



# SHARED LIBRARY SERVICES

September 26, 2019



# Goal

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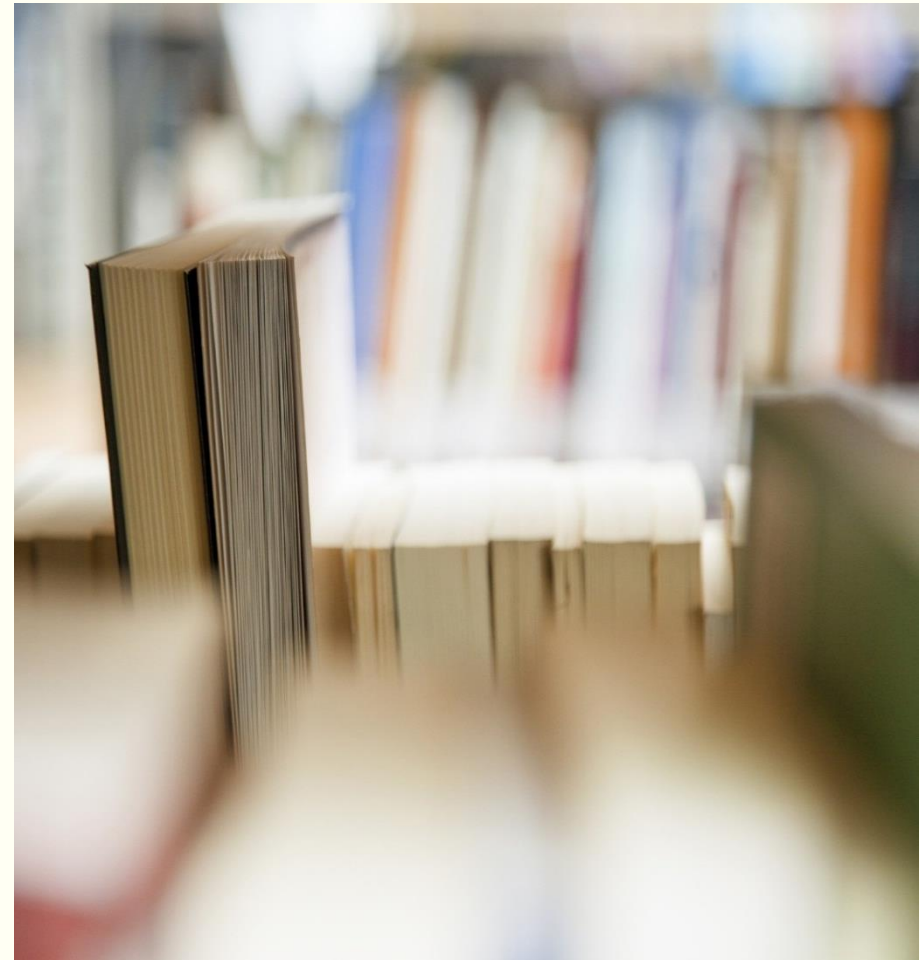
Ensure that the citizens of Manassas are receiving the best services possible for the funds allocated to provide library services



# Background

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- The City of Manassas has participated in the Prince William Public Library System since 1976
- The City of Manassas is a member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOCG)
- The MWCOCG agreement in place allows citizens in the region to use any library at no cost as long as the member locality has a library system
- In 2015, when Prince William County (PWC) decided to build two new libraries, Haymarket/Gainesville and Montclair, a new Shared Services Library agreement was signed by the three jurisdictions for library services excluding the new libraries
- This current library agreement runs through June 30, 2020



