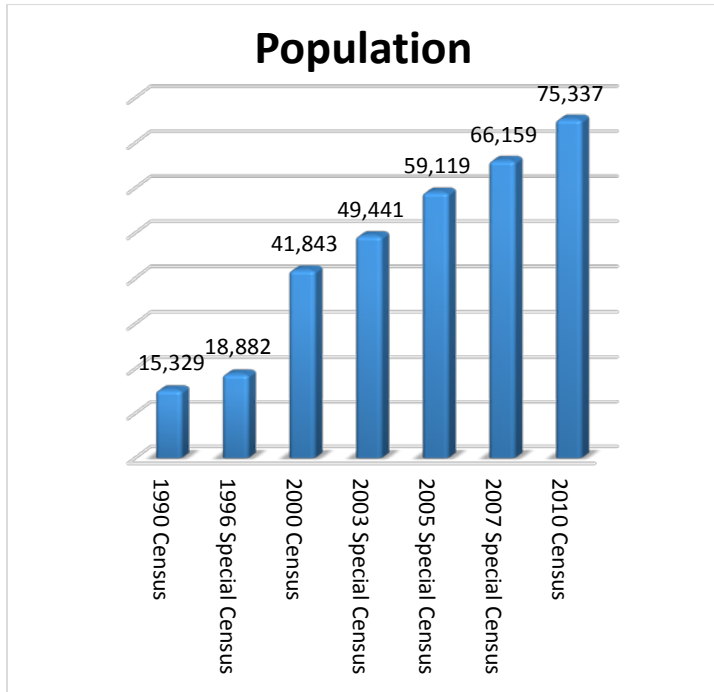


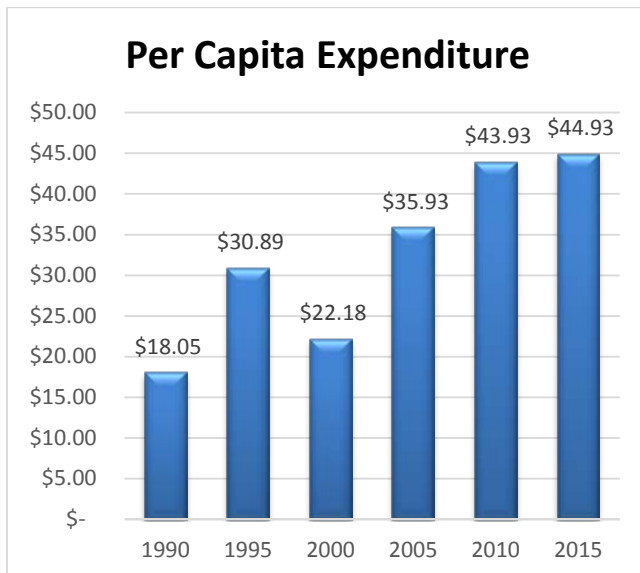
## **Plainfield Public Library Use 1990 to 2015**

In the 25 years since the groundbreaking for the current Library building, the Plainfield community has grown significantly – and so has its use of the Library.

