



CITY OF LAS CRUCES

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, October 23, 2025

1. Call to Order – President Stephen Jones called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M. Library Advisory Board (LAB) Members present: President Stephen Jones, Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson, Secretary Jennifer Kreie, and Members Jessica Streeter, Erin Wahl, Denali Wilson, and Jason Ferguson (newcomer to the LAB). Also, in attendance: Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director; and Dan Carrillo, Administrative Assistant.

a. Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson read the *Land Acknowledgement Statement*.

b. Acceptance of October 23, 2025, Agenda – President Stephen Jones called for a motion to approve as presented; Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson voiced a motion to approve; Secretary Jennifer Kreie seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried. NOTE: Members Jessica Streeter and Erin Wahl were not present for the vote.

2. Review and Approval of September 25, 2025, Minutes – President Stephen Jones called for a motion to approve as presented; Member Jessica Streeter voiced a motion to approve; Member Denali Wilson seconded the motion; all voted in favor; Motion carried. NOTE: Erin Wahl was not present for the vote.

3. Library Deputy Directors Report – Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director, presented the following:

a. Library Statistics & Other Information

i. Ms. Booth welcomed new LAB member Jason Ferguson. He will fill the seat in District 2 that has been vacant for quite some time. Library staff and the LAB introduced themselves to Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson introduced

1 himself. He mentioned he has lived in Las Cruces for four years. He had to
2 give up his board seat on the Veterans Advisory Board to join the LAB. He
3 works from home for Veterans Affairs and will retire in two years. He joined
4 the LAB because he loves the library.

5 ii. The Library statistics were handed out to the LAB. This is attachment 1.

6 iii. Our goal this year has been to continuously increase cardholders. Each
7 month we are gaining approximately 500 new cardholders. Right now, we
8 have 55,490 active users.

9 iv. Use of the Roadrunner Room by the public also continues to increase. In
10 September, we had 58 programs with a total of 1,312 attendees.

11 v. Study rooms were reserved 130 times in September, with 186 people using
12 the rooms.

13 b. Personnel Updates

14 i. Librarian II (Collection Development): This position has been posted. It will
15 close on November 24, 2025. We are posting it for a longer period in hopes
16 of getting more applications. This is a new position that City Council
17 approved in July 2025.

18 ii. Library Page: This position had 266 individuals apply. 73 of those were
19 invited to take the written exam – About 50 showed up, with around 40
20 passing it. The exam was given on October 1-2, 2025. Sarah Murphy,
21 Library Supervisor, is aligning with Human Resources regarding
22 candidates to interview.

23 c. Library Programs & Events, Other Information and Updates

24 i. We have started to receive new furniture for the library. The tables and
25 chairs are new in the Staff Conference Room. New lounge chairs and new
26 tables for the Board Room will be delivered and assembled on November
27 10, 2025. In December 2025, the next round of lounge chairs will be

1 delivered, as well as non-rolling chairs for the board room. The old furniture
2 was taken by many departments in the City. An all-city email was sent by
3 Dan Carrillo, Administrative Assistant, advertising the free items for City
4 department use. The items were claimed quickly. All the new furniture is
5 courtesy of G.O. Bond funds.

6 ii. The Border Regional Library Association (BRLA) Conference will be held
7 here on November 15, 2025. With the help of Erin Wahl, the State Library
8 will be attending as well. The conference will be at City Hall and the Library.

9 iii. Next Friday is Halloween. The House of Dracula will be Monday through
10 Friday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. This will be in the Teen Room. There will be
11 activities for everyone in one room, and the other room will be a little
12 scarier. We are trying to win the City's Halloween contest they hold every
13 year.

14 iv. November 7, 2025, is our 90th Anniversary Celebration. The program will
15 be from 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. in the Roadrunner Room. Mayor Enriquez and
16 Councilor McClure will be speaking, the architects will be here, and cake
17 will be served.

18 v. As you may have heard, our book vendor Baker and Taylor (B&T) declared
19 bankruptcy after almost 200 years in business. This is a huge loss not only
20 for the Library, but all the library world. We never received a formal letter
21 from Baker and Taylor. Staff saw rumors online and I reached out to our
22 representative who confirmed the news. Due to previous inconsistencies
23 with our orders, we had already planned to reach out to other vendors. That
24 plan is not immediate due to the bankruptcy announcement. We have
25 reached out to Ingram and are establishing an agreement with them.
26 However, there will be a gap in receiving materials until the agreement is
27 finalized. Also, Ingram is swamped with orders due to B&T going out of

1 business. We will be ordering from Barnes and Noble and Amazon during
2 this time, but those vendors do not give the substantial discounts that Baker
3 and Taylor offers, so orders will be limited.

