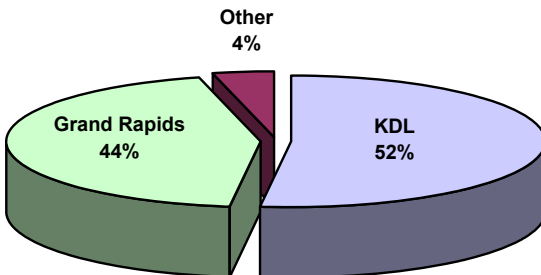
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| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Dawn Lewis         |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 10,764             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 26,950 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 93,022 items       |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 25                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 15.13 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 61 hours per week  |

2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH LIBRARY CARDS

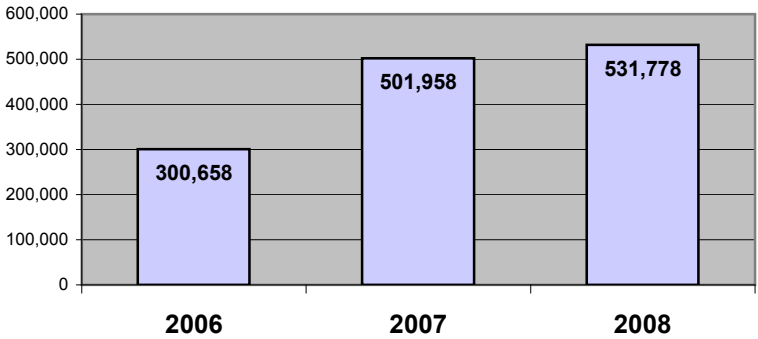


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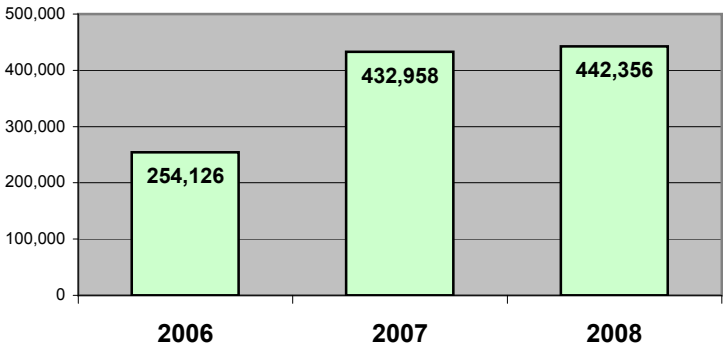




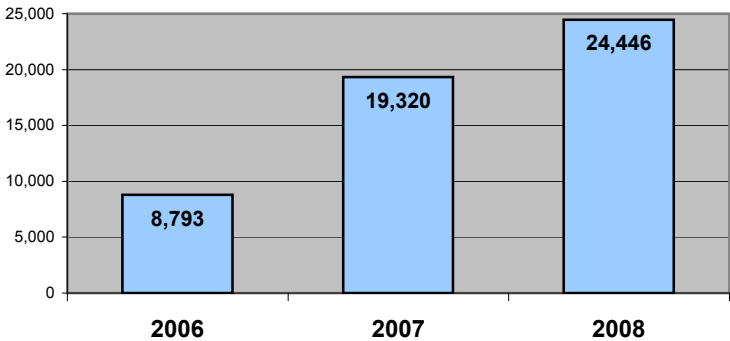
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**6% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**2% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**27% INCREASE 2007-2008**

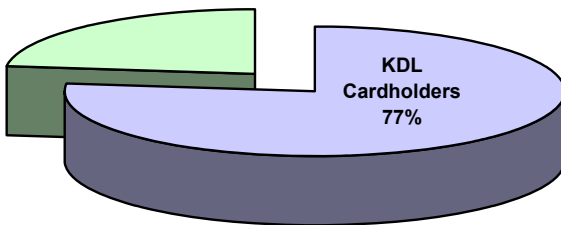


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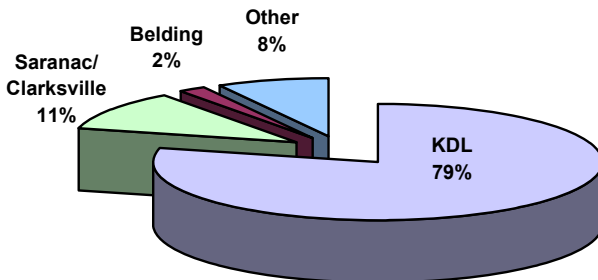
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| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Jane Aronson      |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 4,013             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 8,771 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 44,564 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 13                |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 4.35 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 43 hours per week |

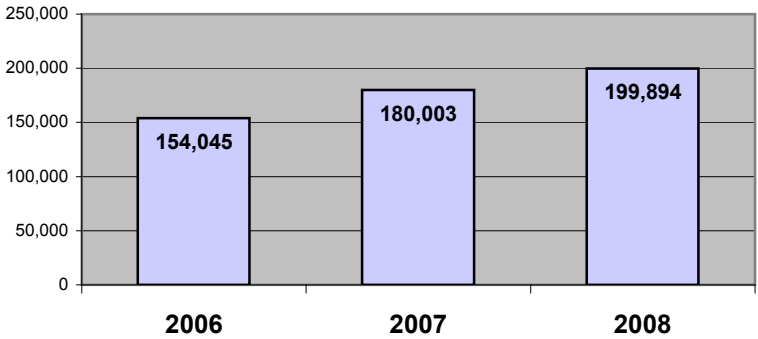
**2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH LIBRARY CARDS**



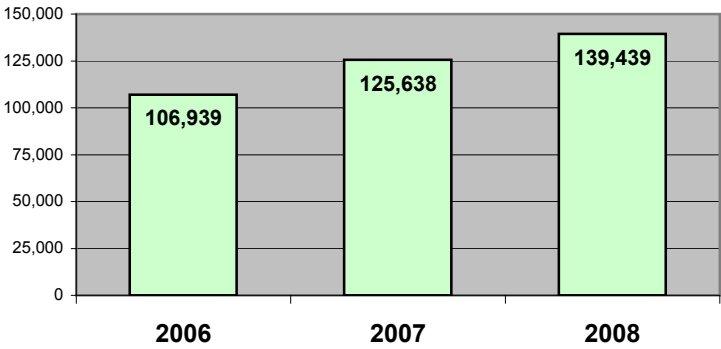
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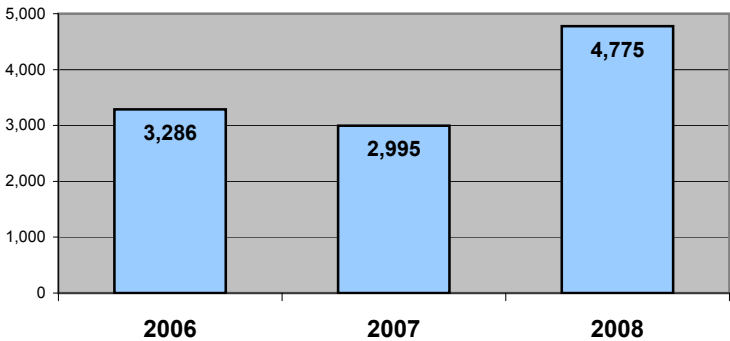
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**11% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**11% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**59% INCREASE 2007-2008**

