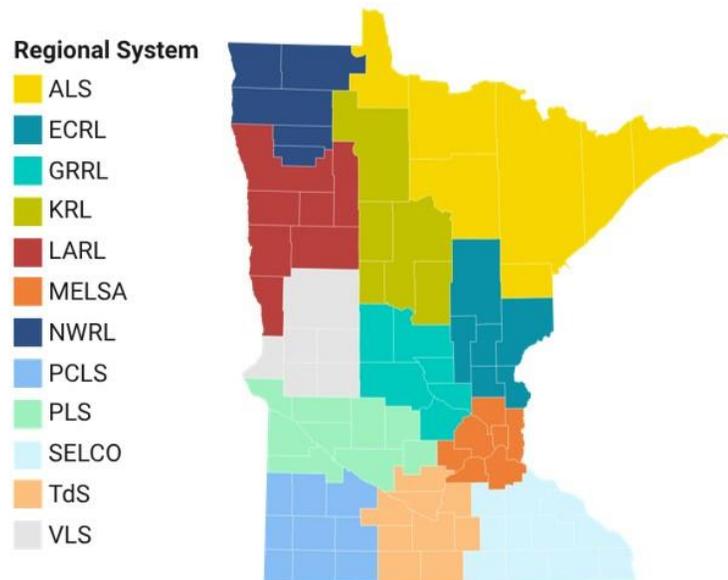


## Circulating E-Materials in Minnesota Public Libraries

The figures in this presentation are derived from the [2024 Annual Minnesota Public Library Report](#). This data serves as Minnesota’s formal contribution to the [National Public Library Survey](#), a federal requirement mandated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Circulating e-materials include electronic books, digital audiobooks, streaming video, and online magazines that are checked out to library users.

Most public libraries in Minnesota provide circulating e-materials to their patrons through regionally licensed collections. In 2024, 15% of public libraries licensed circulating e-materials for local use, in addition to what is available through their regional library systems.



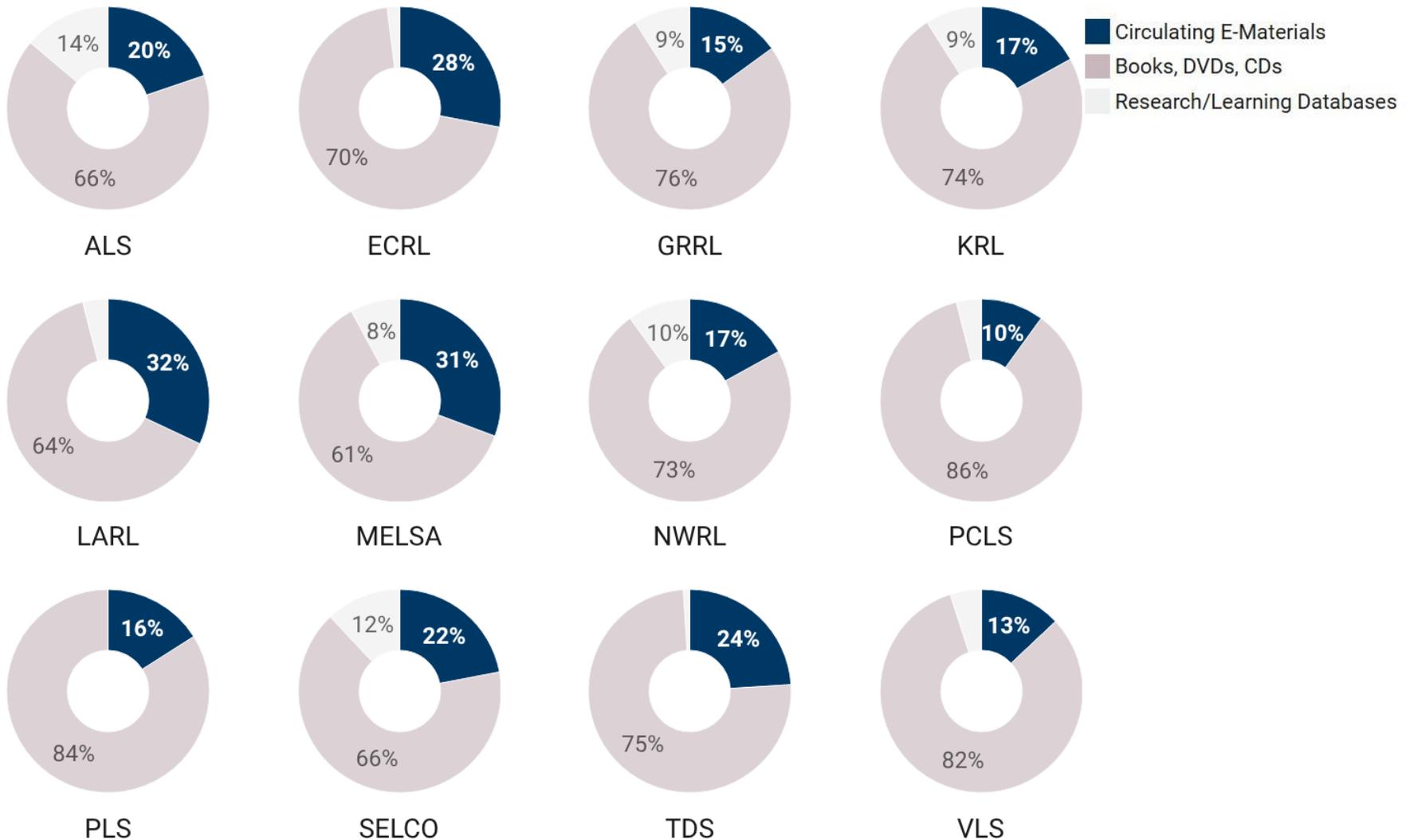
**Regional Totals for Circulating E-Materials in 2024**

