



**BOSTON CITY**  
**ARCHIVES**

*Research and Access FY 2022*

# Research and Access at a Glance

**26,701** visits to Preservica

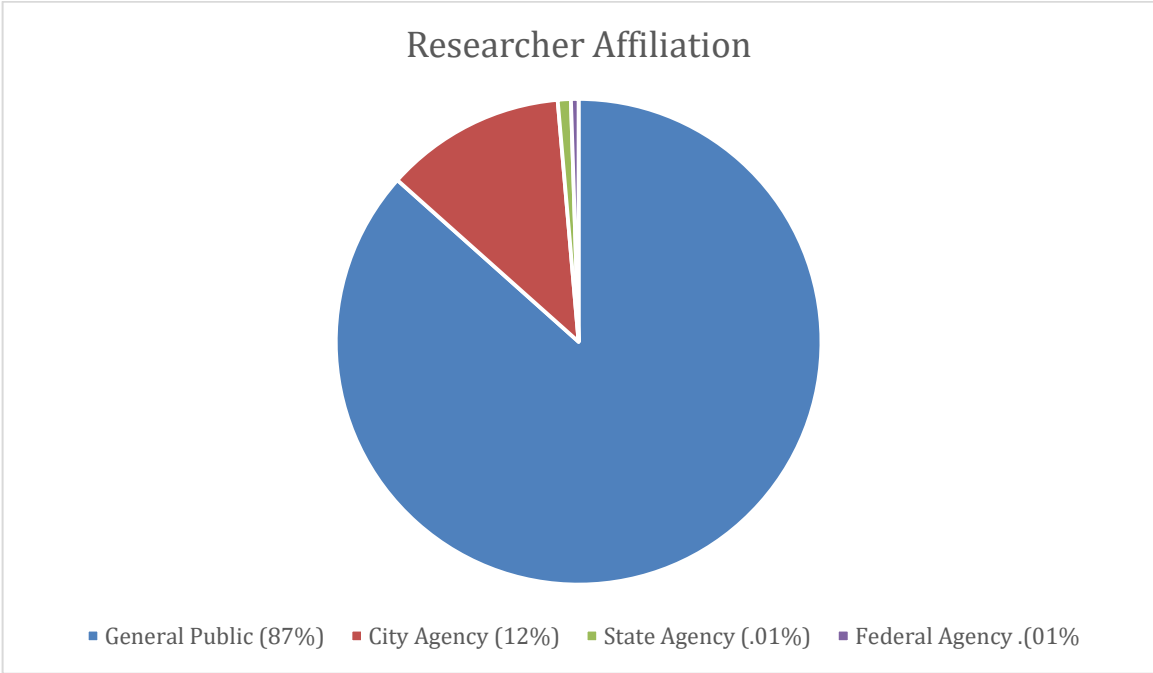
**2315** total research requests

**324** requests from city agencies

**349** reading room visitors



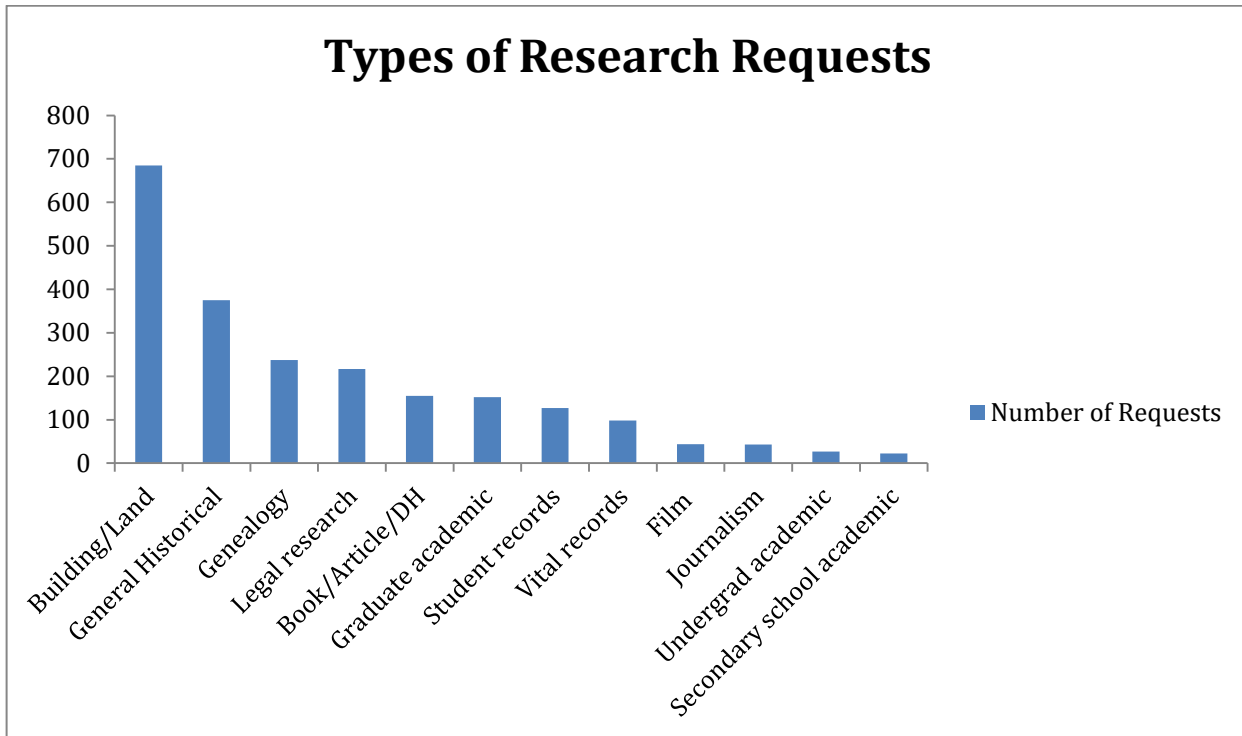