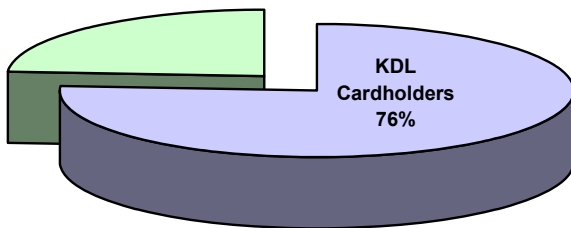


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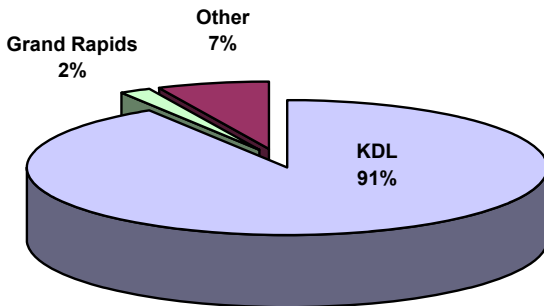
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Michelle Boisvenue-Fox |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 20,112                 |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 10,400 square feet     |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 60,191 items           |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 16                     |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 6.30 FTEs              |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 49 hours per week      |

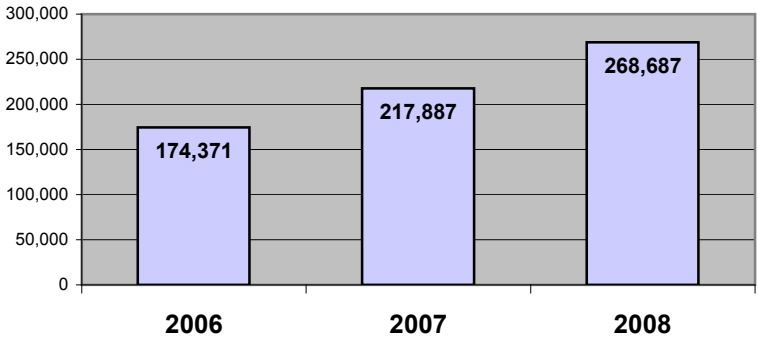
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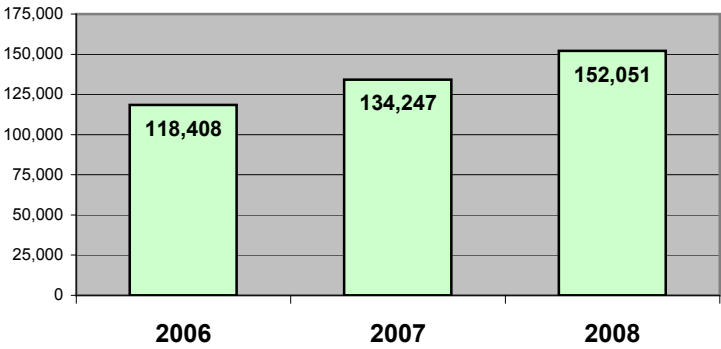
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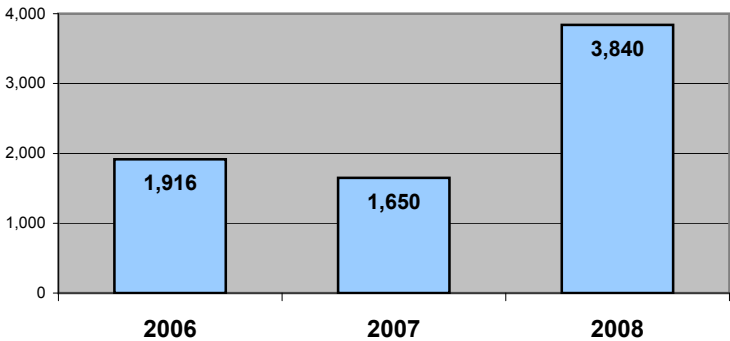
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**23% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**13% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**133% INCREASE 2007-2008**

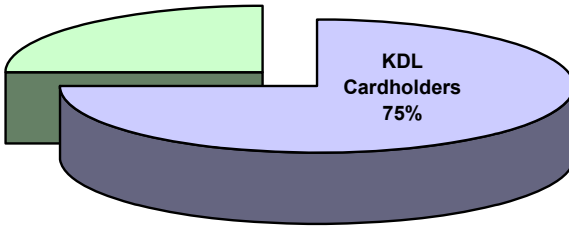


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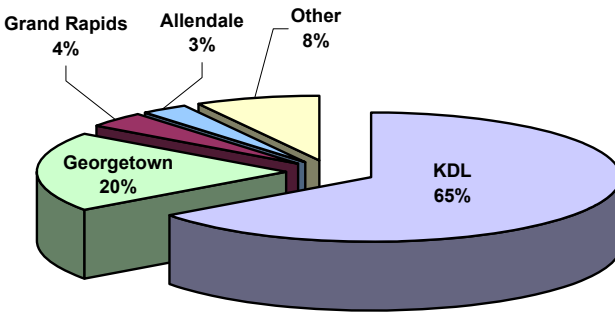
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Patrice Vrona      |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 16,263             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 18,672 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 97,539 items       |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 23                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 15.43 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 57 hours per week  |

**2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH LIBRARY CARDS**

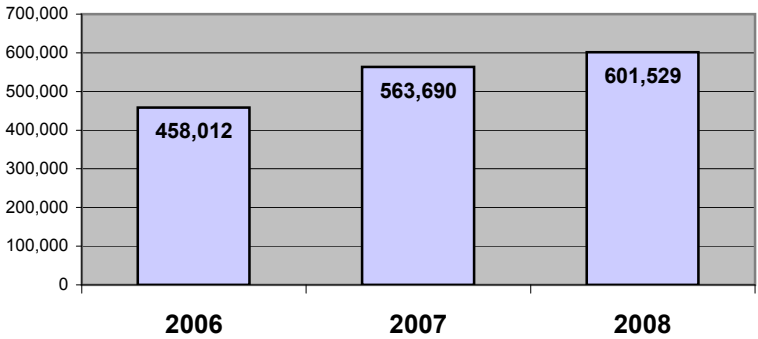


**2008 BRANCH CHECKOUTS BY RESIDENTS**

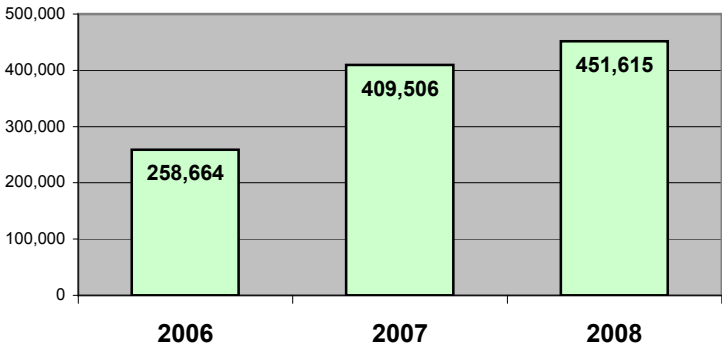




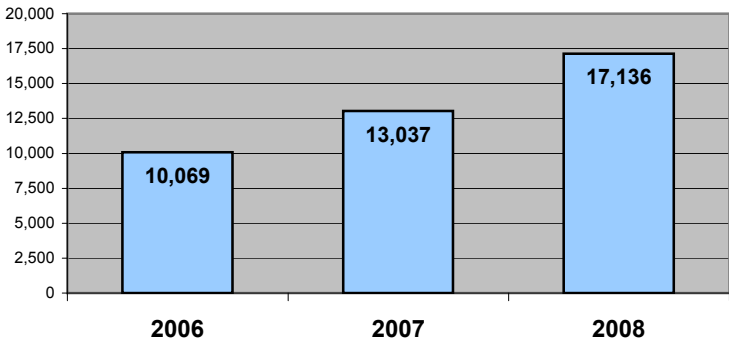
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**7% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**10% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**31% INCREASE 2007-2008**

