

Library Board & Library

Annual report

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Circulating Collection

Books and other things to check out and take home.



Reference Services

Answers and assistance.



Programming

Story times, lectures, and activities for children, teens, and adults.

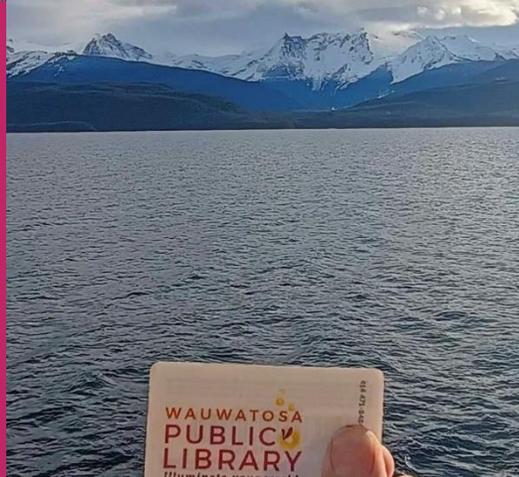


Library Services



Access to Technology

PCs, laptops, Internet access, photocopiers, and more.

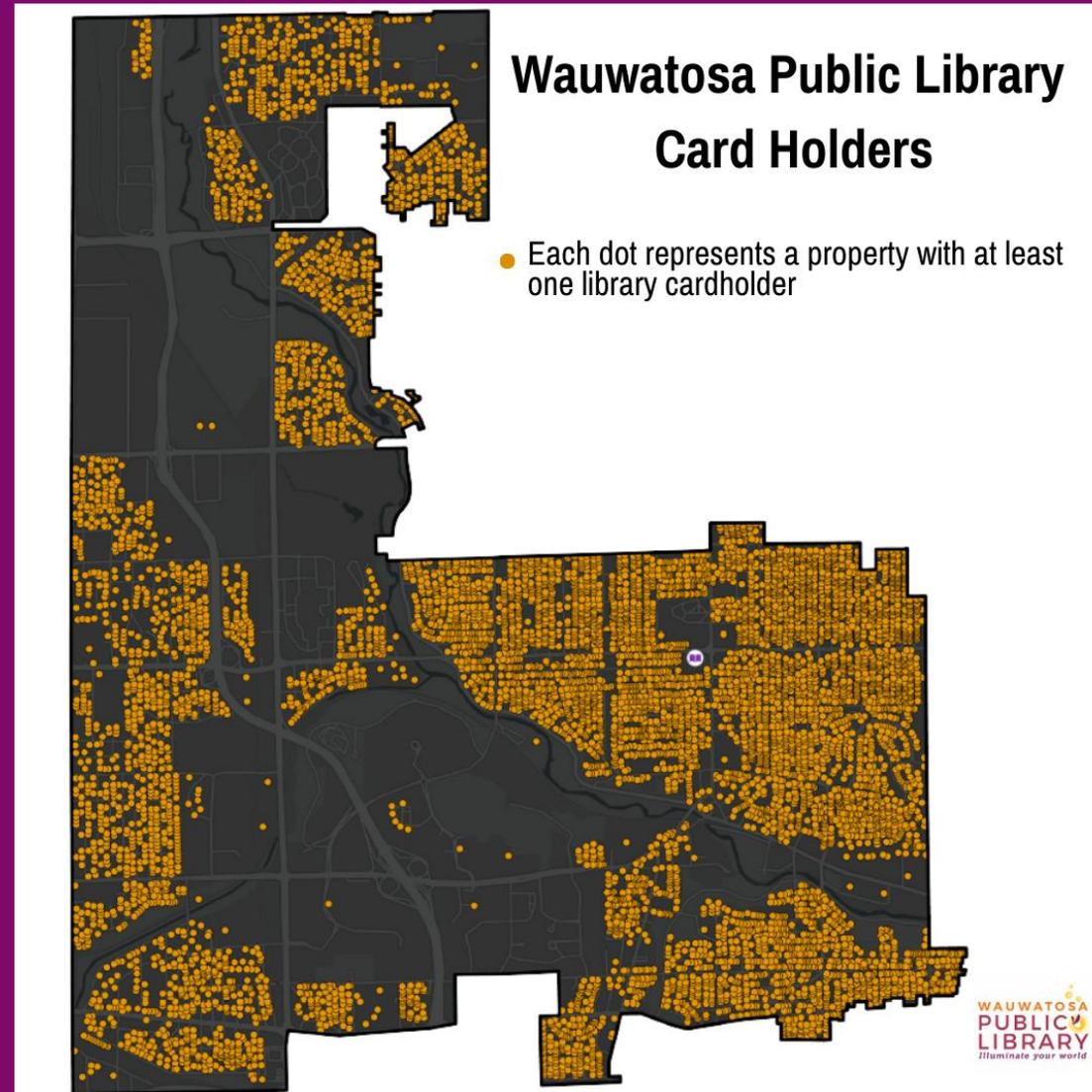


Welcoming Spaces

Study spaces, meeting rooms, collaborative work spaces, and relaxing spaces.



