Reference Activity Statistics

													2023
Reference Activity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 ²	2021 ³	2022	2023	Increase
Reference Desks	43,576	43,548	54,284	55,489	56,722	58,437	68,387	61,849	36,960	49,456	48,537	55,765	14.89%
Office Consultations 4	5,673	6,272	6,660	7,561	9,512	7,576	9,291	8,618	8,236	9,573	8,940	6,488	-27.43%
Total Reference	49,249	49,820	60,944	63,050	66,234	66,013	77,678	70,467	45,196	59,029	57,477	62,253	8.31%

													2023
Other Consulting	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Increase
Technical and Circulation	43,264	43,237	47,052										
Tech Troubleshooting ¹				10,457	12,922	17,100	14,701	12,833	5,767	10,040	10,795	9,539	-11.64%
Circulation				39,898	41,082	45,781	61,189	60,086	40,920	45,100	50,945	50,705	-0.47%
<u>Directional</u>	22,221	19,334	15,974	13,856	15,100	16,495	16,237	13,791	8,732	14,708	15,084	16,802	11.39%

¹ Technical and Circulation were separated beginning in 2015

² Lower reference figures, as well as statistics across the board in the library during 2020 due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions associated with it.

With COVID restrictions lifted, statistics improved considerably in 2021.
Beginning in 2021, Office Consultations include both traditional reference transactions and liaison activity by subject librarians and non-student employee staff