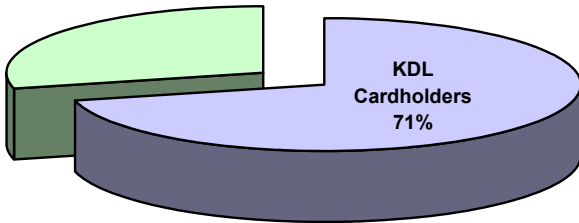


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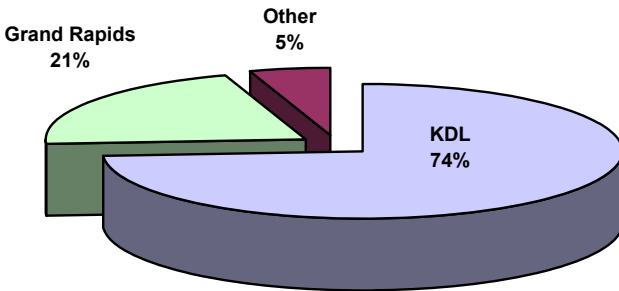
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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Cheryl Cammenga    |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 45,255             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 15,000 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 117,060 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 23                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 15.25 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 57 hours per week  |

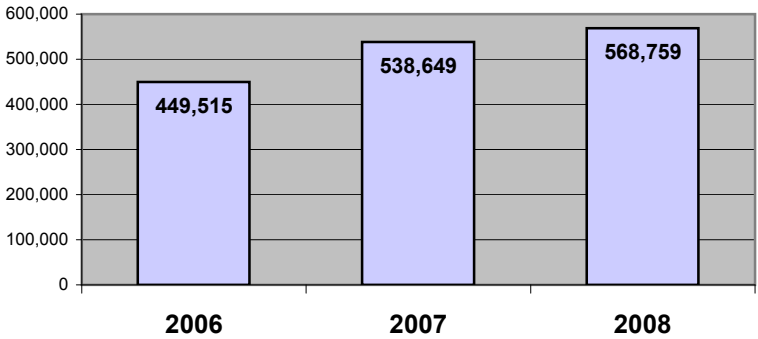
2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION  
WITH LIBRARY CARDS



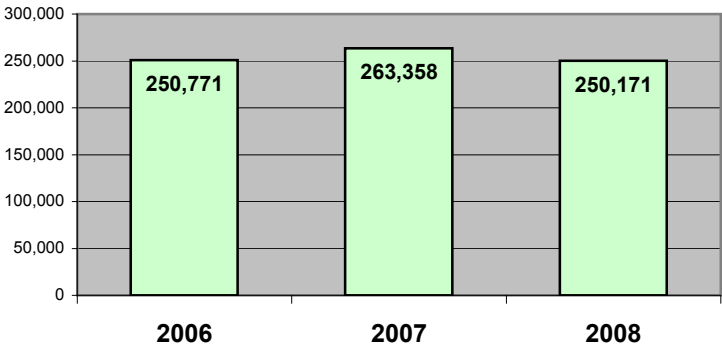
2008 BRANCH CHECKOUTS BY RESIDENTS



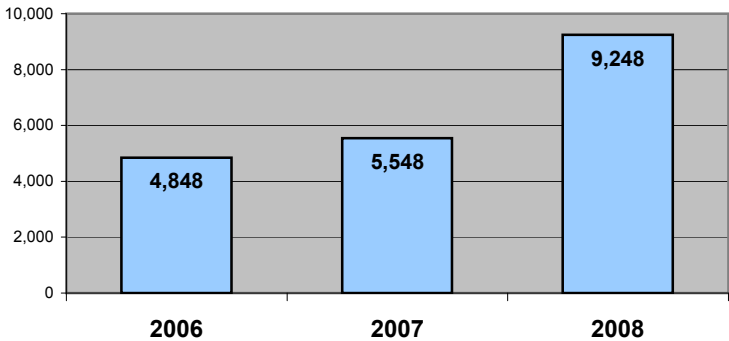
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**6% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**5% DECREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**67% INCREASE 2007-2008**

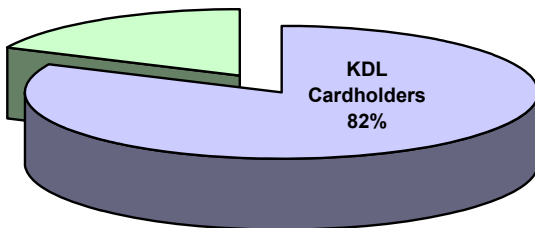


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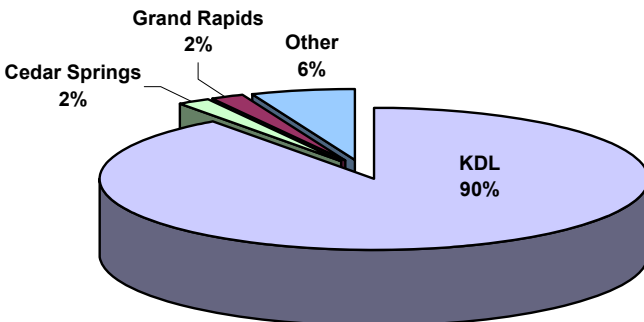
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Jennifer German   |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 5,187             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 9,500 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 62,476 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 16                |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 7.85 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 49 hours per week |

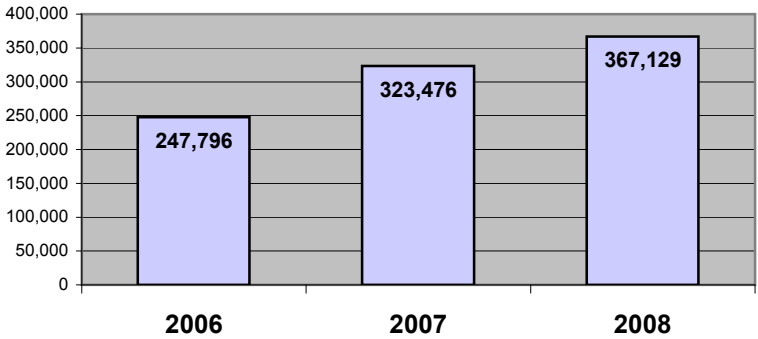
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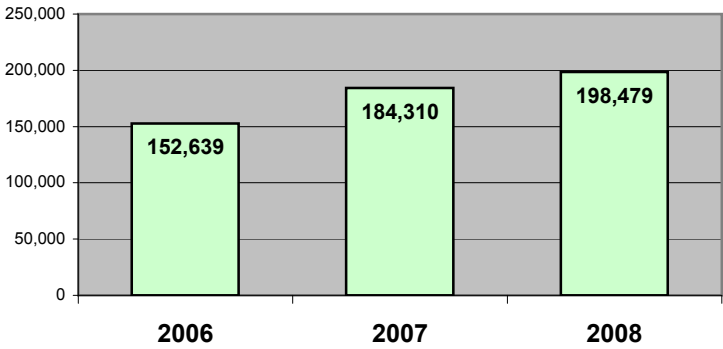
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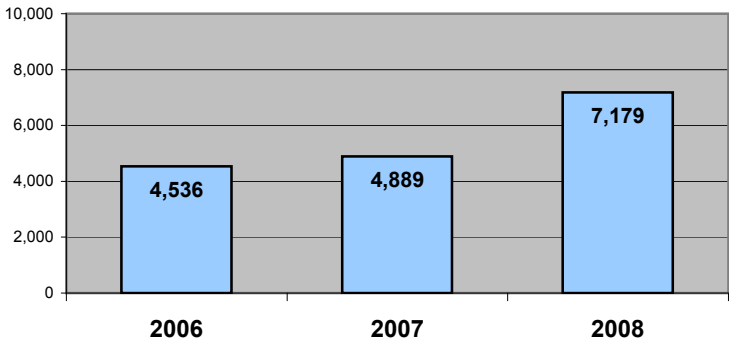
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**13% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**8% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**47% INCREASE 2007-2008**