Wauwatosa Public Library Cardholders



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



Items Checked Out

2023:	830,512
2024:	871,541
2025:	908,612



Program Attendance

2023:	15,132
2024:	17,165
2025:	24,767



PC/Wireless logins

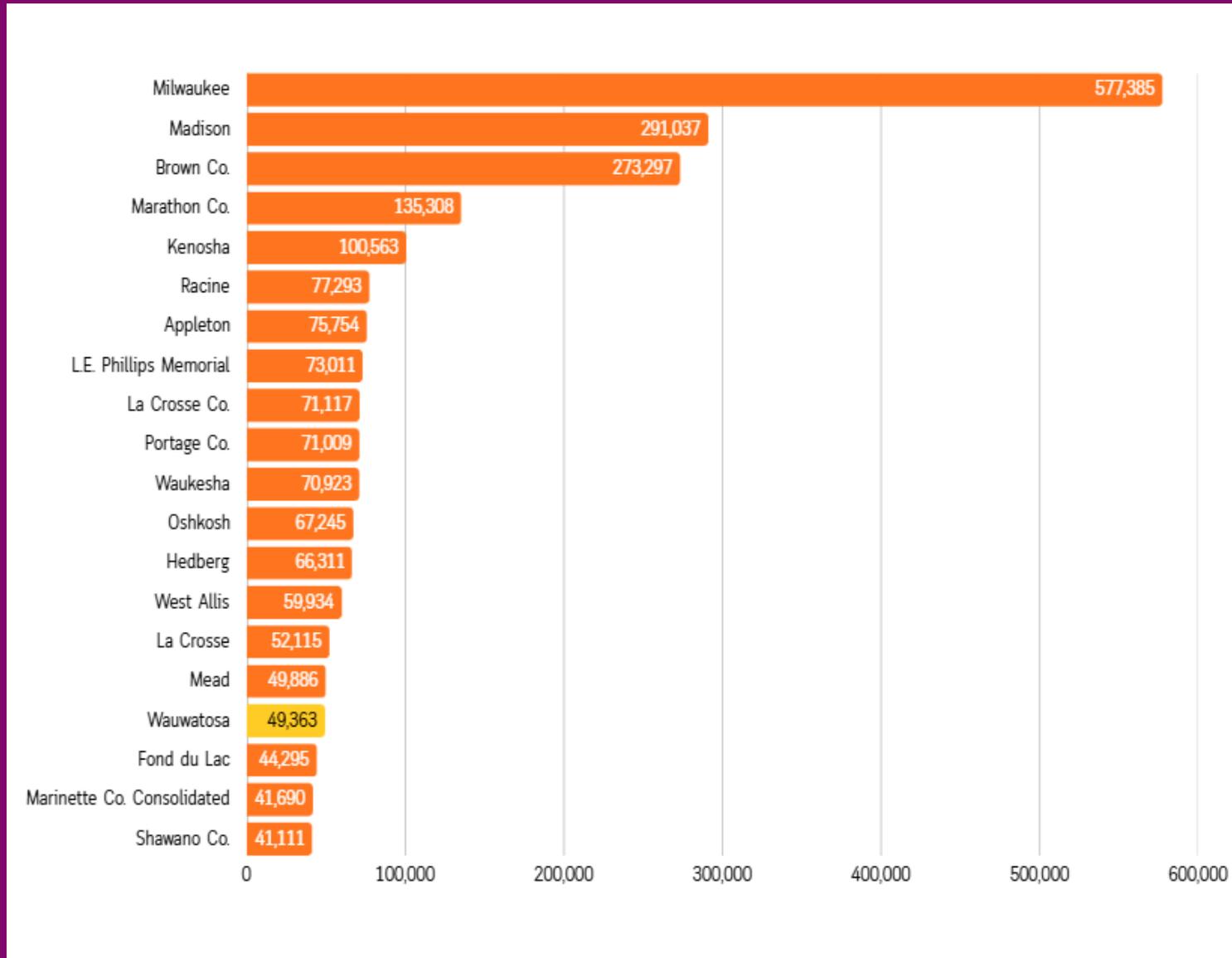
2023:	29,700
2024:	27,006
2025:	30,115



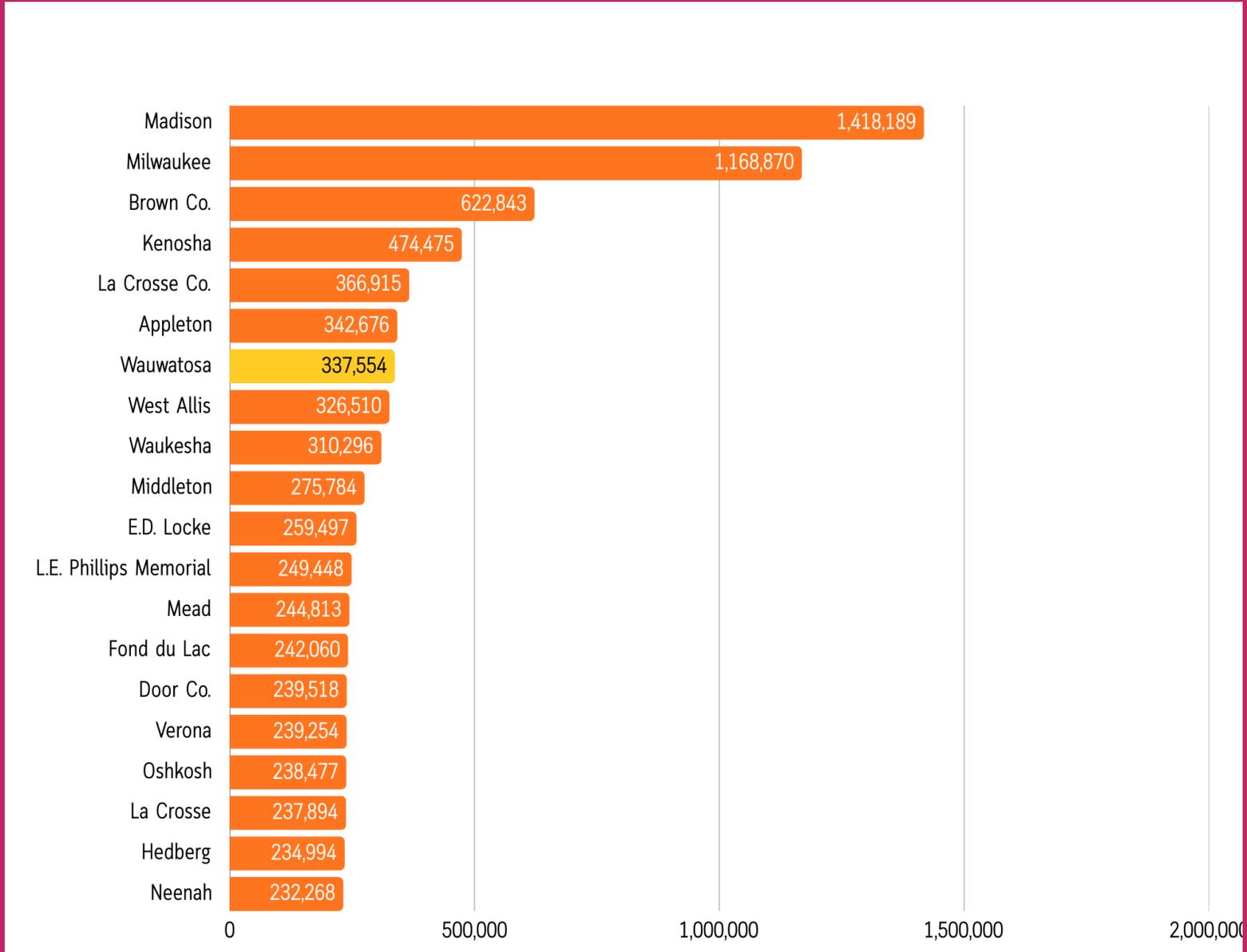
Visits

2023:	308,327
2024:	338,734
2025:	337,554

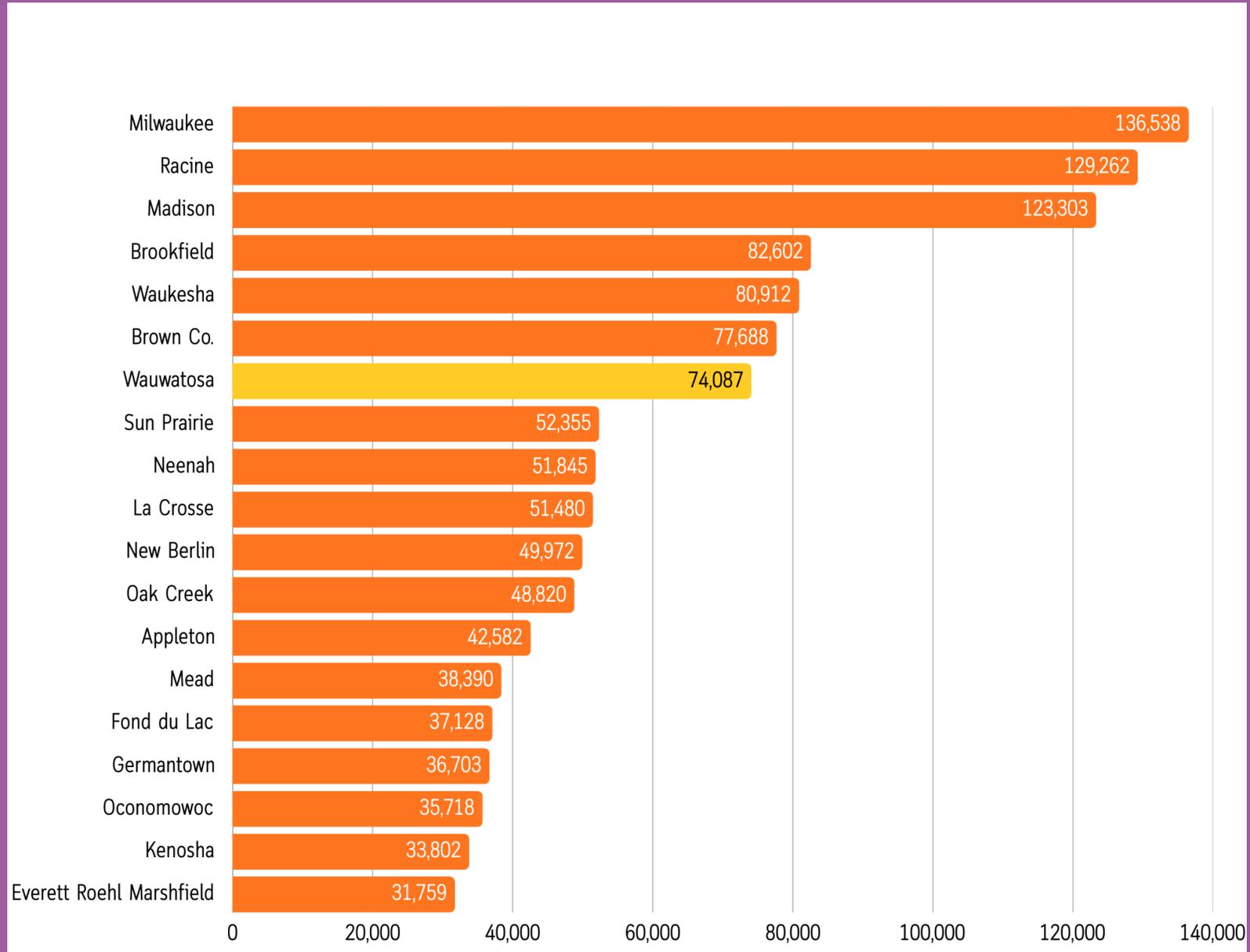
2024 Wisconsin public library data | Top 20 municipal population