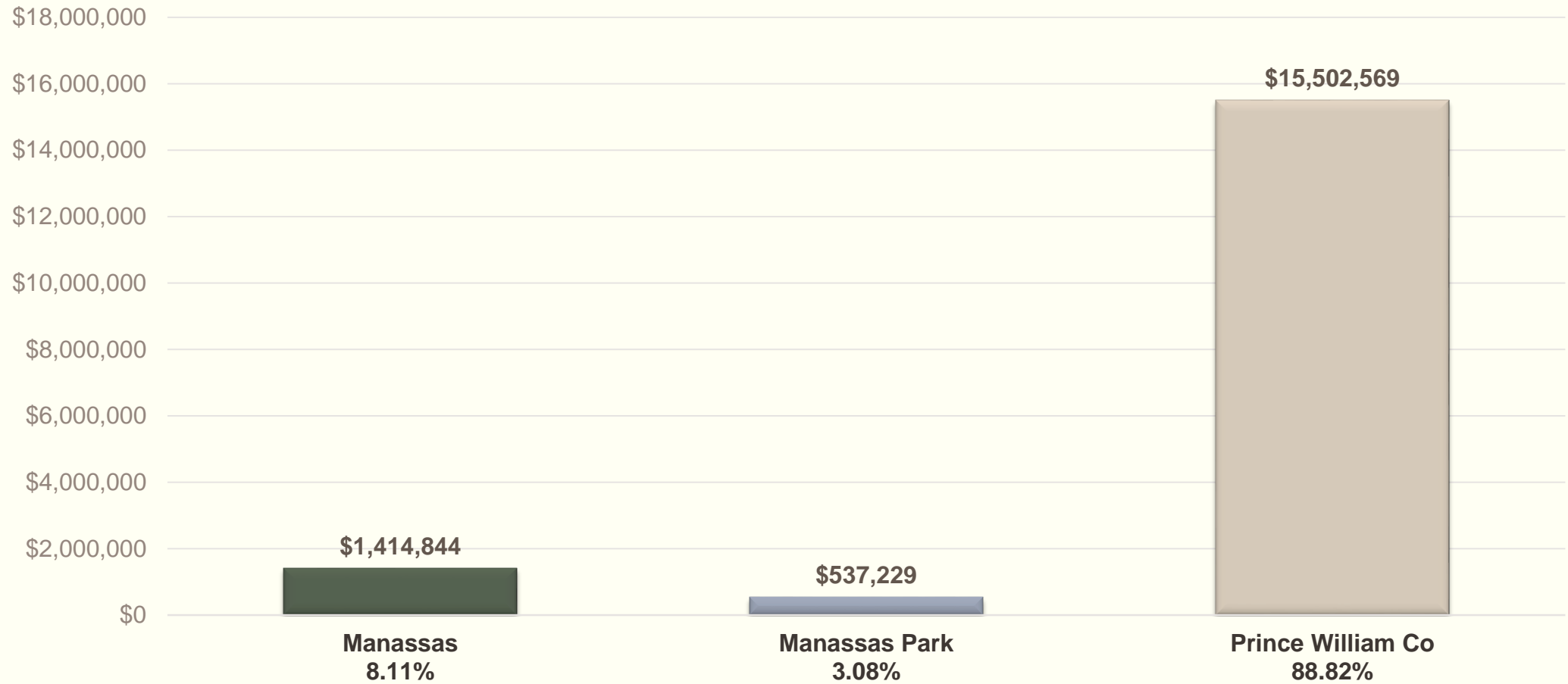
# Current Library Services Agreement

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- “Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the parties agree to enter into good faith discussions regarding the construction of future libraries and/or renovations of the existing libraries, including Central Library, and potential replacements therefore in each of the Cities.”
- Alternatives:
  - Renovation or replacement of Central Library
  - Construction of one or more new libraries with the potential of at least one library being located in each city
  - Closure of Central Library

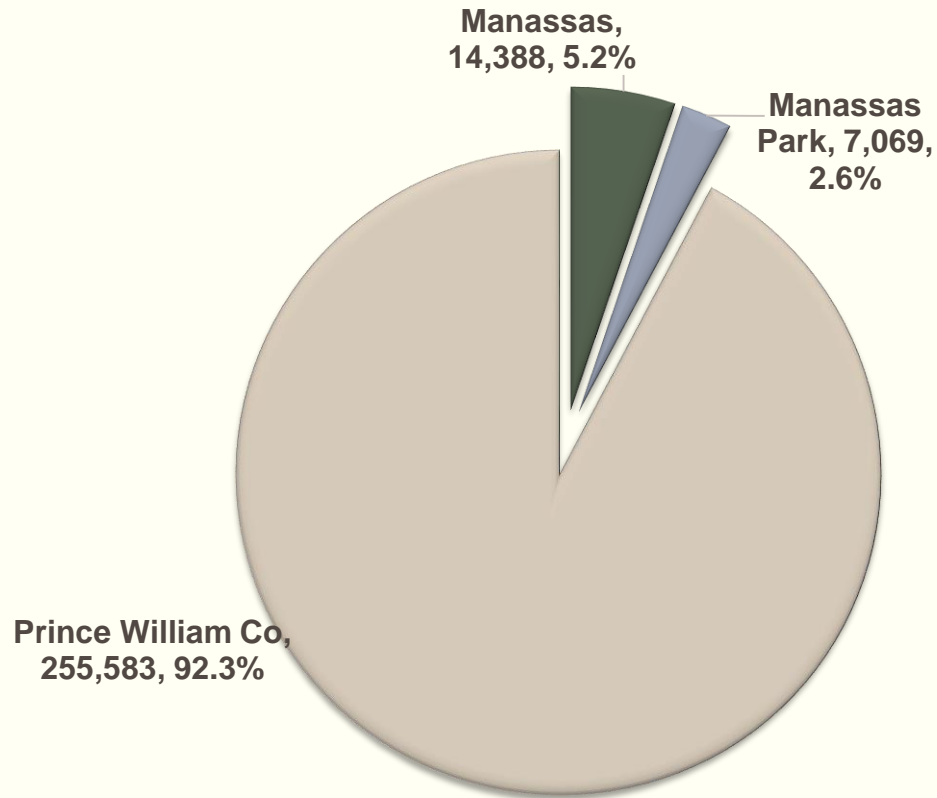
# Distribution of Budgeted Net Local Costs FY19