# Who Contacted Us in FY 2022?



Type of Researcher	Number of Requests
General Public	1973
City Department	324
State Government Agency	8
Federal Government Agency	10



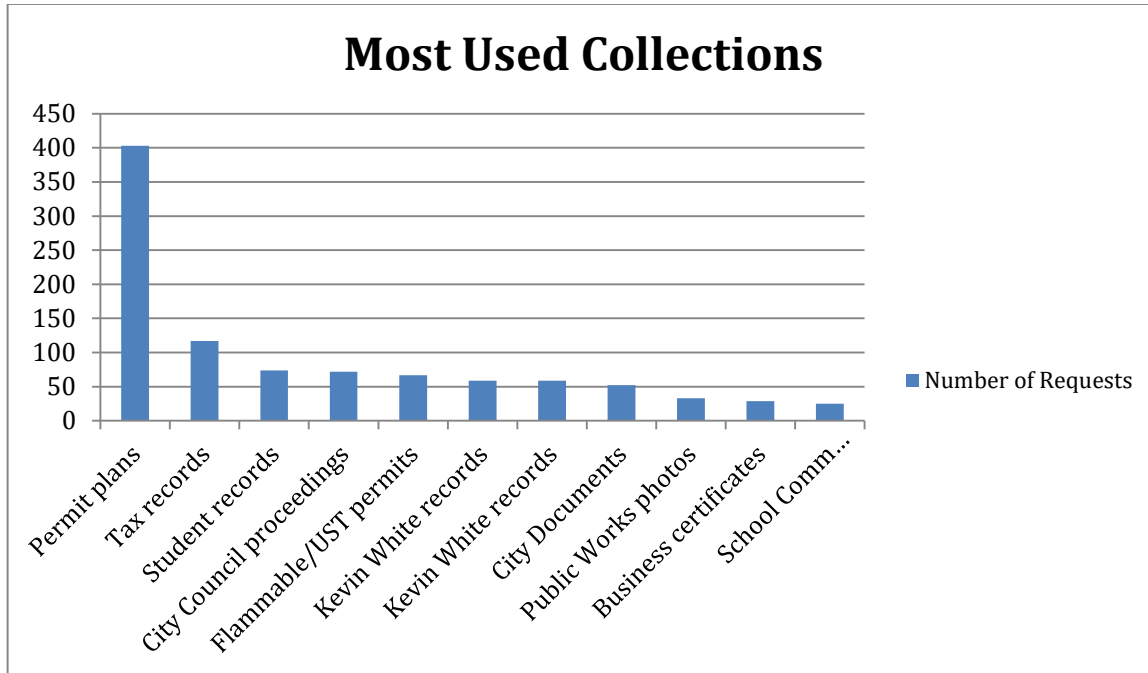
# What Kind of Research Did They Do?