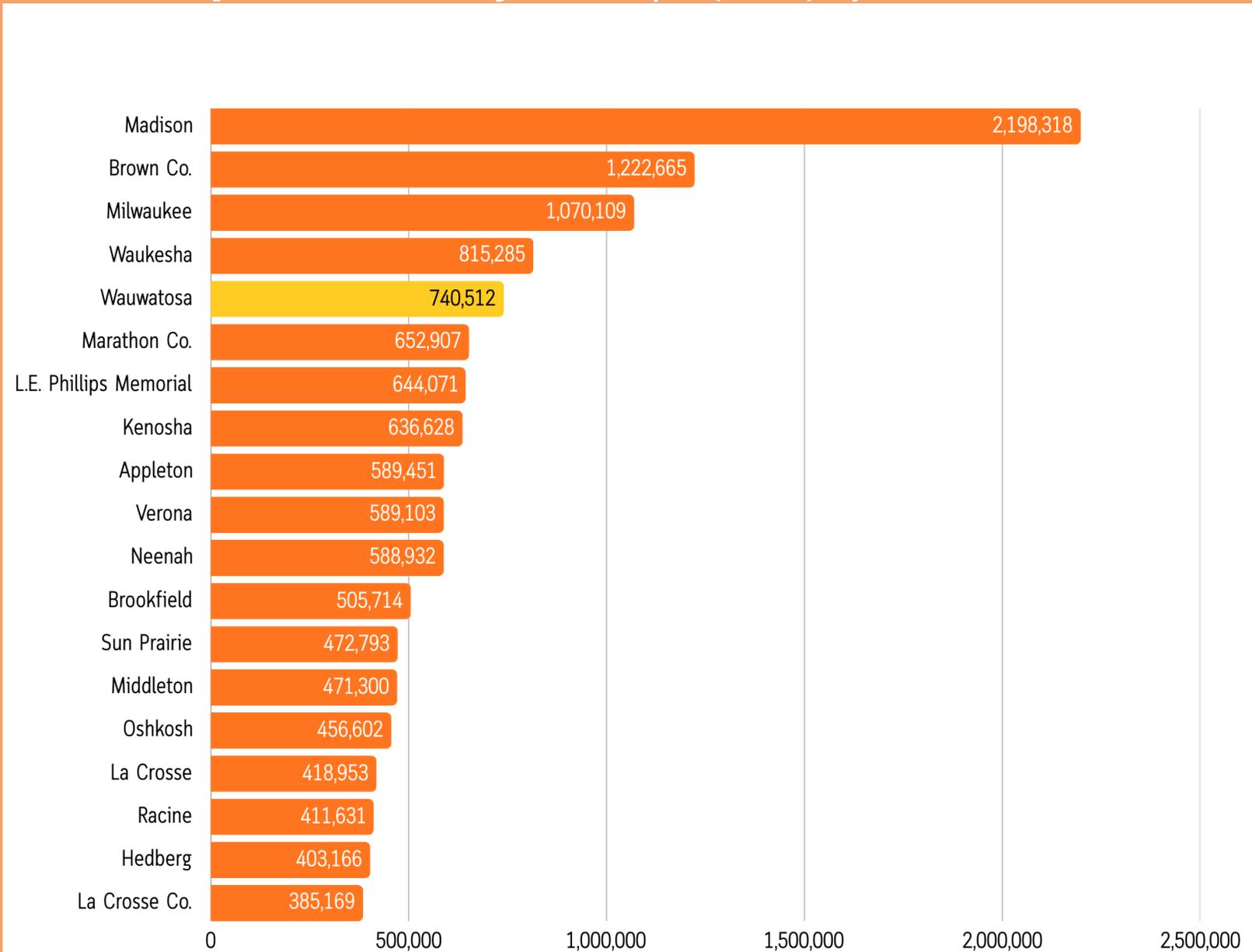
2025 Wisconsin public library data | Top 20 library visits