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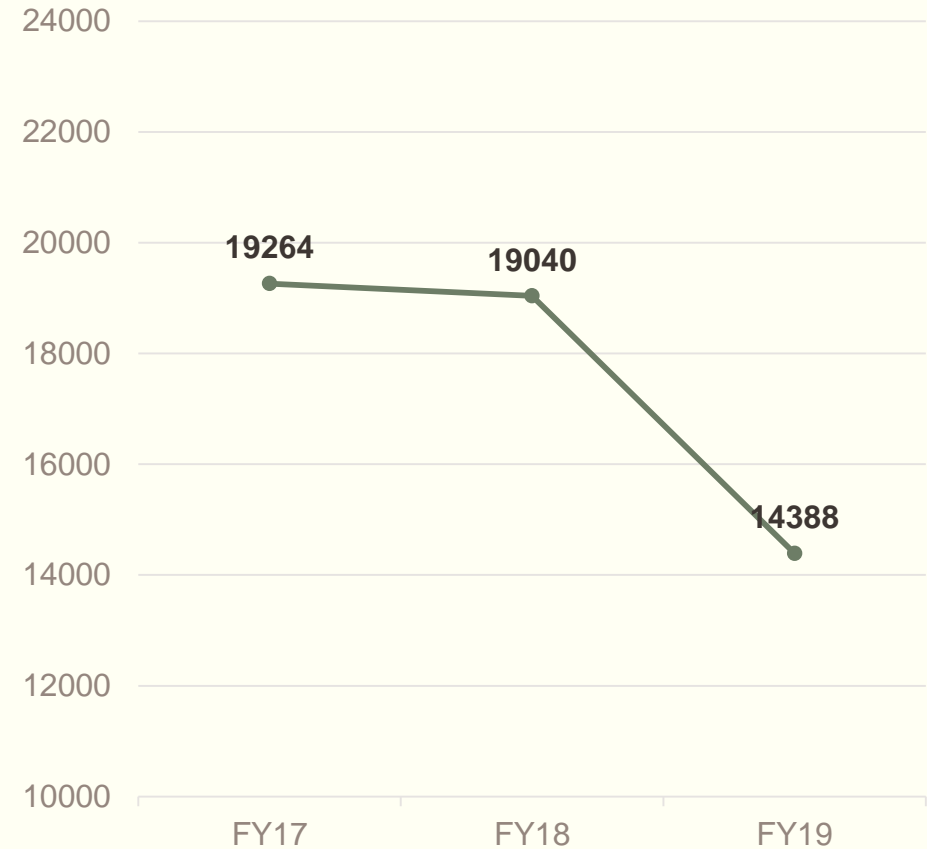


# PWC Library Patrons June 2019

## Registered Patrons FY19



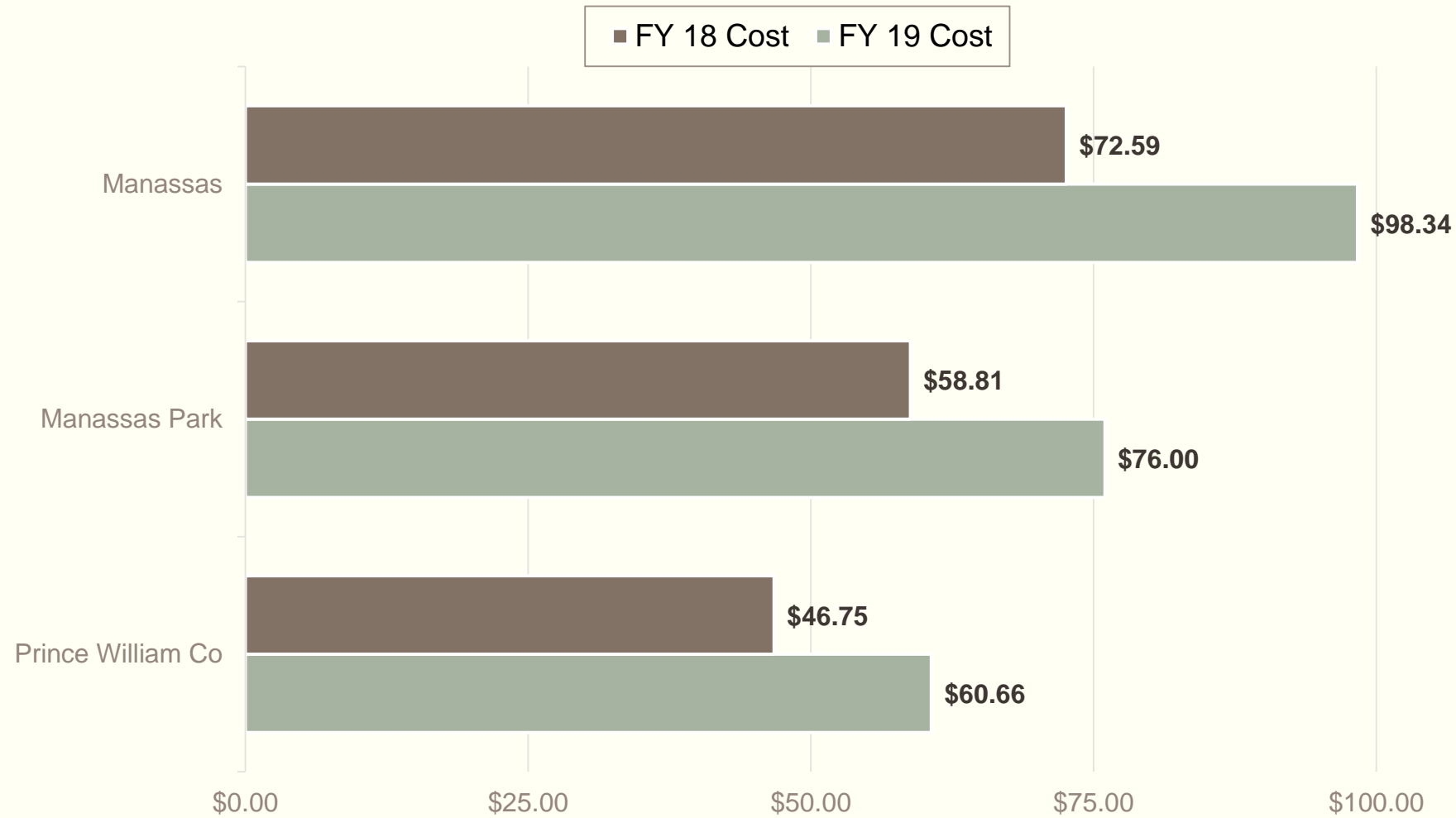
## Manassas Registered Patrons FY17-FY19