Type of Research	Number of Requests
Building/Land research	685
General historical	375
Genealogy	237
Legal Research	217
Book/Article/Digital Humanities	155
Graduate academic	152
Student records	127
Vital records	98
Environmental research	78
Film (documentary or feature)	44
Journalism	43
Undergraduate academic	27
Secondary school academic	22



# Most Used Collections FY 2022

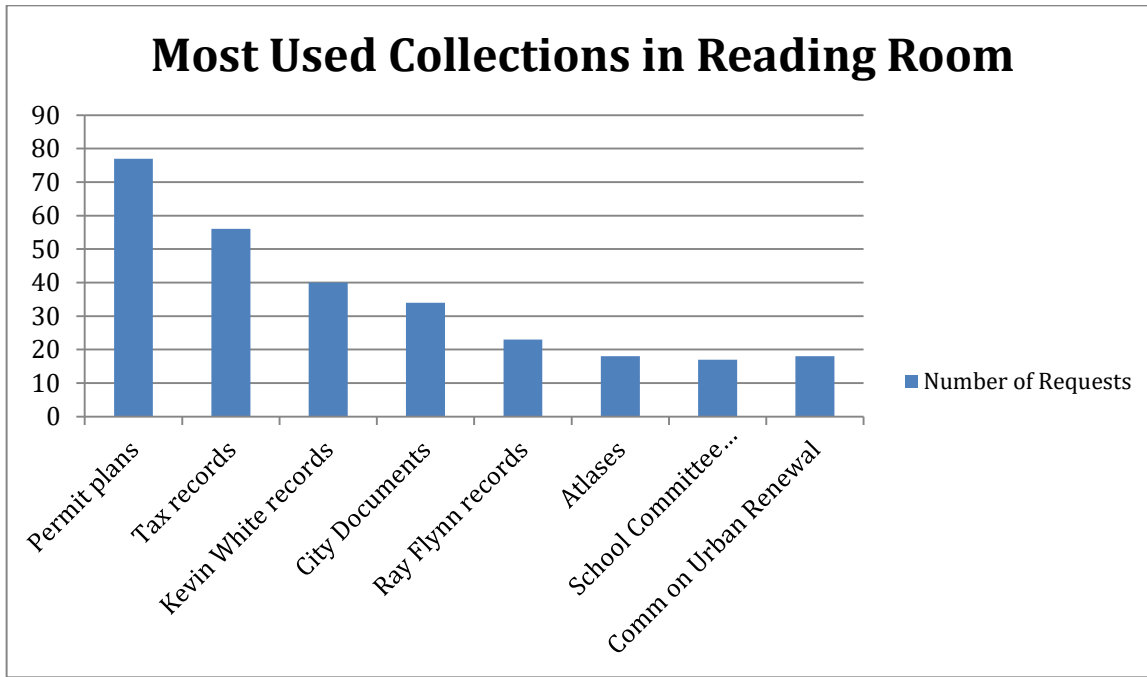


Collection	Number of Requests
Permit Plans	403
Tax records	117
Student records	74
City Council proceedings	72
Flammable/Underground storage	67
Mayor Kevin White records	59
City Documents	52
Mayor Raymond Flynn records	46
Public Works photographs	33
Business certificates	29
School Committee reports and documents	26