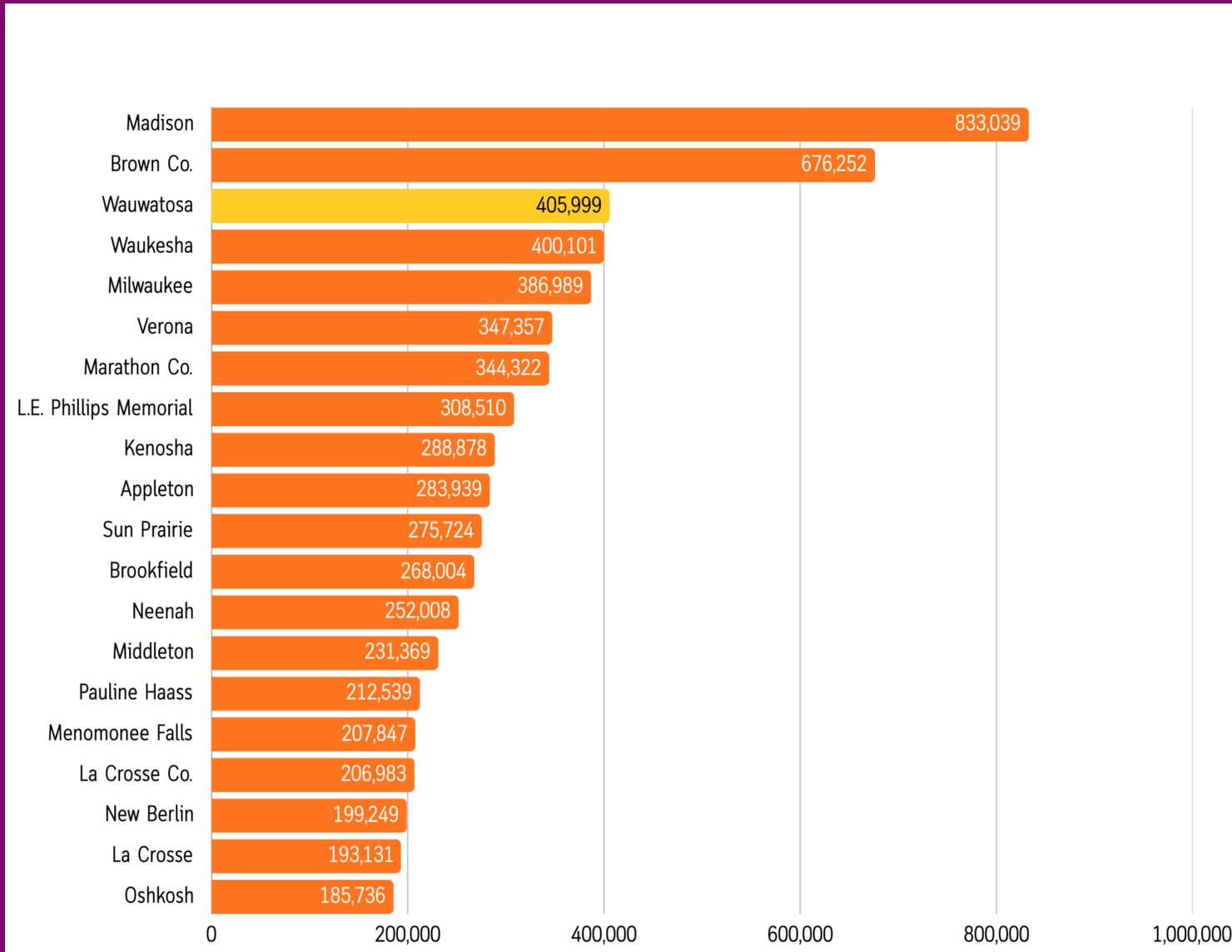
2025 Wisconsin public library data | Top 20 reference questions