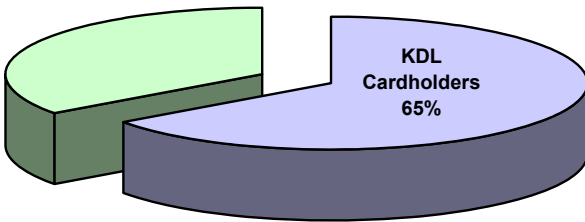


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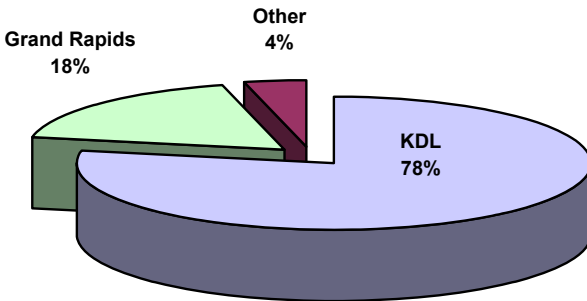
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Dave Stracke       |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 30,195             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 26,420 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 107,113 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 30                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 17.18 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 61 hours per week  |

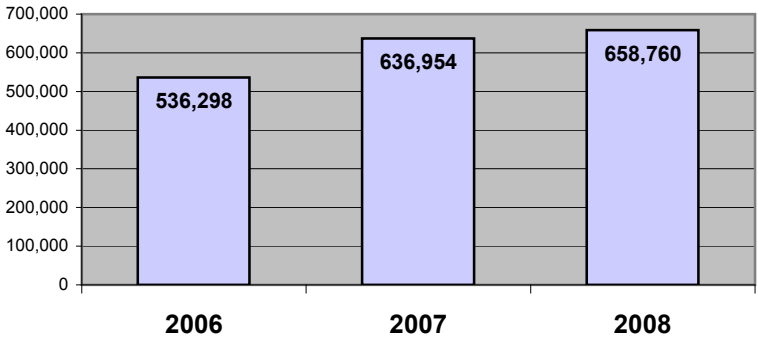
2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH LIBRARY CARDS



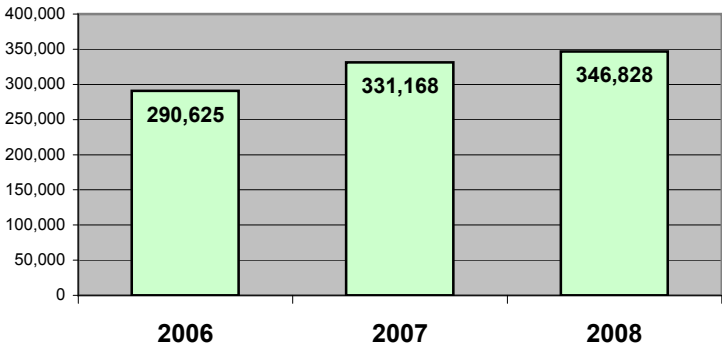
2008 BRANCH CHECKOUTS BY RESIDENTS



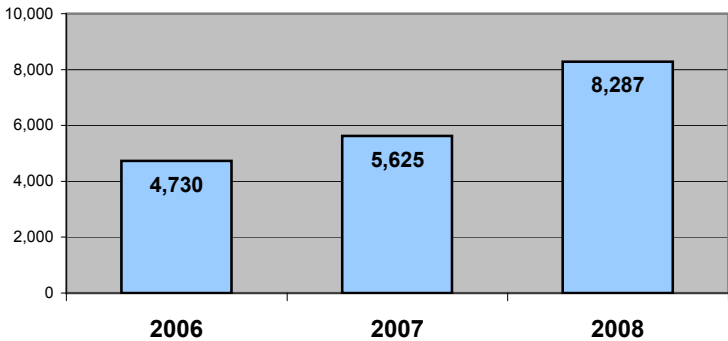
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**3% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**5% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**47% INCREASE 2007-2008**

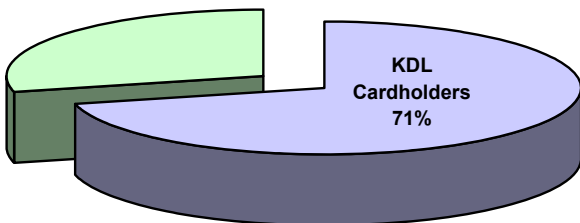


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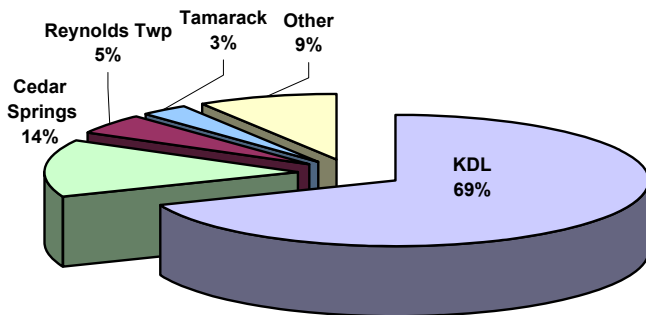
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Glenda Middleton  |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 4,192             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 8,200 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 37,657 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 14                |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 3.3 FTEs          |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 35 hours per week |

2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION  
WITH LIBRARY CARDS

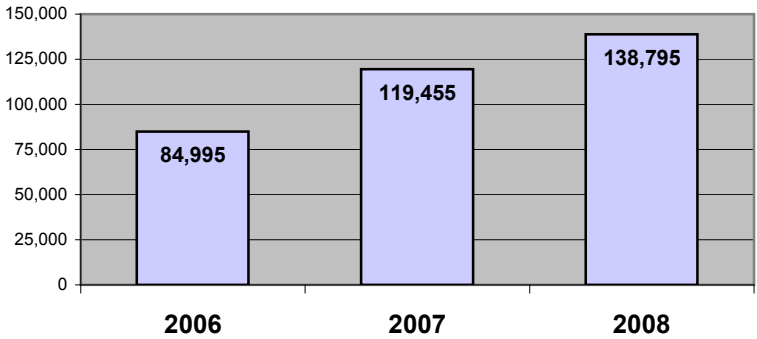


2008 BRANCH CHECKOUTS BY RESIDENTS

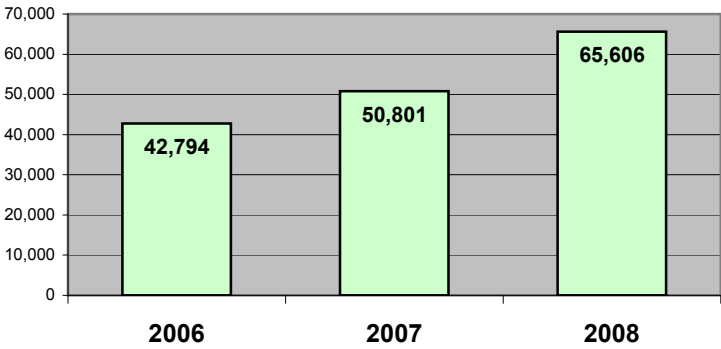




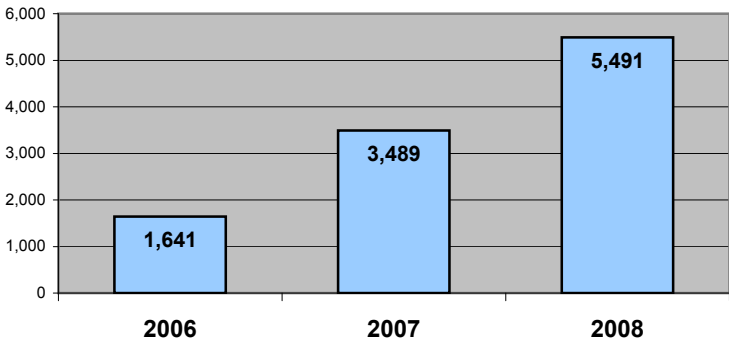
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**16% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**29% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**57% INCREASE 2007-2008**