*\*Based on PWPLS June 2019 Monthly Statistics*

# PWC Library Patrons: Cost Per Patron FY18 & FY19

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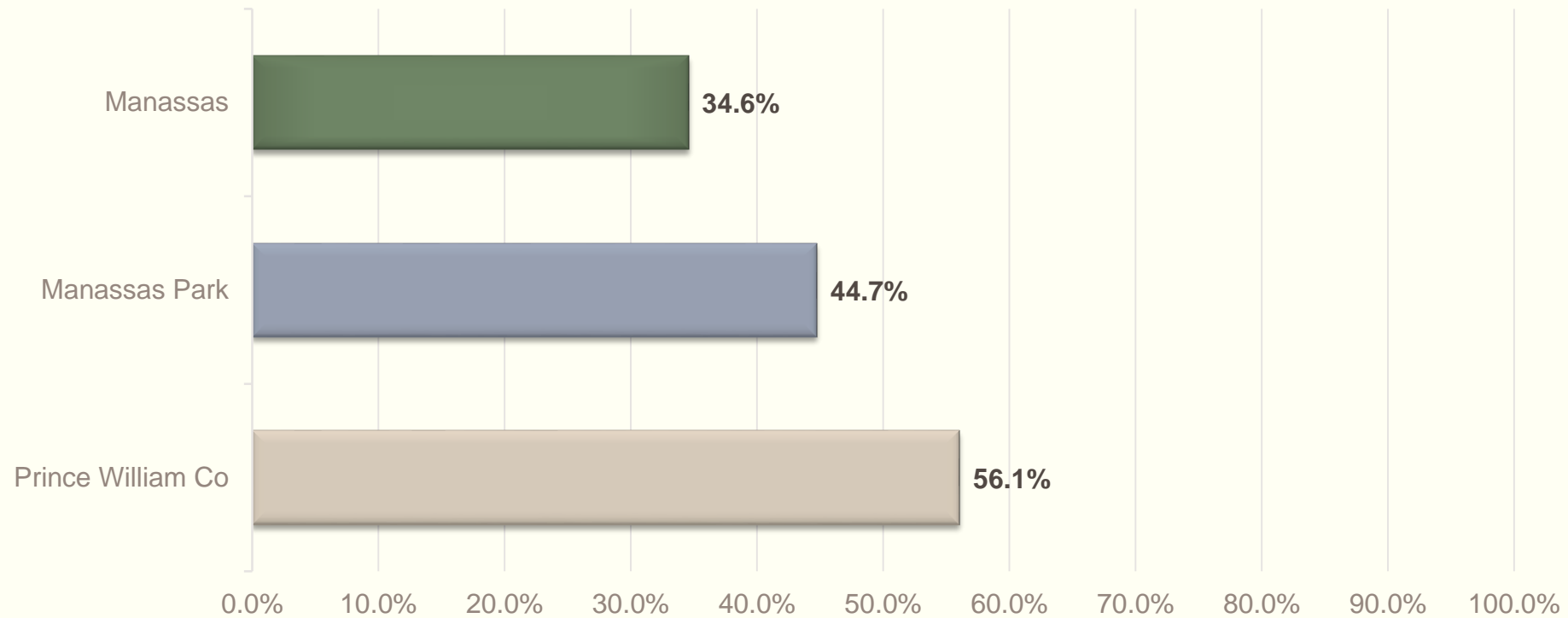