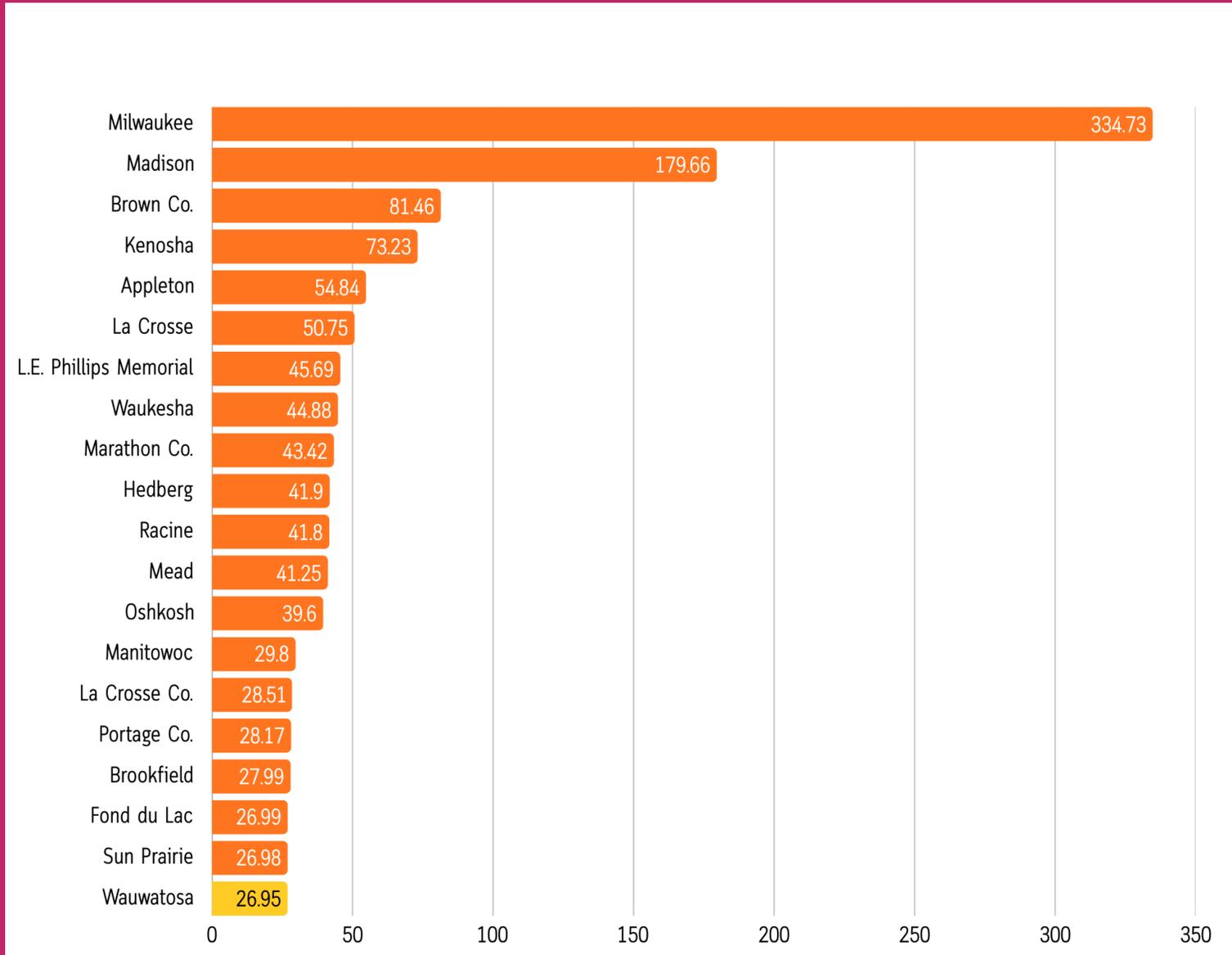
2025 Wisconsin public library data | Top 20 physical circulation