4 d. Library Renovation & Expansion

5 i. The City held six meetings at the end of September to discuss how to spend
6 gross receipt tax funding. The Library came out high at all of those
7 meetings, which is excellent news.

8 ii. Desert Peak Architects along with Brad Waters, Godfrey's Associates, Inc.,
9 will present their design to City Council on Monday, October 27, 2025. It
10 really makes a difference if you can attend. It's at 1 P.M. and is a Work
11 Session, so there isn't a lot of public comment.

12 iii. On Friday, November 7th we will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the
13 Library. There will be several activities, including a presentation on the
14 renovation design. I don't have exact times yet.

15 iv. We will be returning to Santa Fe in January 2026, and we need your help.
16 We don't have an exact date yet, but it will be sometime in January 2026.
17 City officials are recommending that we ask for ten million from the State
18 Legislature for the renovation. We really need your help to advocate for this
19 important project.

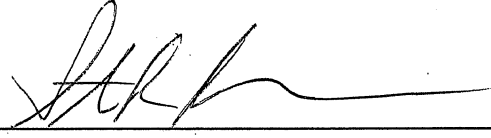
20 e. President Stephen Jones called for a motion to accept the Library Director's
21 Report; Member Denali Wilson voiced a motion to accept; Member Jessica
22 Streeter seconded the motion; all voted in favor; Motion carried.

23 4. Announcements/Other Information – The following was shared:

24 a. As usual, there is no LAB meeting in November. The next LAB meeting is
25 Thursday, December 11, 2025.

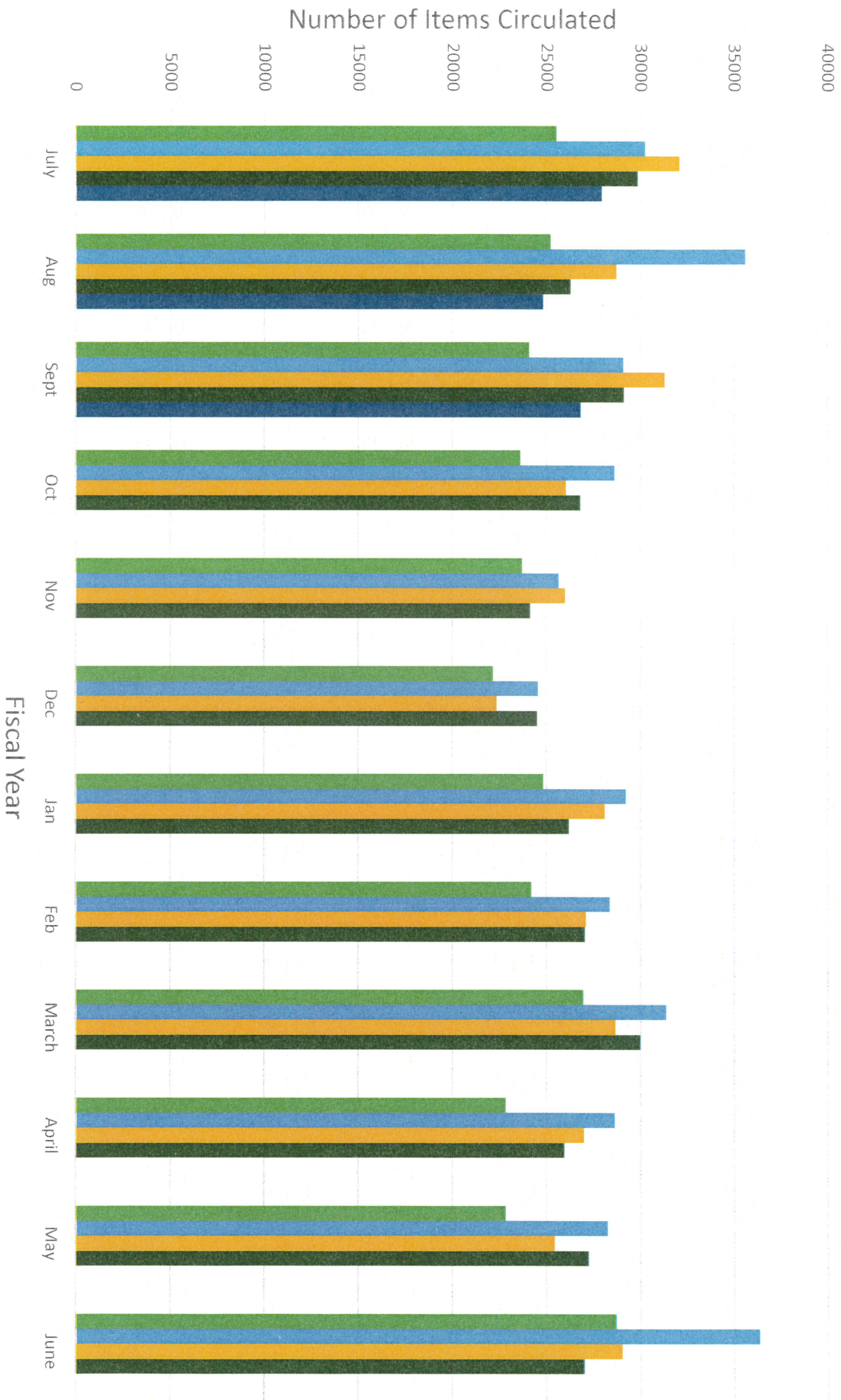
26 5. Public Participation – None present.