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# PWC Library Patrons FY19

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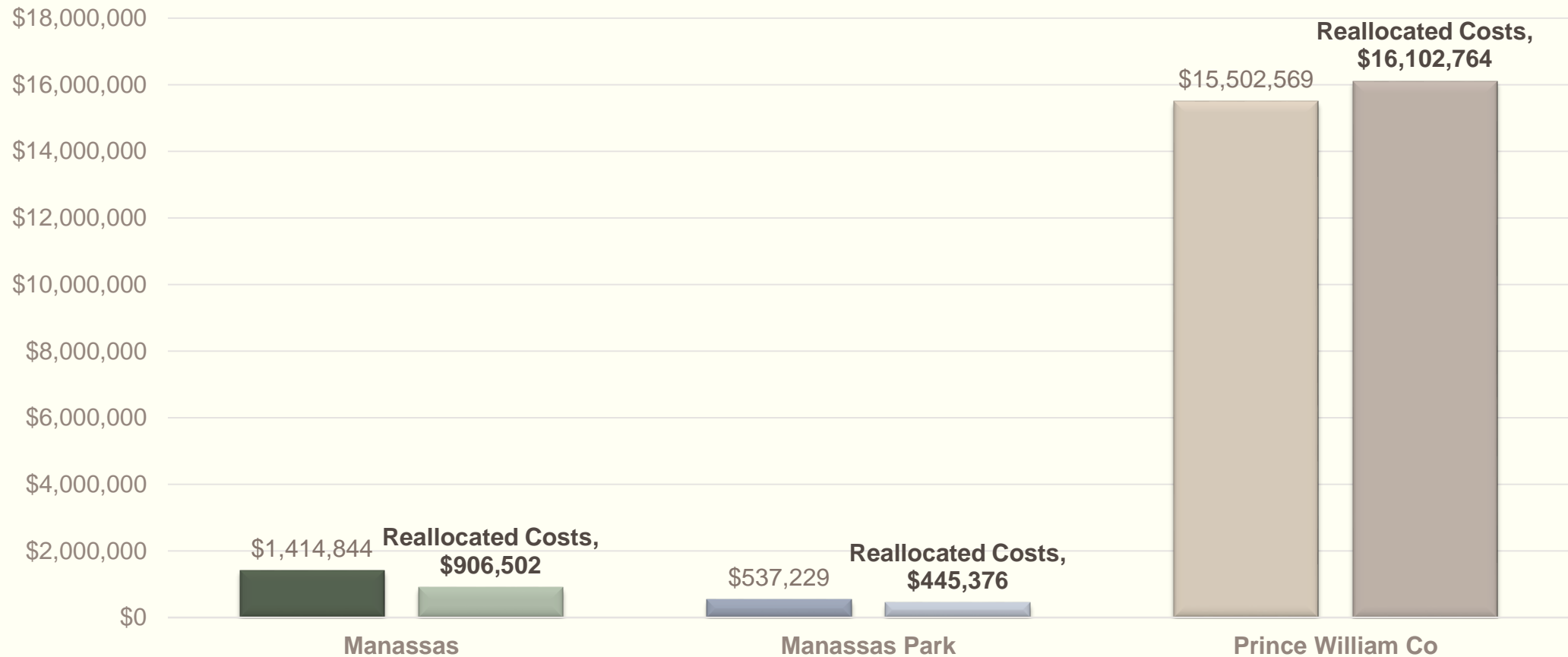
## Patrons as a Percentage of Population