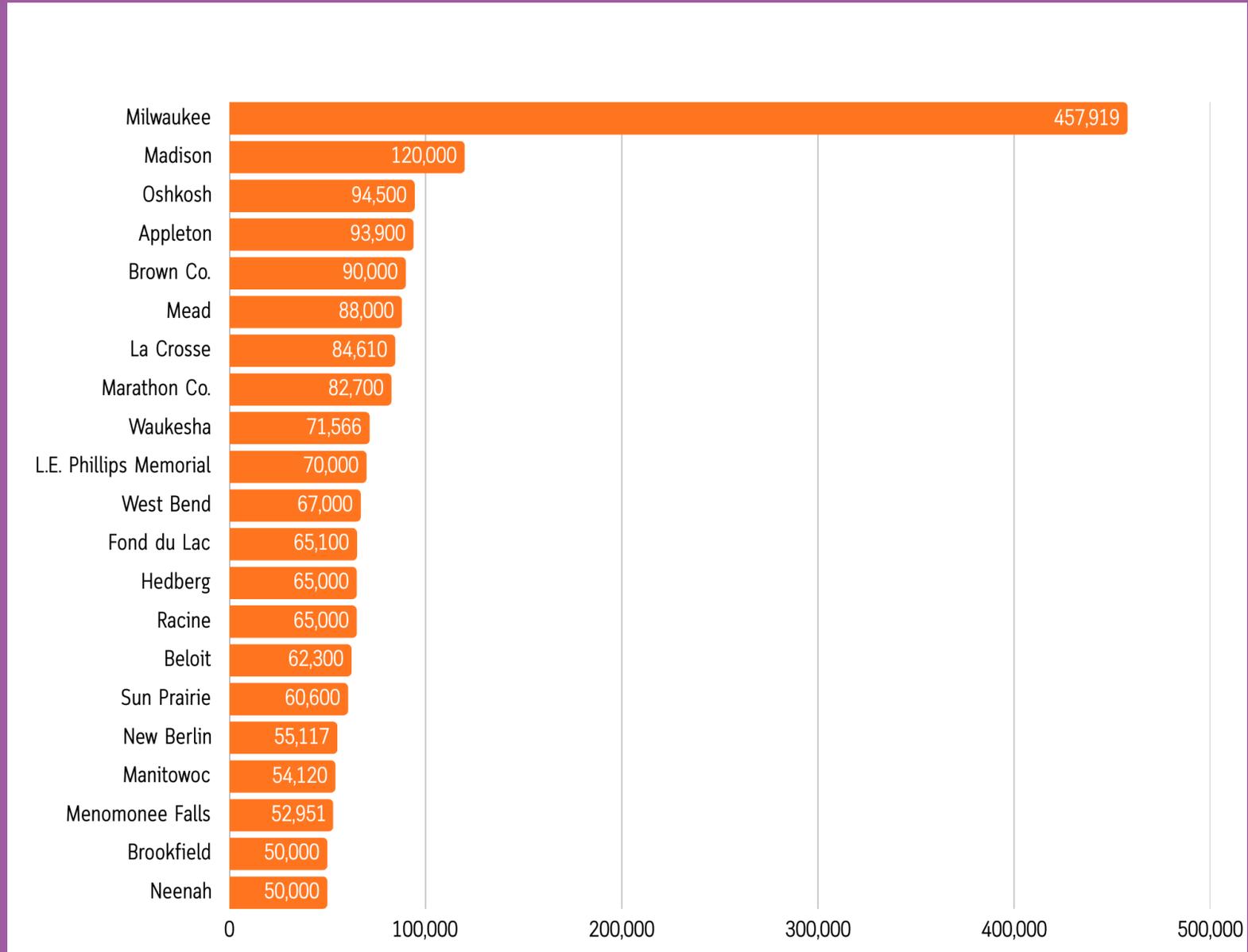
2024 Wisconsin public library data | Top 20 physical circulation of children's material