1 6. Adjournment – President Stephen Jones entertained a motion to adjourn meeting; meeting
2 adjourned at approximately 3:31 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday,
3 December 11, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. in the Staff Conference Room on the 2nd floor of TBML.

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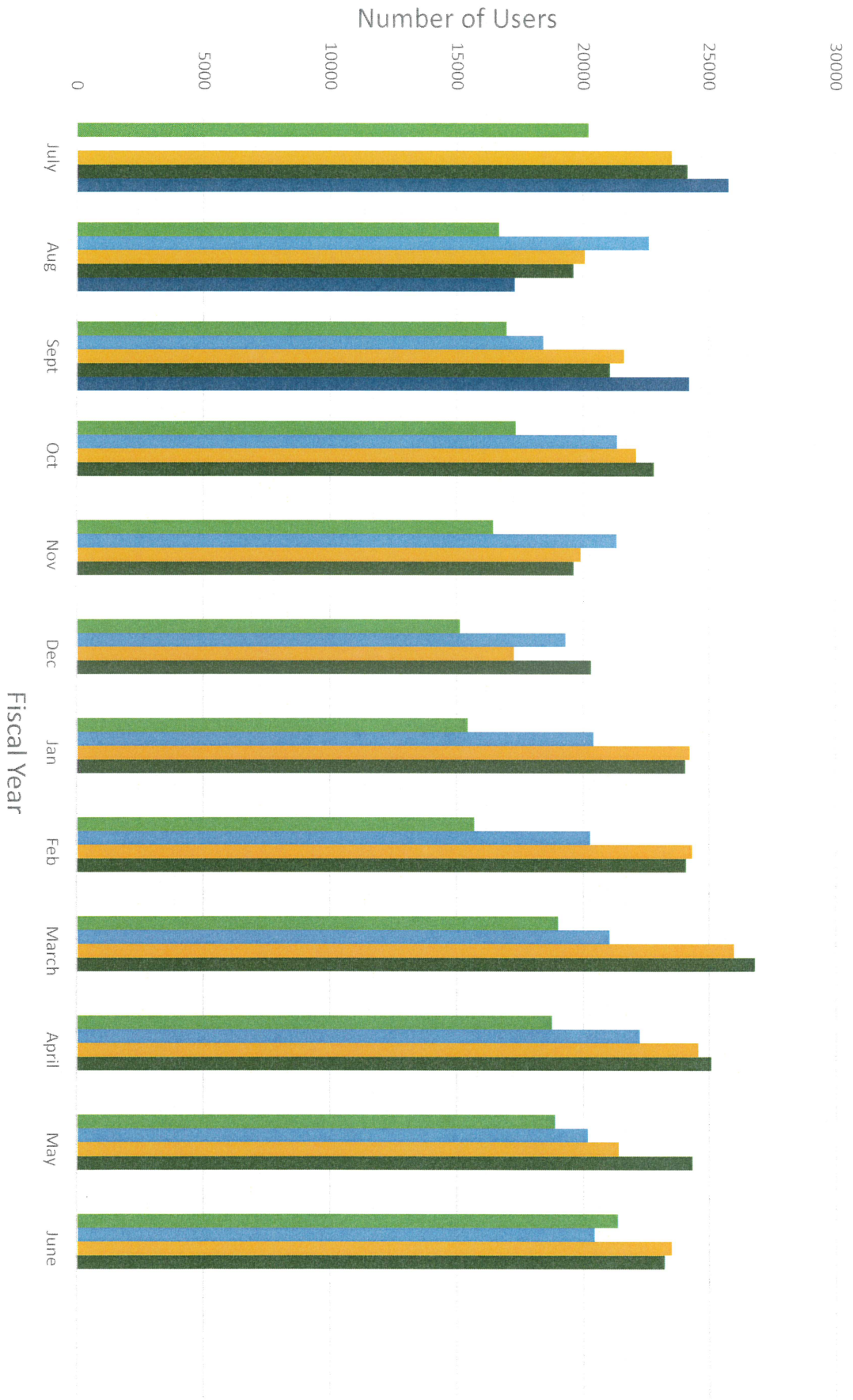
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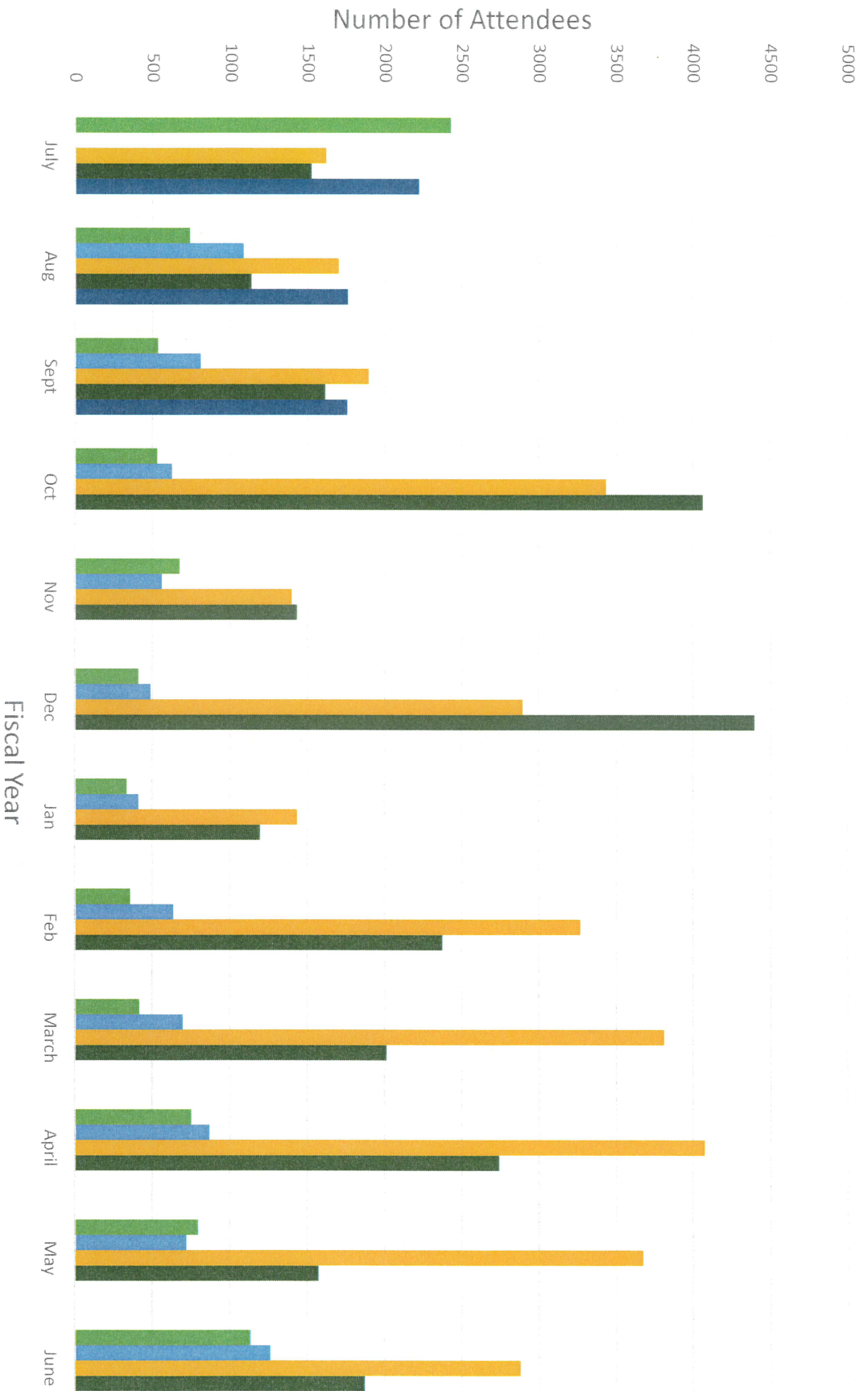
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Las Cruces Public Libraries User Count Year To Date