# Most Used Collections in Reading Room

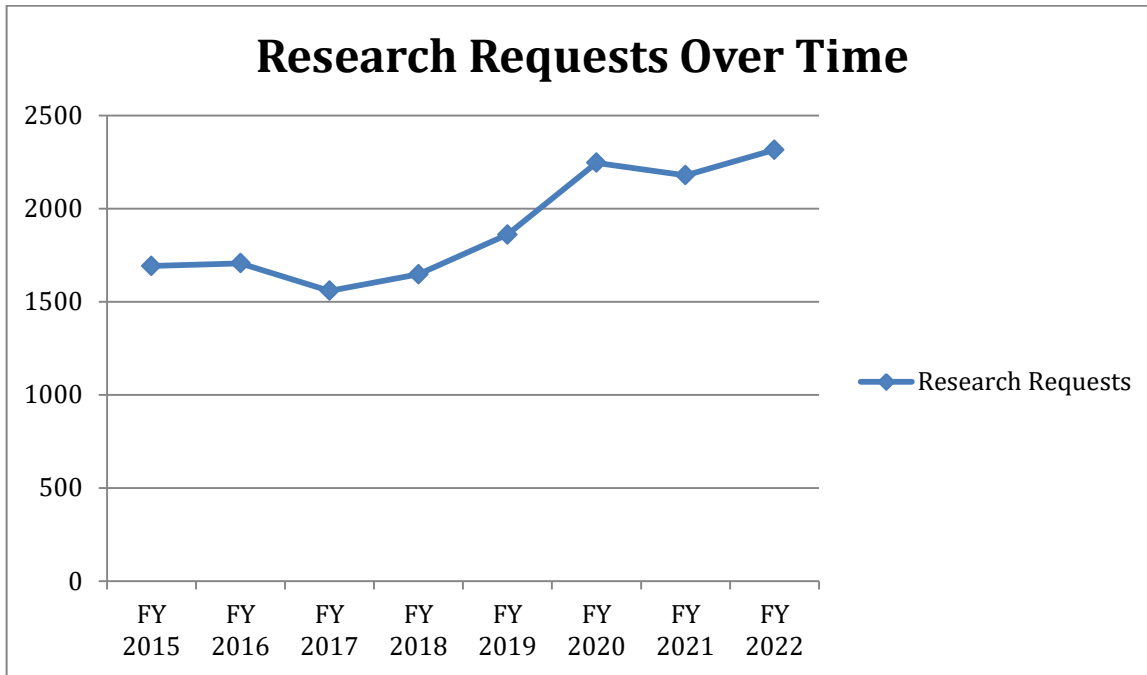
## FY 2022



Collection	Number of Requests
Permit Plans	77
Tax records	56
Mayor Kevin White records	40
City Documents	34
Mayor Raymond Flynn records	23
Atlases	18
School Committee annual reports and documents	17
Committee on Urban Renewal records	18



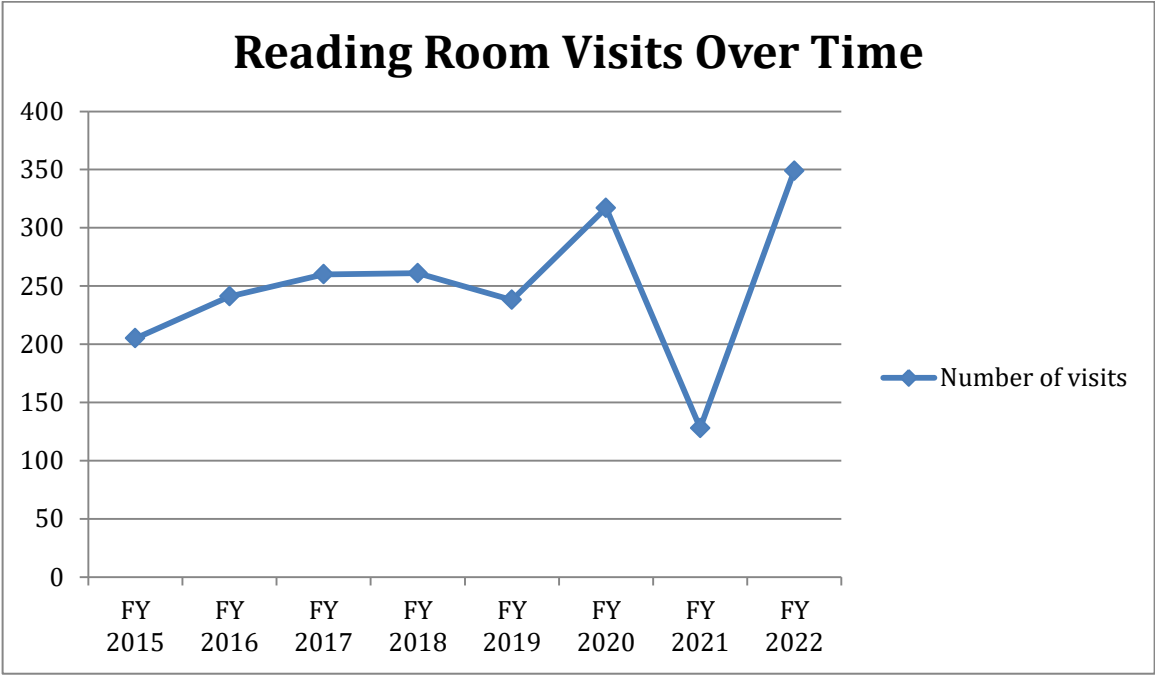
# Research Requests Over Time



Fiscal Year	Number of Requests
2015	1691
2016	1706
2017	1558
2018	1647
2019	1860
2020	2245
2021	2178
2022	2315