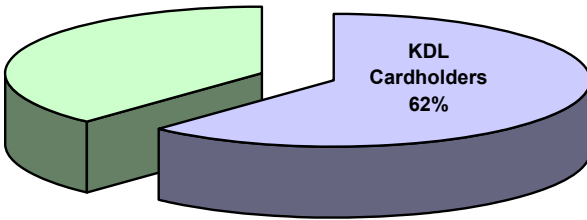


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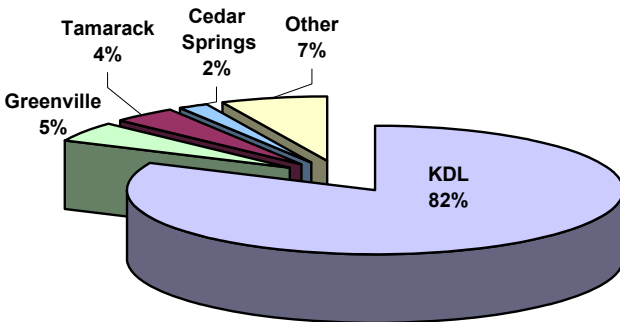
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Helen Kay Kennedy |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 3,681             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 2,000 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 18,713 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 8                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 1.8 FTEs          |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 24 hours per week |

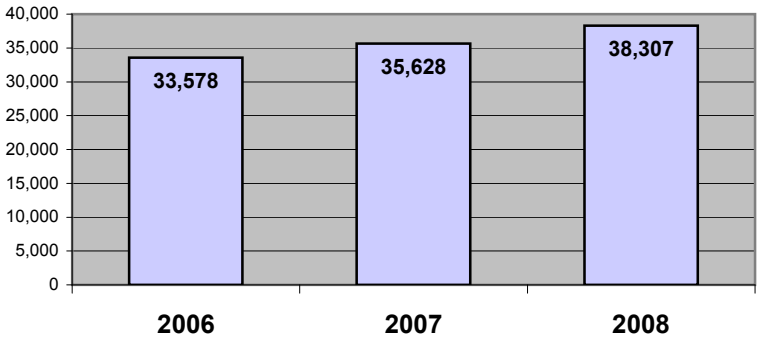
2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION  
WITH LIBRARY CARDS



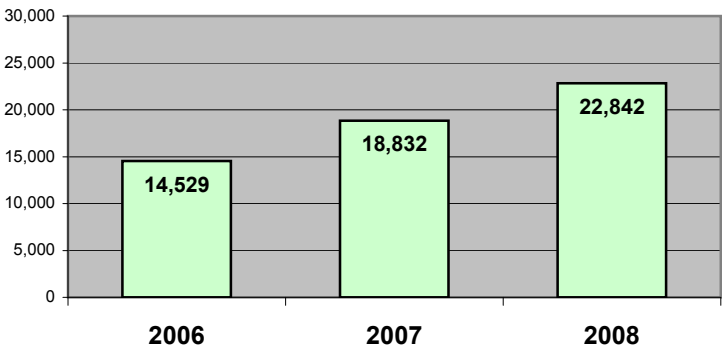
2008 BRANCH CHECKOUTS BY RESIDENTS



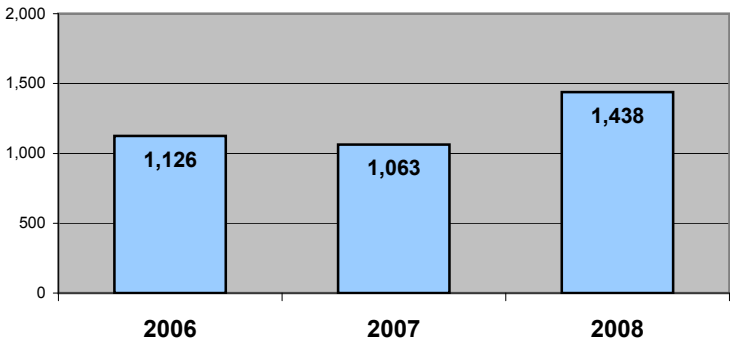
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**8% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**21% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**35% INCREASE 2007-2008**

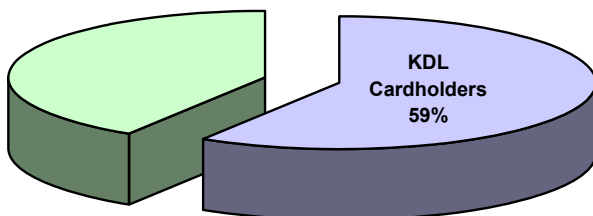


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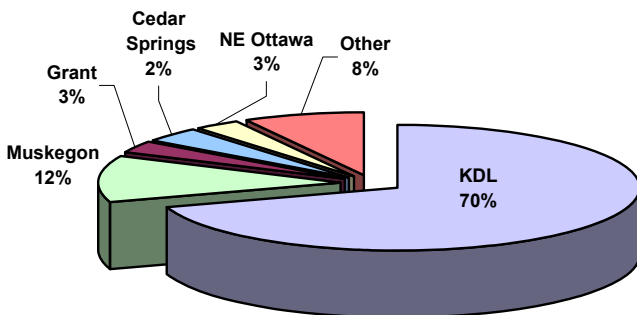
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Marcia DeMeester    |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 4,304               |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 4,239 square feet   |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 14,488 items        |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 7                   |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 2.38 FTEs           |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 27.5 hours per week |

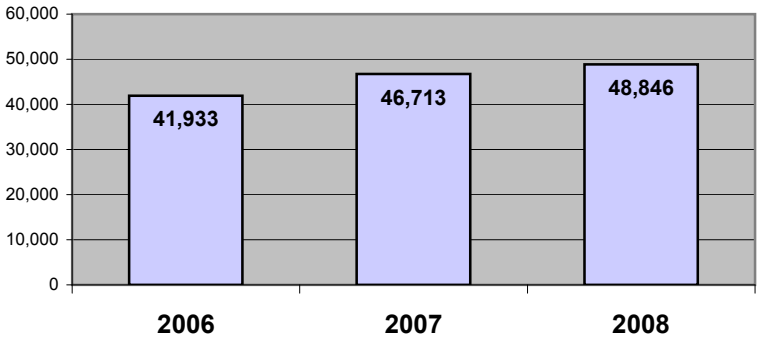
2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH LIBRARY CARDS



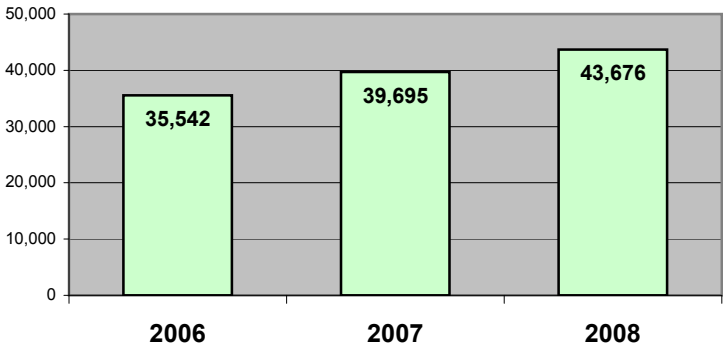
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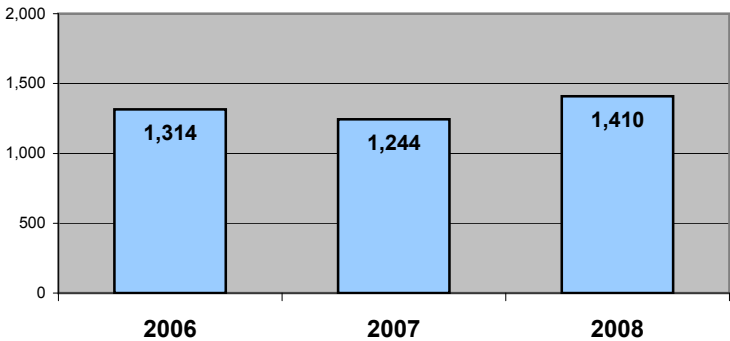
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**5% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**10% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**13% INCREASE 2007-2008**