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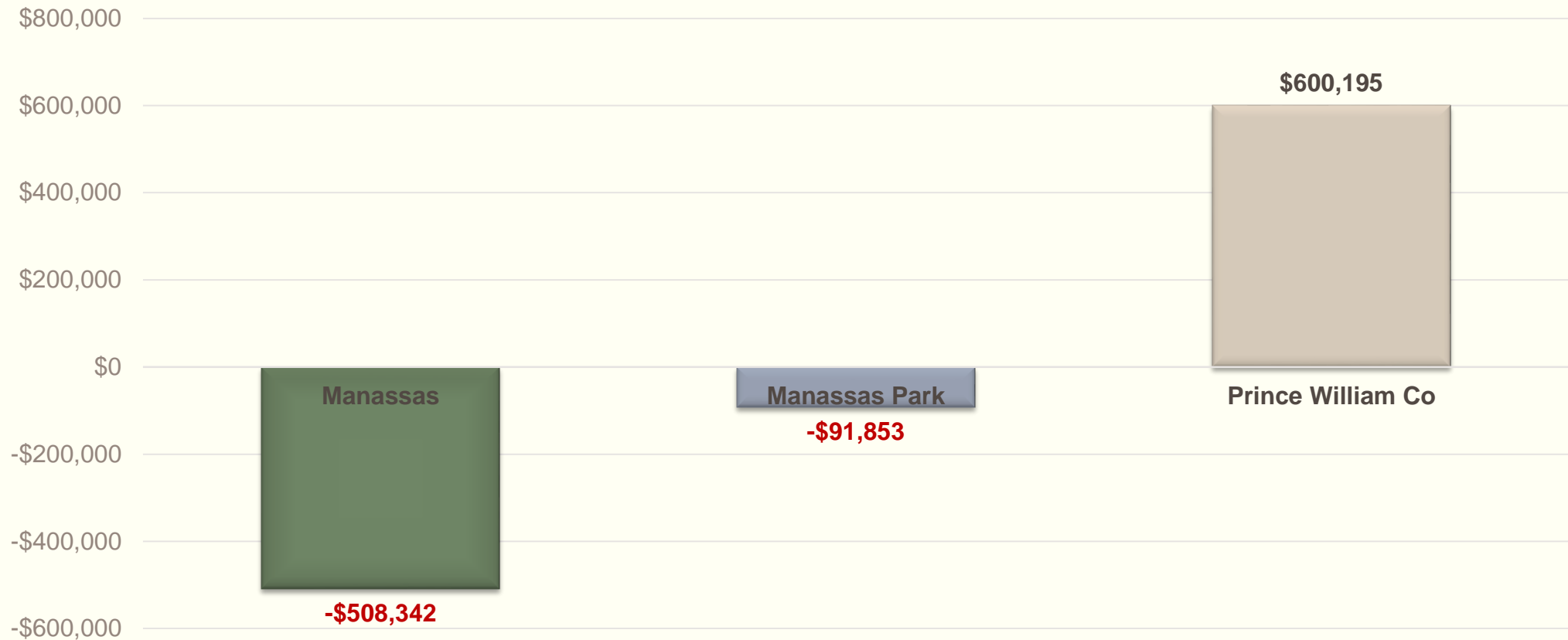


# Reallocated Distribution of Budgeted Net Local Costs FY19 Based on Usage



*\*Based on total costs / total patrons x registered patrons per jurisdiction (per PWPLS June 2019 Monthly Stats)*