# Reading Room Visits Over Time

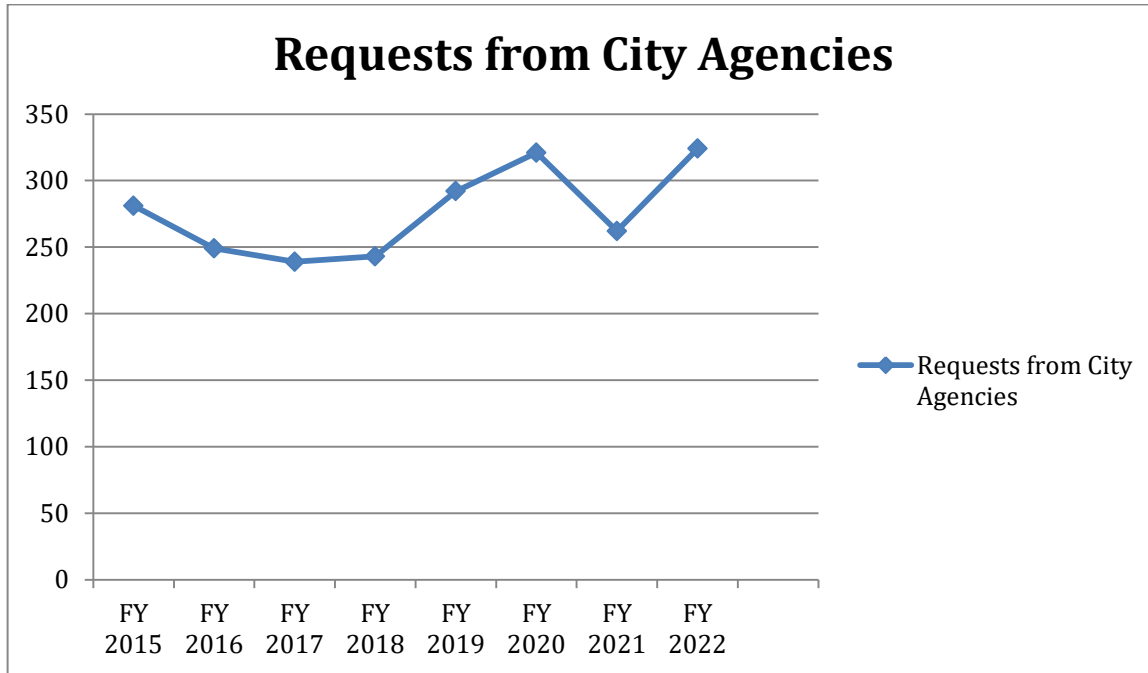


Fiscal Year	Reading Room Visits
2015	205
2016	241
2017	260
2018	261
2019	238
2020	317
2021	128
2022	349





# Engagement with City Departments Over Time



## Requests from City Agencies by Year

Year	Number of Requests
FY 2015	281
FY 2016	249
FY 2017	239
FY 2018	243
FY 2019	292
FY 2020	321
FY 2021	262
FY 2022	324