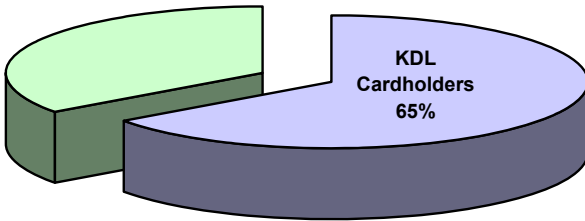


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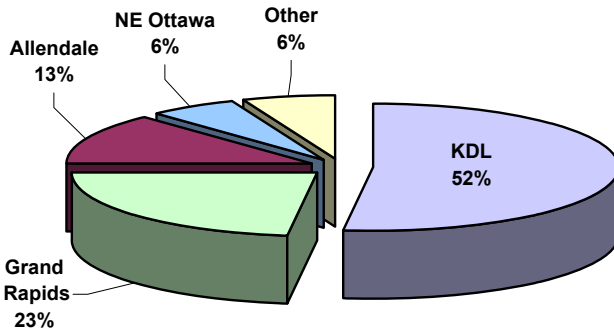
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Jane Seitz        |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 21,795            |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 8,000 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 65,558 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 16                |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 8.65 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 54 hours per week |

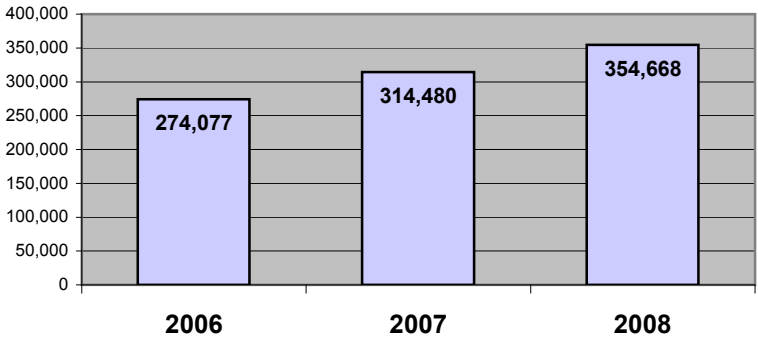
2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH LIBRARY CARDS



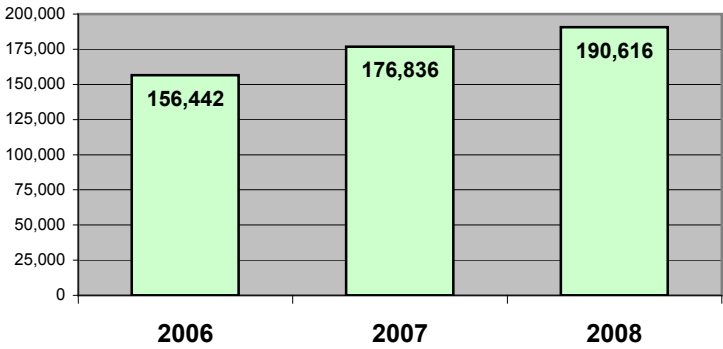
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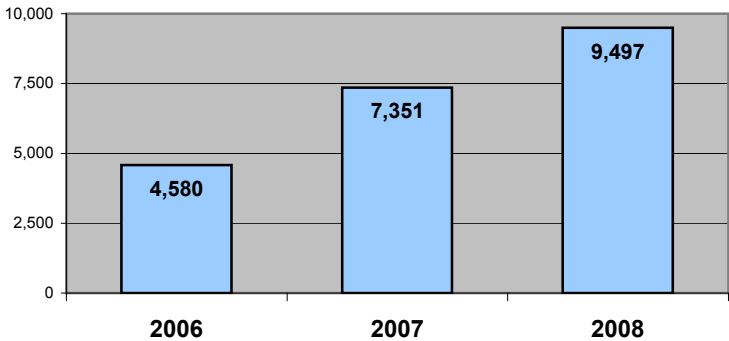
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**13% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**8% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**29% INCREASE 2007-2008**

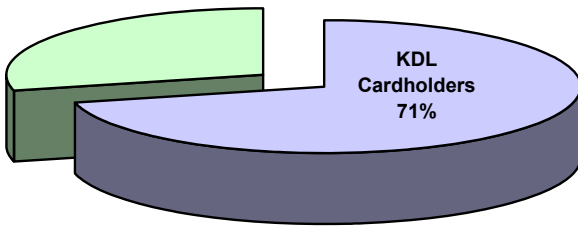


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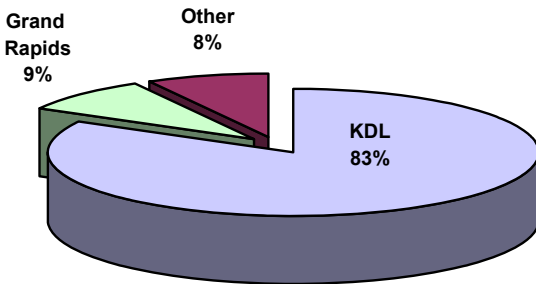
*A branch of the Kent District Library*

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Branch Manager:</b>       | Mary Hollinrake    |
| <b>Pop. of Service Area:</b> | 69,368             |
| <b>Building Size:</b>        | 47,862 square feet |
| <b>Collection Size:</b>      | 134,587 items      |
| <b>Public Computers:</b>     | 45                 |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | 20.33 FTEs         |
| <b>Open Hours:</b>           | 61 hours per week  |