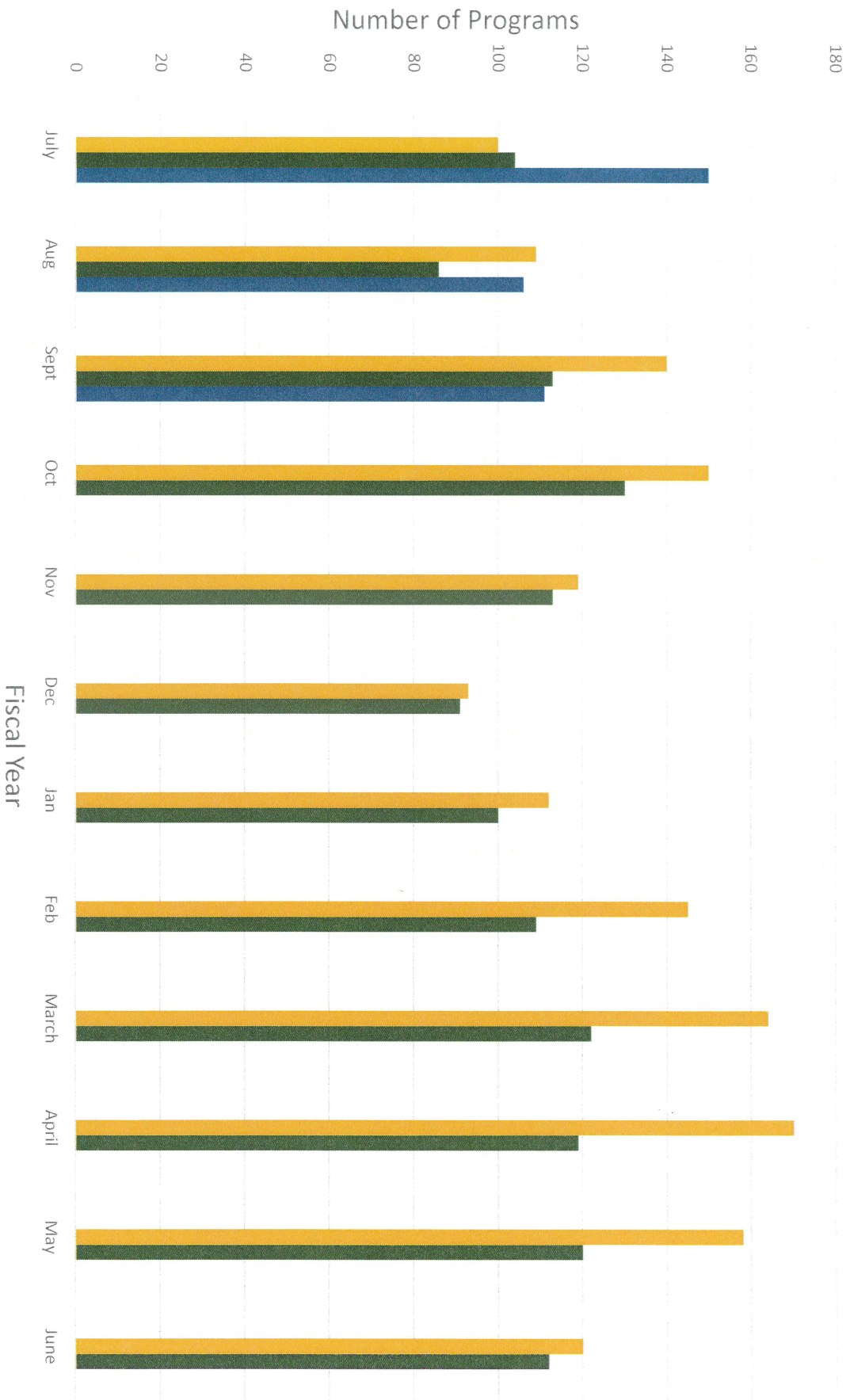
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Las Cruces Public Libraries Library Programs



Las Cruces Public Libraries New Cardholders By Month

