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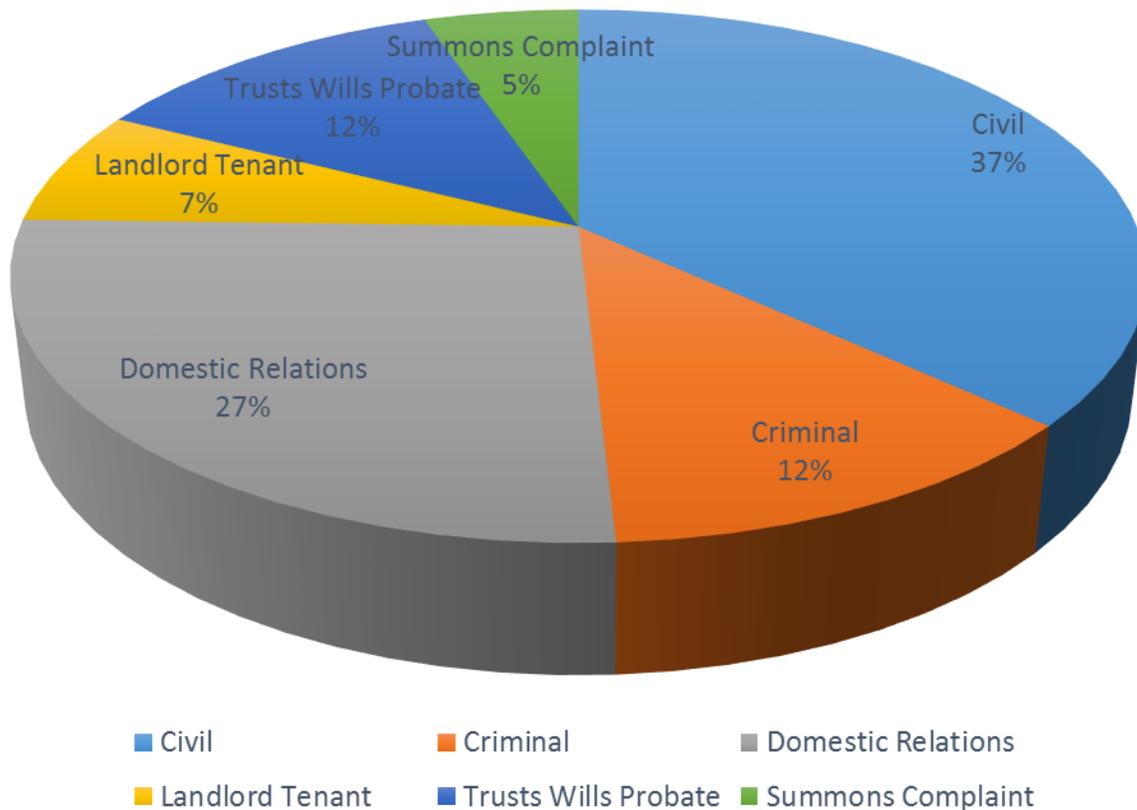
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The Board of Law Library Trustees meets quarterly to ensure that the funds are used wisely and that legal resources are available to the citizens of Spokane County.

In this respect, Spokane County Law Library serves an important public function by providing access to legal information.

Library staff were approached with many types of legal questions from the public. The following graph is a sampling of staff assisted legal research questions answered in 2015.

Example of 2015 Reference Questions By Type



These reference questions involved researching in the WA print publications; using the two public terminals for online research including the WestlawNext and Lexis subscription databases; and the use of the photocopiers.

Because of the move the library's rectangular 191" x 60" patron table would not fit into the new location. It was transferred to the Elections Office. The original chairs were not moved also as they wore out. New tables, chairs, study carrels, and book shelves were needed and purchased with library funds. The purchase price for all of these items totaled \$15,137.98.

2015 PRINT COLLECTION STATISTICS

With the move of the library in the third quarter of 2014 and volumes discarded into 2015; the data collected in the first table reflects the print volumes in the library collection as of June 16, 2015. The library's print collection was inventoried by library staff who hand counted each of the volumes before, during, and after the move.

ITEMS	TOTAL
Volumes reported in the collection as of 1-1-15	38,319
TOTAL VOLUMES as of 6/16/2015	16,531

The table below reflects volumes added to and discarded from the collection since June 17, 2015 to the end of year.

ITEMS	TOTAL
Volumes on 6/16/2015	16,531
Added	53
Discarded	72
Replacements	1
TOTAL VOLUMES on 12/31/2015	16,512

FINANCIAL REPORT

2015 REVENUE

As mandated by RCW 27.24.070, primary revenue for the law library is received through a share of the civil filing fees from Superior and District Court. The Library currently receives \$20.00 for Superior Court and \$7.00 for District Court per case. A minor amount is received from photocopies and circulation accounts. Revenue information is provided to the library by the Spokane County Auditor's Office, Treasurer's Office, Clerk's Office, and District Court.

	Budgeted	Actual
Beginning Fund Balance	16,965.00	0.00
Superior Court	148,000.00	149,401.34
District Court	55,000.00	56,146.50
Photocopies & Circulation	1,000.00	1,602.25
TOTAL REVENUES	220,965.00	207,150.09

2015 EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Actual
Personnel Costs	98,965.00	97,606.24
Operating Costs	20,500.00	15,359.35
Publishing Costs	89,000.00	71,888.44
Capital Expenses	12,500.00	15,137.98
TOTAL COSTS	220,965.00	199,992.01
Budget balance	+20,972.99	