**2008 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH LIBRARY CARDS**

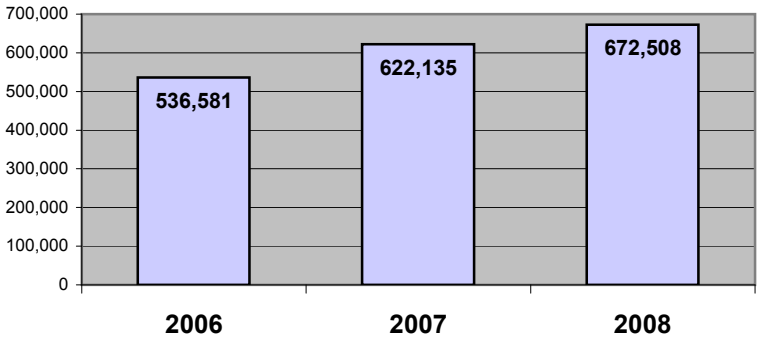


**2008 BRANCH CHECKOUTS BY RESIDENTS**

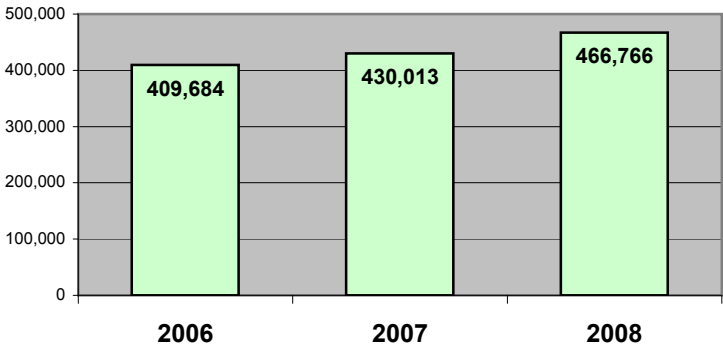




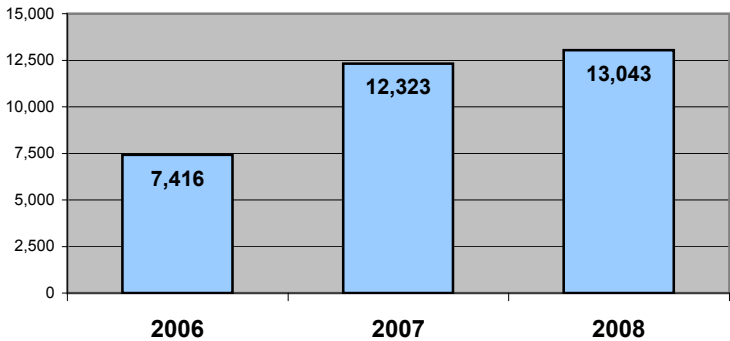
**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**  
**8% INCREASE 2007-2008**



**NUMBER OF BRANCH VISITORS**  
**9% INCREASE 2007-2008**



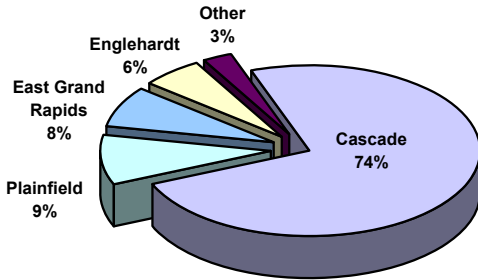
**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**  
**6% INCREASE 2007-2008**



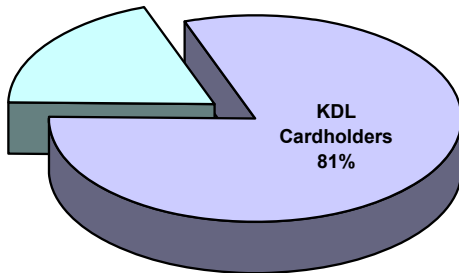
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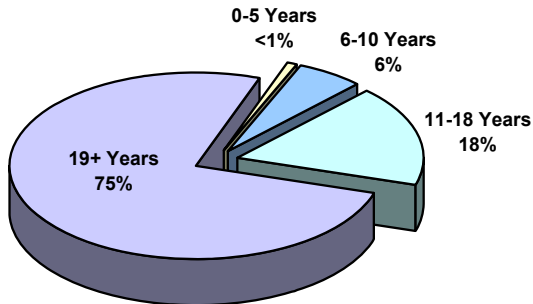
Ada Residents Check Out 74% of their Materials from the Cascade Branch of Kent District Library



Percentage of Population with Library Cards



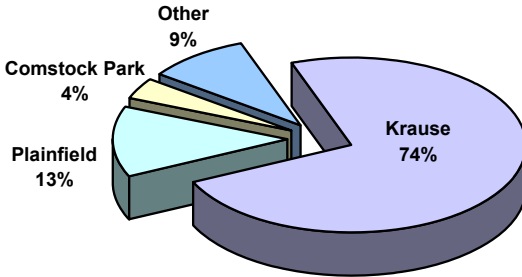
Cardholders by Age



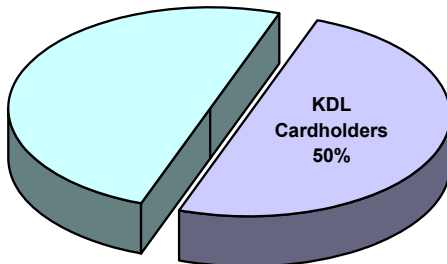
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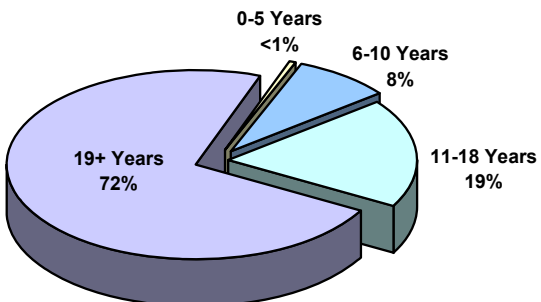
Algoma Residents Check Out 74% of their Materials from the Krause Memorial Branch of Kent District Library



Percentage of Population with Library Cards



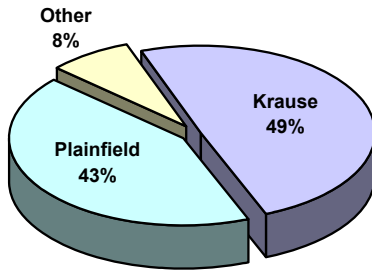
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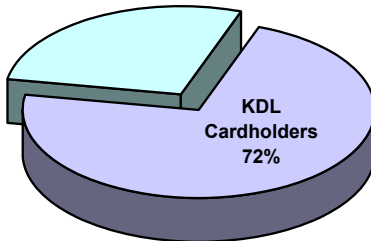
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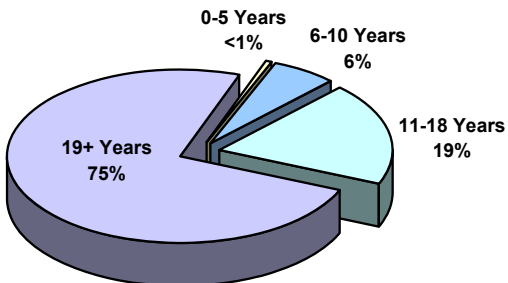
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Percentage of Population with Library Cards



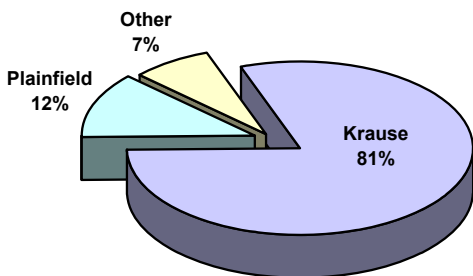
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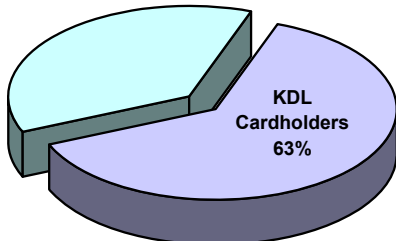
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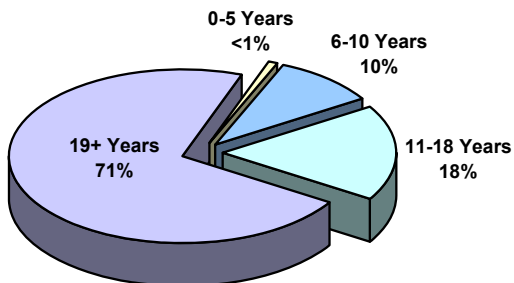
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Percentage of Population with Library Cards



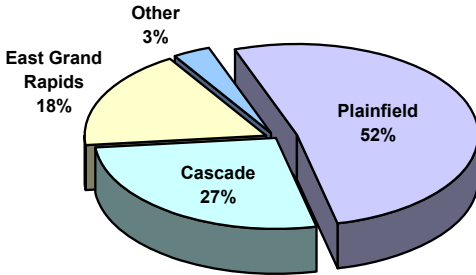
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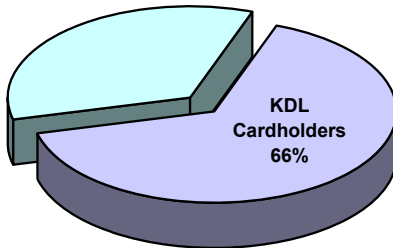
# Grand Rapids Township