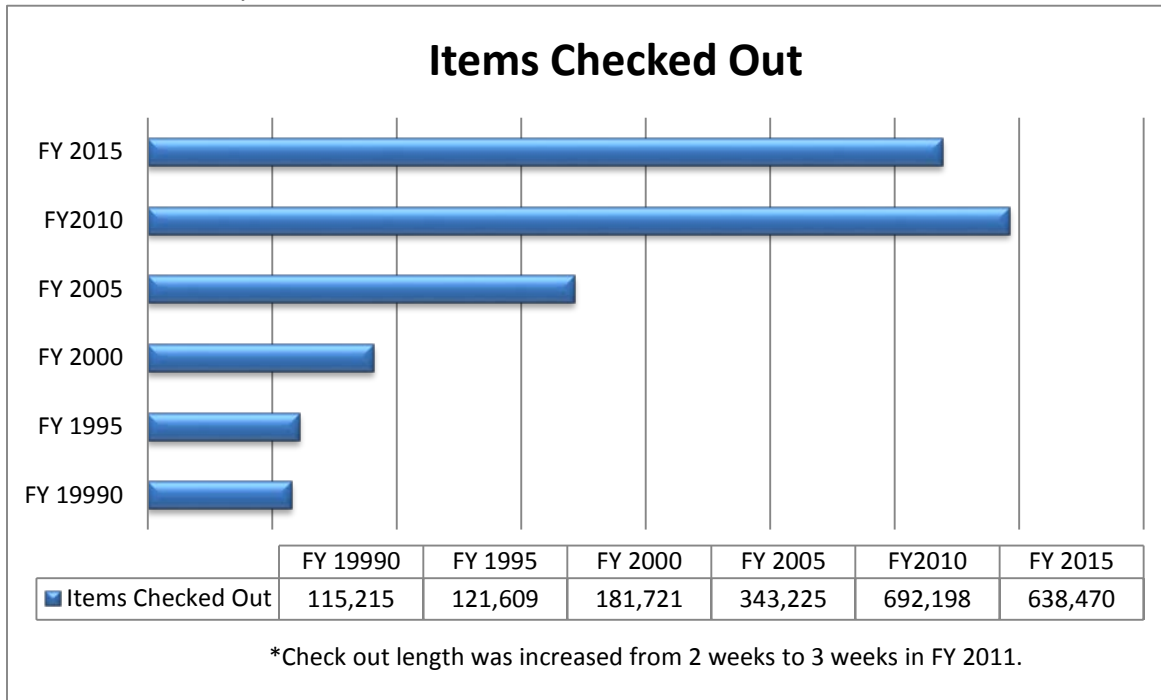
Population increased **391%** from 15,329 to 75,337.



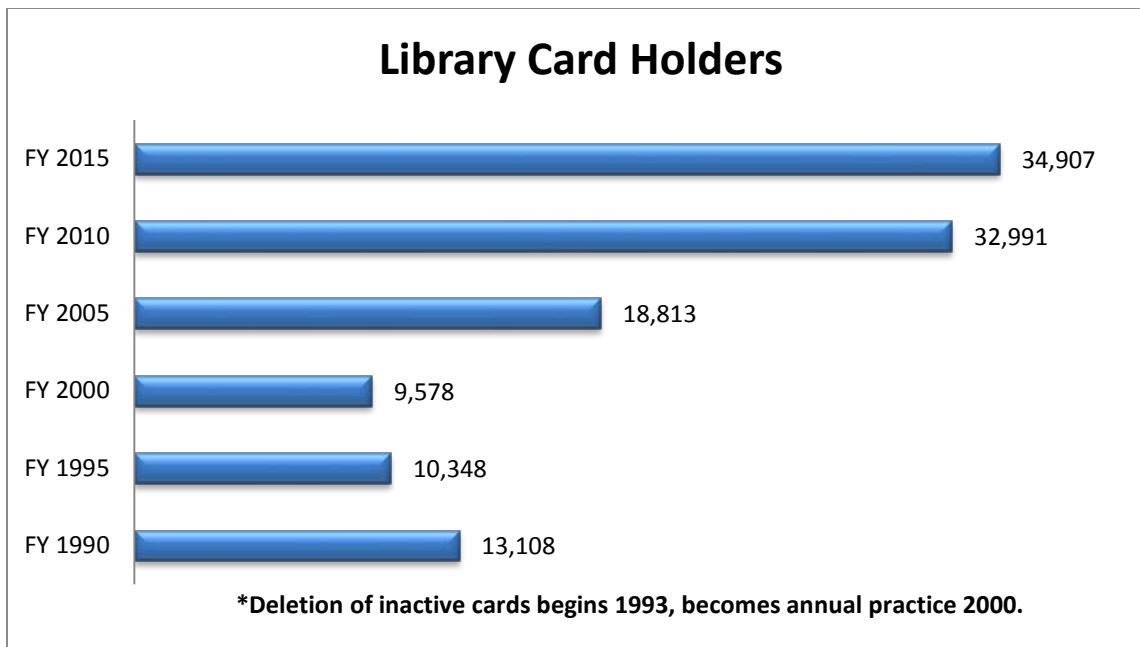
Per capita expenditure increased **149%** from \$18.05 to \$44.93.