# Reallocated Distribution of Budget Based on Usage (Differences in Net Local Costs FY19)

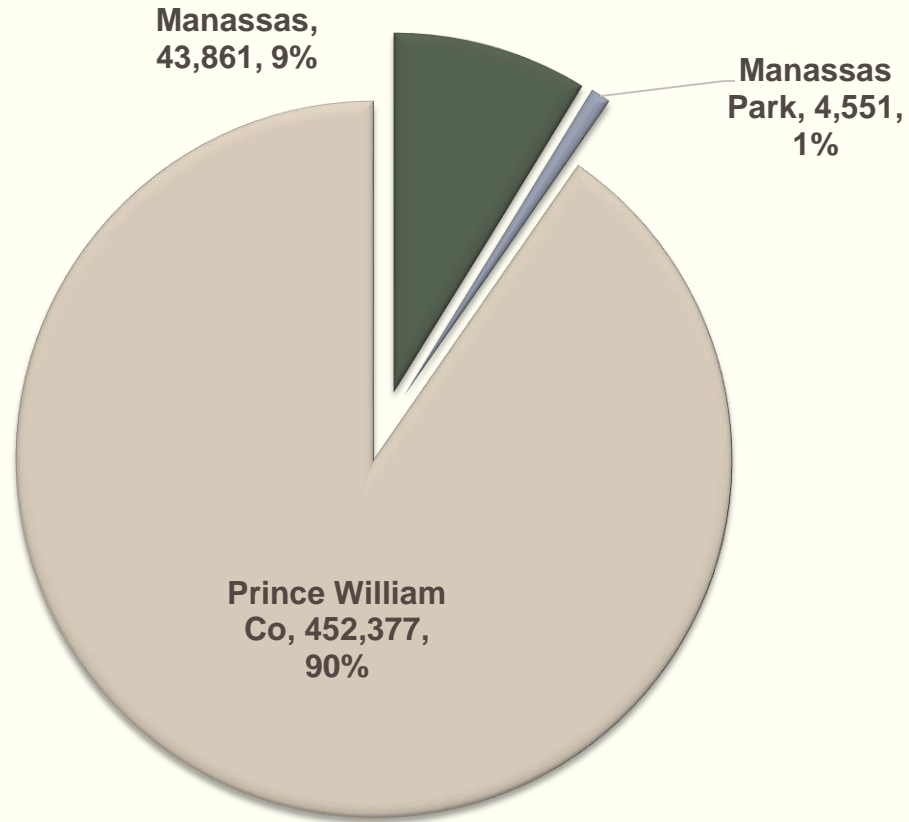


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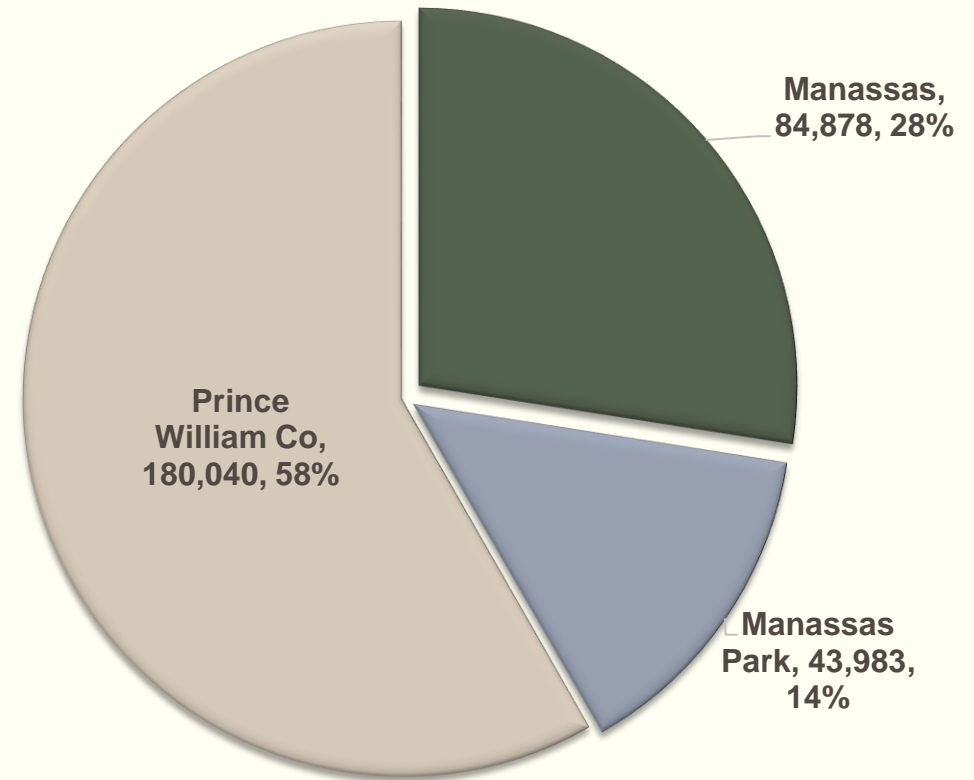
# PWC Library Circulation–Bull Run & Central (June FY19)