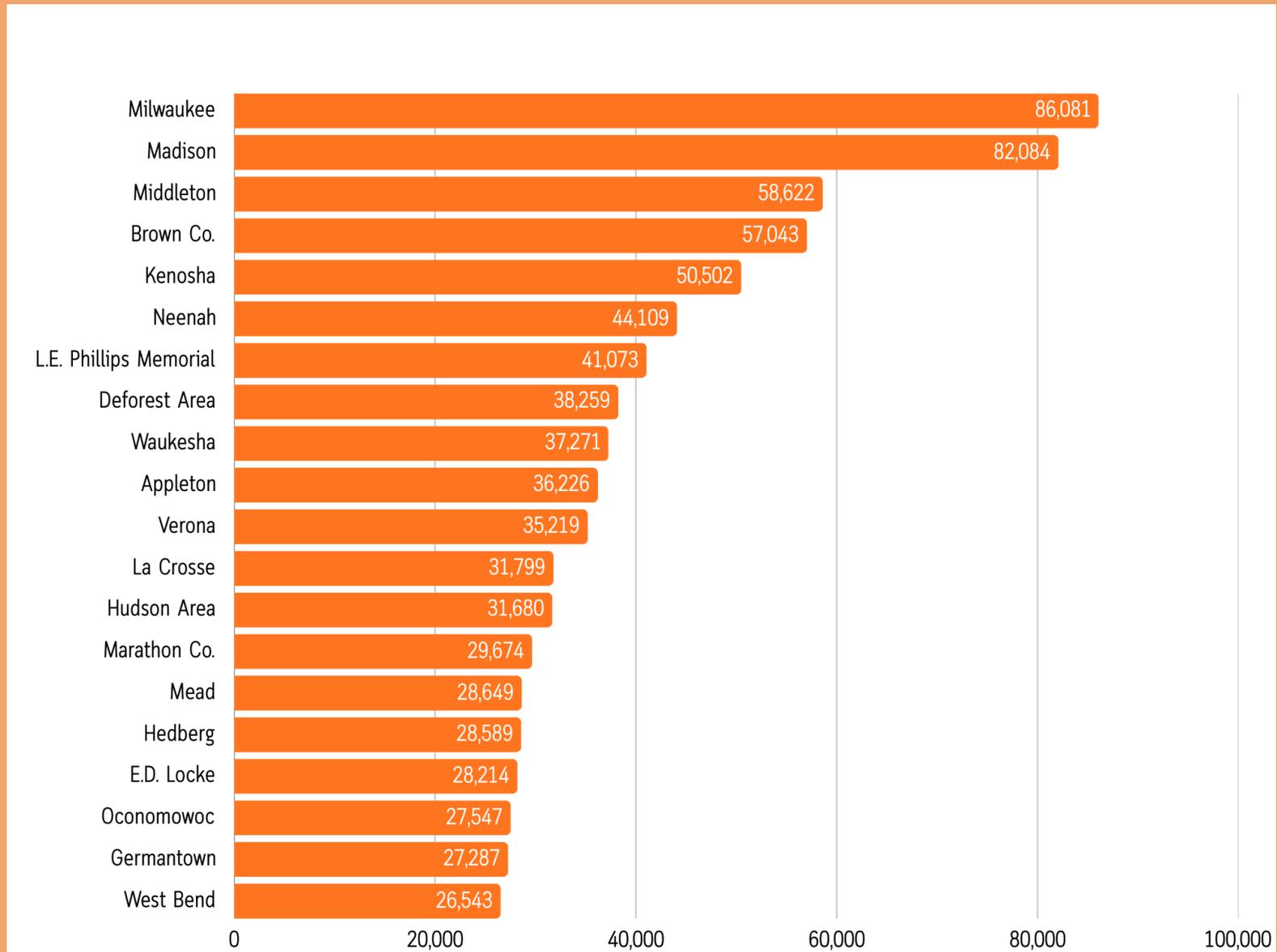
2025 Wisconsin public library data | Top 20 staff FTE



2025 Wisconsin public library data | Top 20 square footage



2025 Wisconsin public library data | Top 20 program attendance



Updated library | Key goals



Adult library

Appealing collection, more study rooms, quiet reading space, local history room



Children's library

Larger story time room, more interactive and learning play spaces, outdoor space, study rooms



Young adult library

Dedicated space for collections, study, and programs



Public meeting space

Flexible options including large- and medium-sized spaces



Makerspace

Intergenerational space for STEAM activities and programs for kids, teens, and adults



Technology

Moving on from 1990s technology limitations



Accessibility

Family restroom with adult changing table, children's sensory room, lower shelves, wider aisles, additional North Ave. entrance, drive-up book return



Staff work spaces

Improved staff work flows, flexible meeting and prep spaces



Patron experience

More welcoming spaces, access to new services



Discussion Time