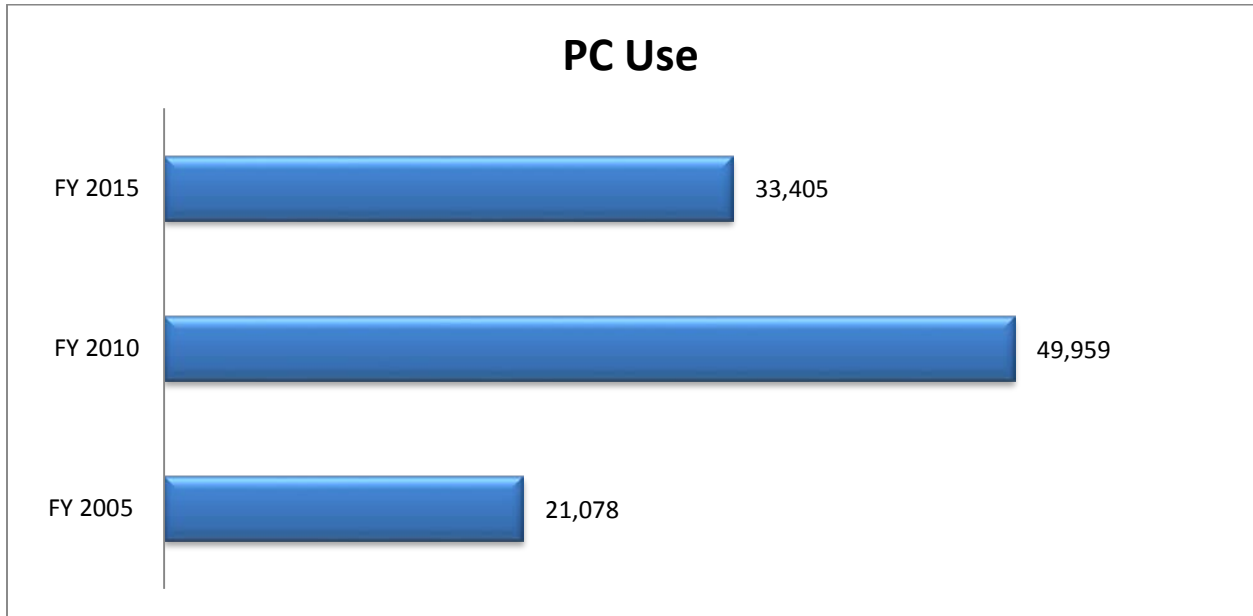
Check outs of library items increased **454%** from 115,215 to 638,470.



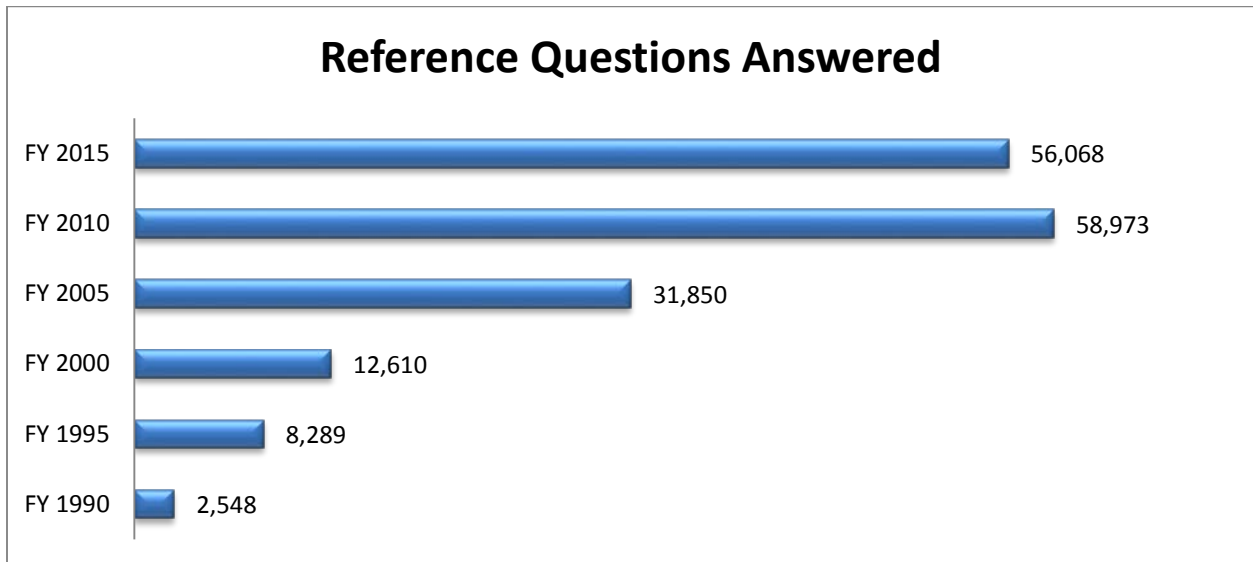
Cardholders increased **166%** from 13,108 to 34,907. Prior to 1993, all cardholder records, regardless of activity status, were retained indefinitely. Inactive cards were deleted sporadically from 1993-2000 and annually thereafter. Since 2009, cardholders as percent of population has held steady near 50%.