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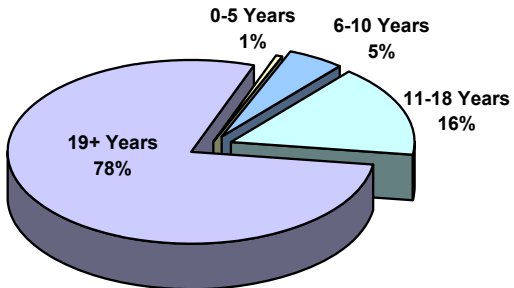
Grand Rapids Township Residents Check Out 52% of their Materials from the Plainfield Branch of KDL



Percentage of Population with Library Cards



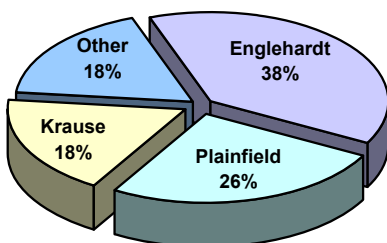
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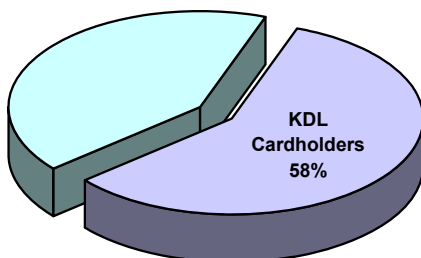
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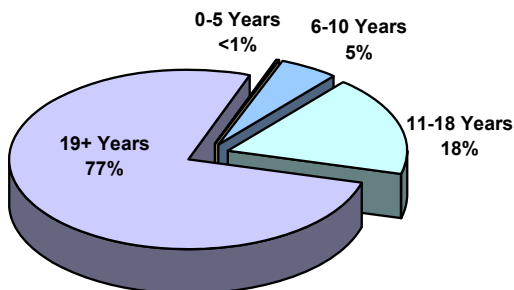
Gratten Residents Check Out 38% of their Materials from the Englehardt Branch of Kent District Library



Percentage of Population with Library Cards



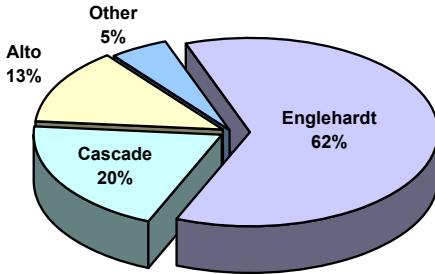
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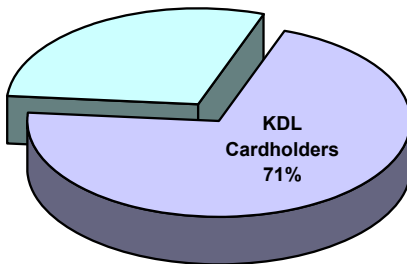
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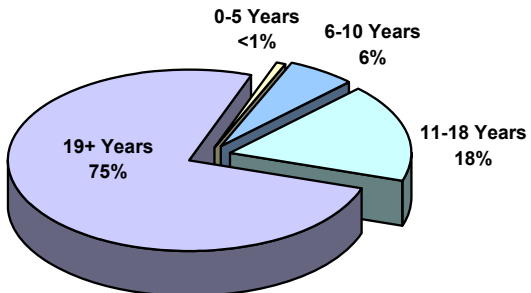
Lowell Township Residents Check Out 62% of their Materials from the Englehardt Branch of KDL



Percentage of Population with Library Cards



Cardholders by Age

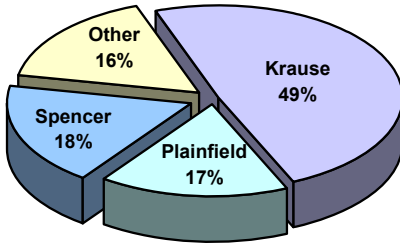




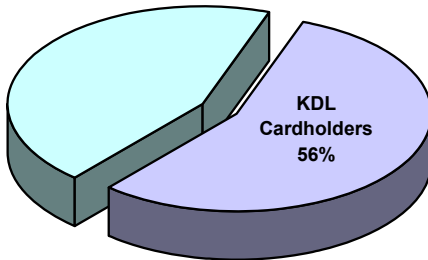
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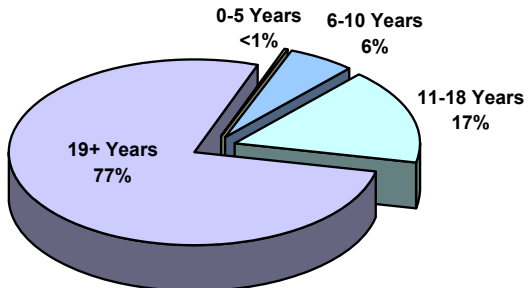
Oakfield Residents Check Out 49% of their Materials from the Krause Memorial Branch of Kent District Library



Percentage of Population with Library Cards



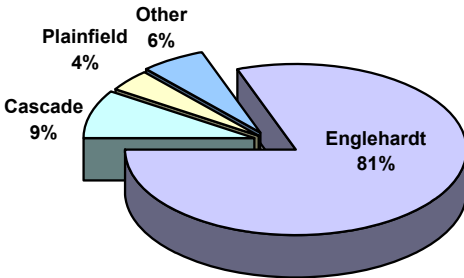
Cardholders by Age



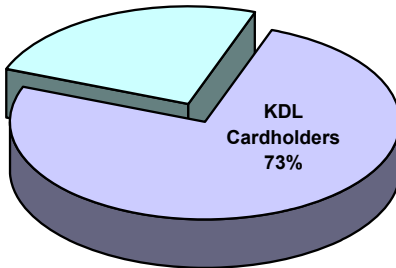
# Vergennes Township

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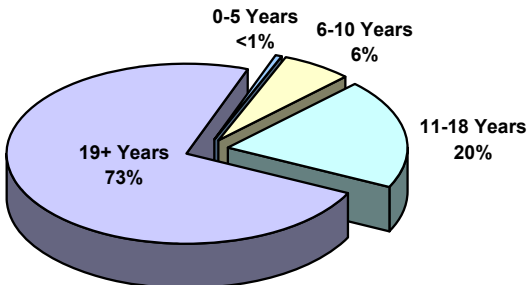
Vergennes Residents Check Out 81% of their Materials from the Englehardt Branch of Kent District Library



Percentage of Population with Library Cards



Cardholders by Age



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Beth McDermott  
Ali and Nadia Metwalli  
Gene and Linda Michaels  
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Charles Myers  
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Norma Oliver  
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Winifred Punt  
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Mike and Betsy Redman  
Irene Robberson  
Robert and Sue Ruby  
Aaron and Rachel Sanders, In Celebration of Andrew  
Sanders Second Christmas  
Greg and Carol Scott, In Honor of Our Grown Children  
Autumn Lori & Stephen August  
Janice Scovel  
Wayne and Jill Sheldon  
Marilyn Shipman, In Celebration of Leslie Levan's Birthday  
Ray and Elizabeth Skeins  
Bob and Jean Snow  
Amy Steketee  
Kim Summers, In Memory of Joan Beamish  
Jane Swenk  
Nancy Swift  
John and Marian Ten Have  
Marilynn TenBroek  
Lois Timmer  
John and Cheryl Tully  
Susan Vance  
Grace Vegter  
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