

1998 busiest year for Warrenton Library

The Warrenton Library had its busiest year in 1998 with a circulation of 57,094 items. This is the highest circulation in the library's history.

Total circulation increased by 3,650 over the previous year. That year, circulation, which had been steadily climbing, dropped by over 2,000 items due to construction of the new Warren County Government Center, causing parking to become a serious

problem for library users.

Despite the fact that parking remains a problem for people coming to the library, an estimated 21,658 visits were made to the library last year.

The most frequently borrowed items continue to be adult books and they accounted for 29,980 of the total circulation. The most popular section at the library is the collection of current best sellers.

The What's New at the Library annotated booklist distributed by the library tells patrons of all new adult titles that have recently been added to the Scenic Regional Library collection.

Circulation of children's books accounted for 21,187 of total items borrowed. Use by children has remained between 21,000 and 22,000 for several years. During the summer, 274 children partici-

pated in the summer reading program.

Also included in the total circulation is 5,927 items that include magazines, videos and books on cassette. Books on cassette continue to grow in popularity with library patrons.

Scenic Regional Library's collection includes both abridged and unabridged recordings of popular titles by authors such as John

Grisham, Stephen King, Danielle Steel, Patricia Cornwell, John Jakes, Dana Fuller Ross and June Bacher. The collection also includes non-fiction titles.

Books on cassette are frequently used by commuters and individuals going on vacation as well as those who like to listen to them while working on hobbies.

Another service that is increasing in popularity is

access to the Internet. The library has three computers the public can use to access the Internet. Individuals research a wide range of topics including genealogy, job searches, bargain airfares, and stock information.

The Warrenton Library is located across from the Warren County Annex building on South Market. For more information, call 456-3321.