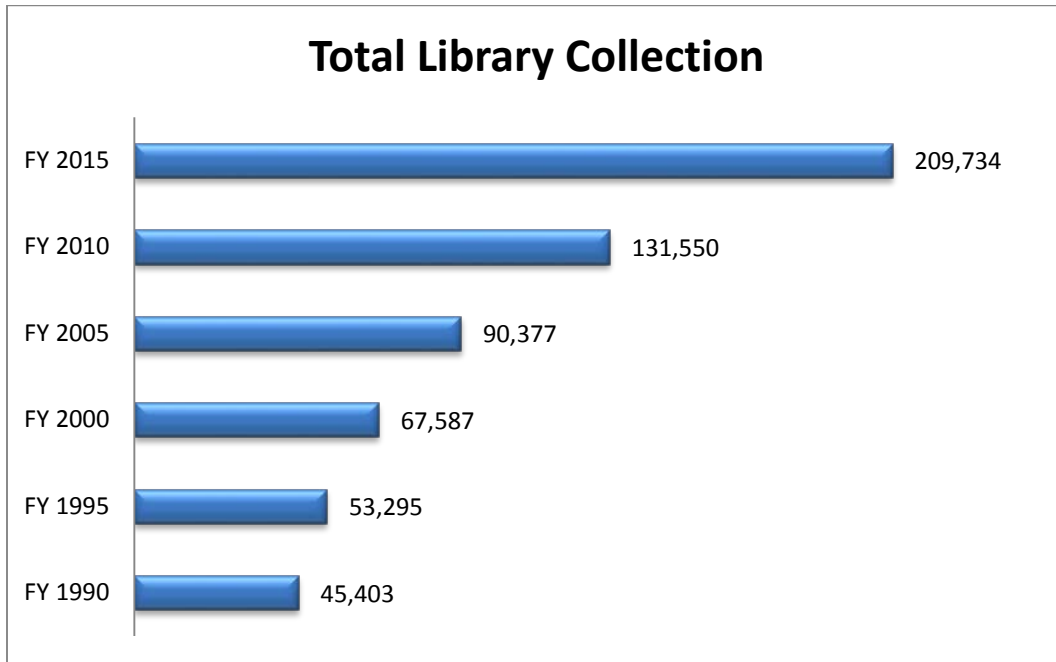
Use of public computers was not tracked until the end of 2004. In 2015, residents logged over 33,000 sessions on library computers for over **23,900** total hours of use.



Reference questions answered increased **2,100%** from 2,548 to 56,068. For the easy questions, people ask the Internet, for the hard questions, they ask librarians.



Library collection of materials increased **362%** from 45,403 to 209,734. Many formats in the collection today did not exist in 1990 – CD, DVD, Blu-ray, ebook, eaudiobook and MP3, as well as streaming of movies, music and more.



Program attendance was not tracked until 1993. Attendance increased **2,191%** from 2,214 to 50,716. From 2004 to 2014, passive attendance (i.e. individuals picking up Library information at a community event like the Business Expo or signing up for a library card at a school family literacy night) was included in program attendance statistics.