	Quantity	Expenditure	Checkouts
<b>MELSA</b> (Metropolitan Library Service Agency)	938,890	\$5,423,350	12,767,572
<b>SELCO</b> (Southeastern Libraries Cooperating)	504,695	\$801,504	977,594
<b>GRRL</b> (Great River Regional Library)	38,189	\$294,291	478,063
<b>ALS</b> (Arrowhead Library System)	74,638	\$337,923	427,500
<b>TDS</b> (Traverse Des Sioux Library System)	30,146	\$380,172	409,881
<b>ECRL</b> (East Central Regional Library)	50,518	\$210,461	254,170
<b>LARL</b> (Lake Agassiz Regional Library)	34,621	\$191,697	245,912
<b>VLS</b> (Viking Library System)	20,733	\$106,593	127,719
<b>KRL</b> (Kitchigami Regional Library)	10,093	\$199,627	102,556
<b>PLS</b> (Pioneerland Library System)	17,337	\$98,639	89,222
<b>PCLS</b> (Plum Creek Library System)	16,726	\$90,940	76,738
<b>NWRL</b> (Northwest Regional Library)	5,513	\$56,640	37,346
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,742,099</b>	<b>\$8,191,837</b>	<b>15,994,273</b>

## Current Usage of Circulating E-Materials

Libraries have been investing in “physical” collections – books, CDs, DVDs, etc. – for decades, so the physical collection is still the largest and most well used part of the collection. In 2024, circulating e-materials accounted for between 10% and 32% of the collection use within each region.