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## Bull Run Circulation



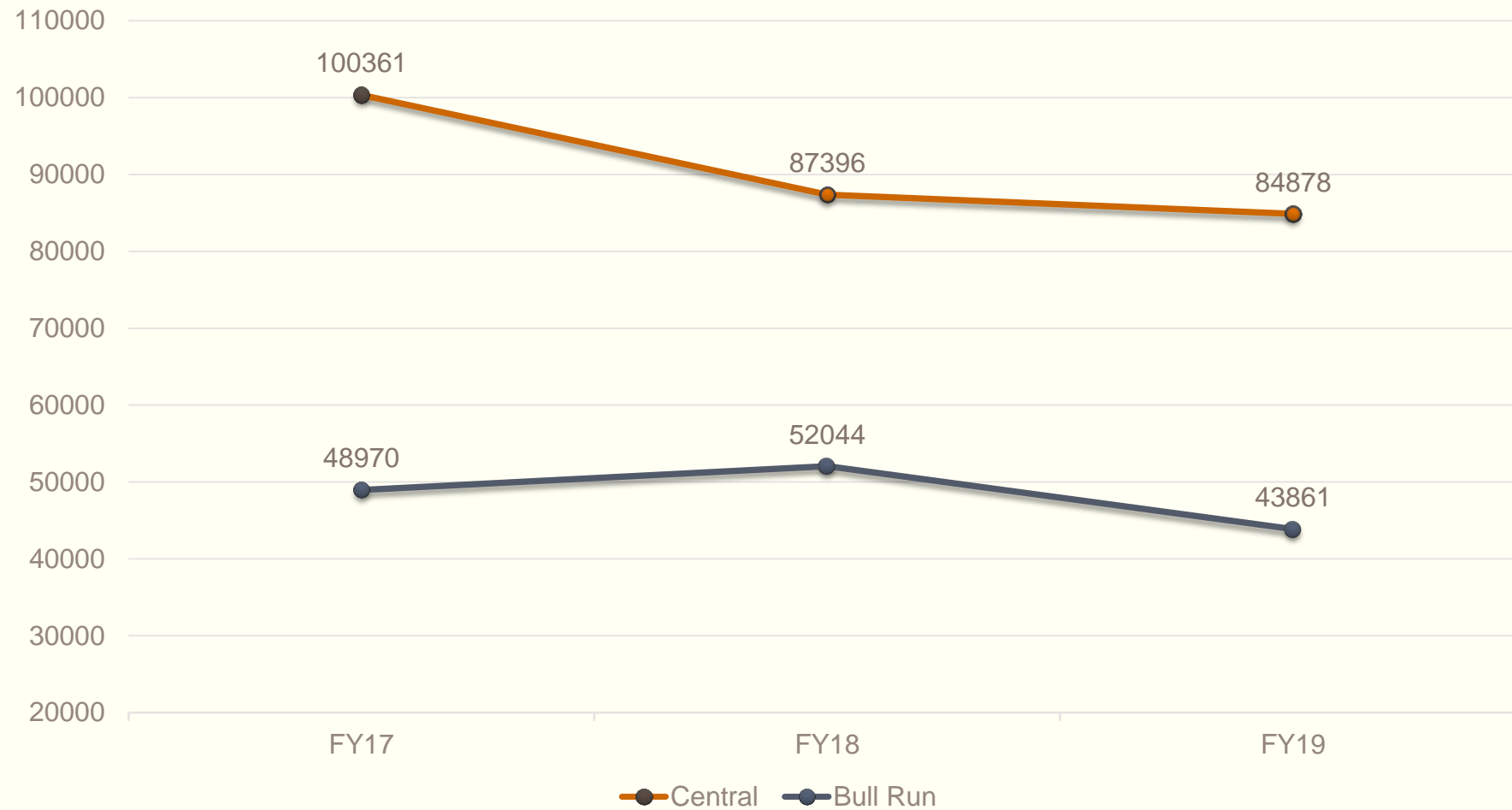
## Central Circulation



\*All other libraries had very limited use by Manassas/Manassas Park

# PWC Library Circulation – Manassas Patrons: Bull Run & Central (FY17-FY19)

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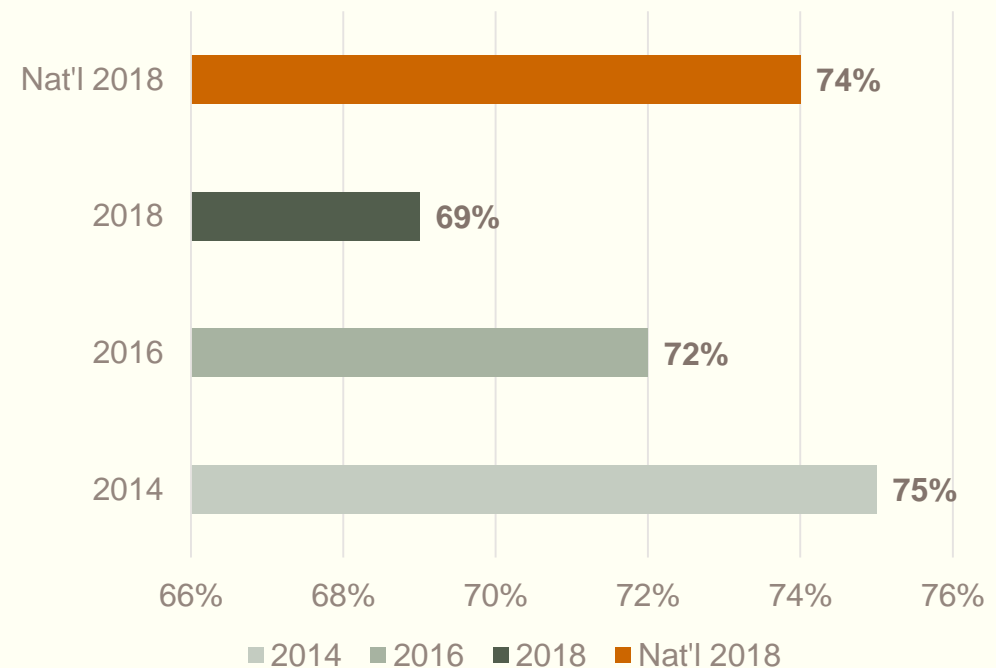


# Citizen Survey Results 2018

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- In the Manassas City 2018 Citizen Survey, 50 of the 65 services areas were assessed higher than the national averages
- However, Library Services were rated 7% below the national average
- Satisfaction for “Hours of Operation and Services provided by the Library” fell for the third straight survey (2014/2016/2018)

**City of Manassas Survey:  
% Satisfied with Hours of  
Operation & Services by the  
Library**



# Next Steps

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- Continuing discussions with Prince William County & Manassas Park
- Developing an option for a storefront library in Manassas
- Looking to answer questions?
  - Why is City resident usage of libraries lower than other jurisdictions?
  - Why are satisfaction ratings going down?
  - What is an appropriate amount to pay for library services?
- Making sure residents are aware of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOCG) agreement



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