### 2024 Percent of Checkouts by Format, by Regional System

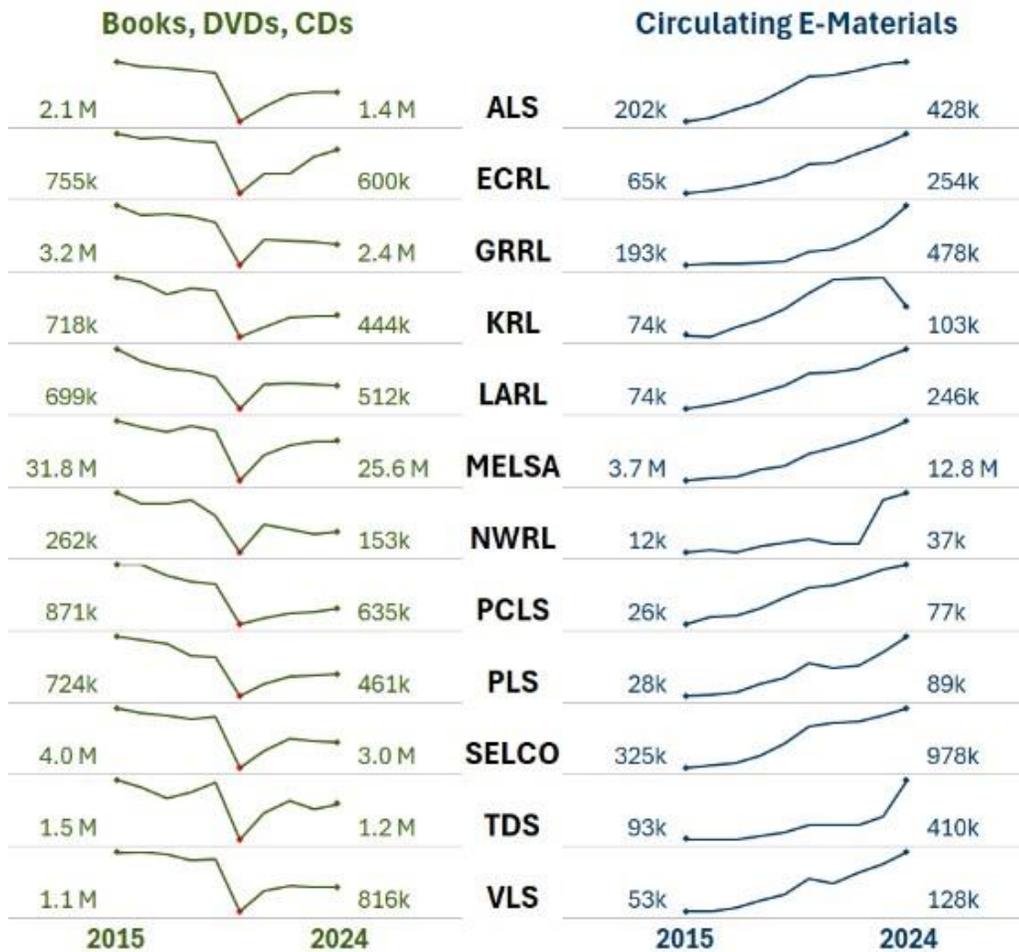


## Ten-Year Trends

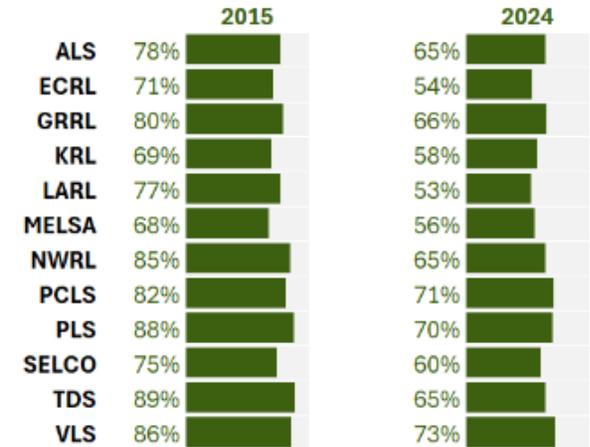
Over the past ten years, the demand for circulating e-materials (as measured by usage) has increased at a similar rate in all regions across the state.

Accordingly, in each region, libraries are spending more of the collections budget on circulating e-materials than on physical materials.

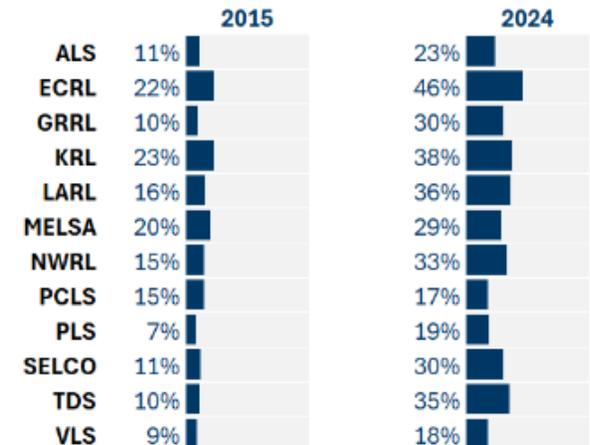
### Checkouts by Format, by Regional System, from 2015-2024



### % of Collections Budget Spent on Books, DVDs, CDs



### % of Collections Budget Spent on Circulating E-Materials



Data source: Minnesota Public Library Annual Reports, 2015-2024.  
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