# Digital Engagement

## Quick Numbers for FY 2022

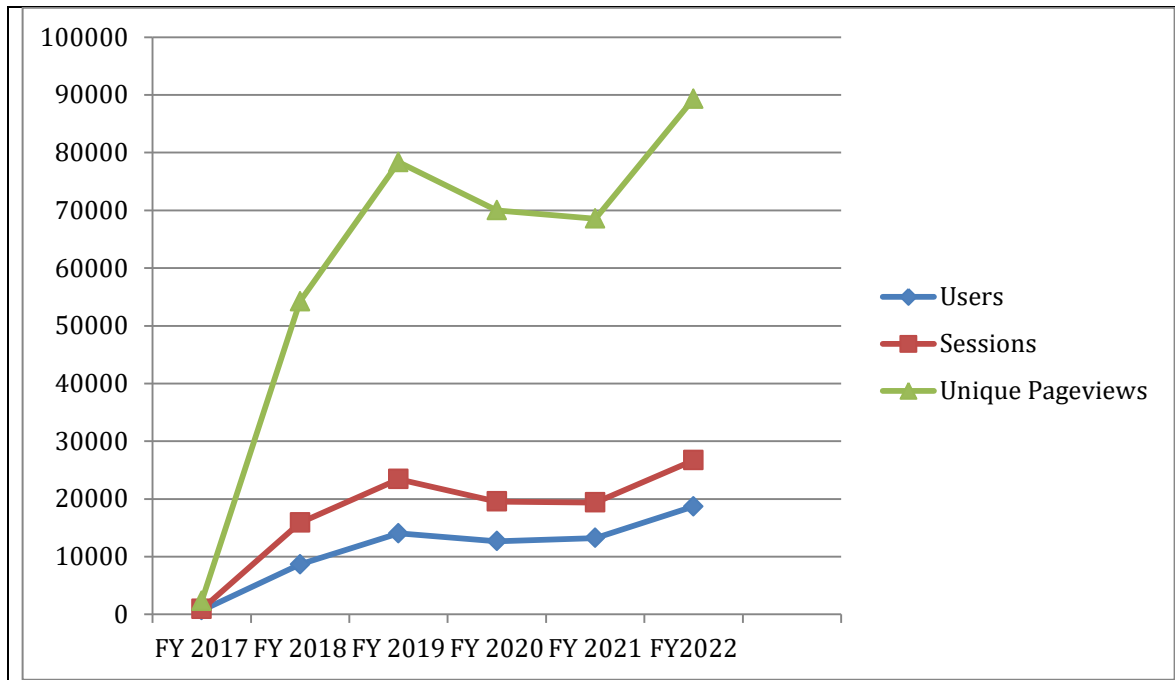
**18,704** Unique Visitors to  
Preservica

**26,701** Sessions (Visits)

**89,311** Unique Page Views



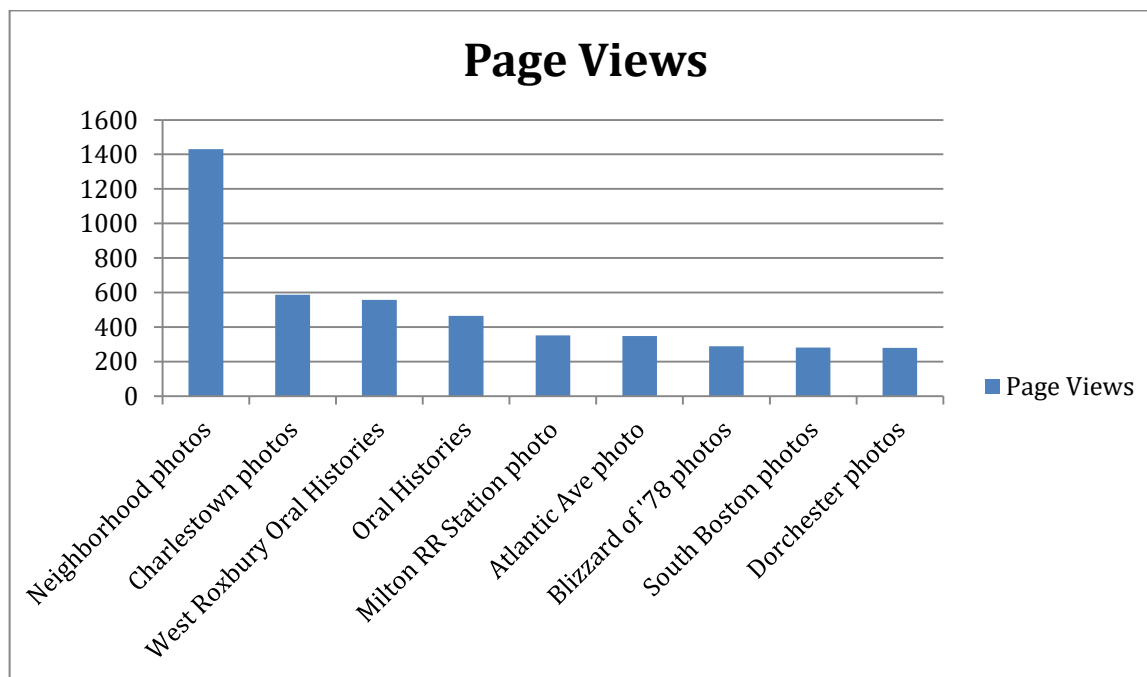
# Digital Engagement Over Time



Year	Users	Sessions	Unique Page Views
FY 2017	703	916	2,332
FY 2018	8,668	15,894	54,237
FY 2019	14,037	23,433	78,340
FY 2020	12,685	19,553	70,005
FY 2021	13,239	19,385	68,571
FY 2022	18,704	26,701	89,311



# Most Popular Digital Records in 2022

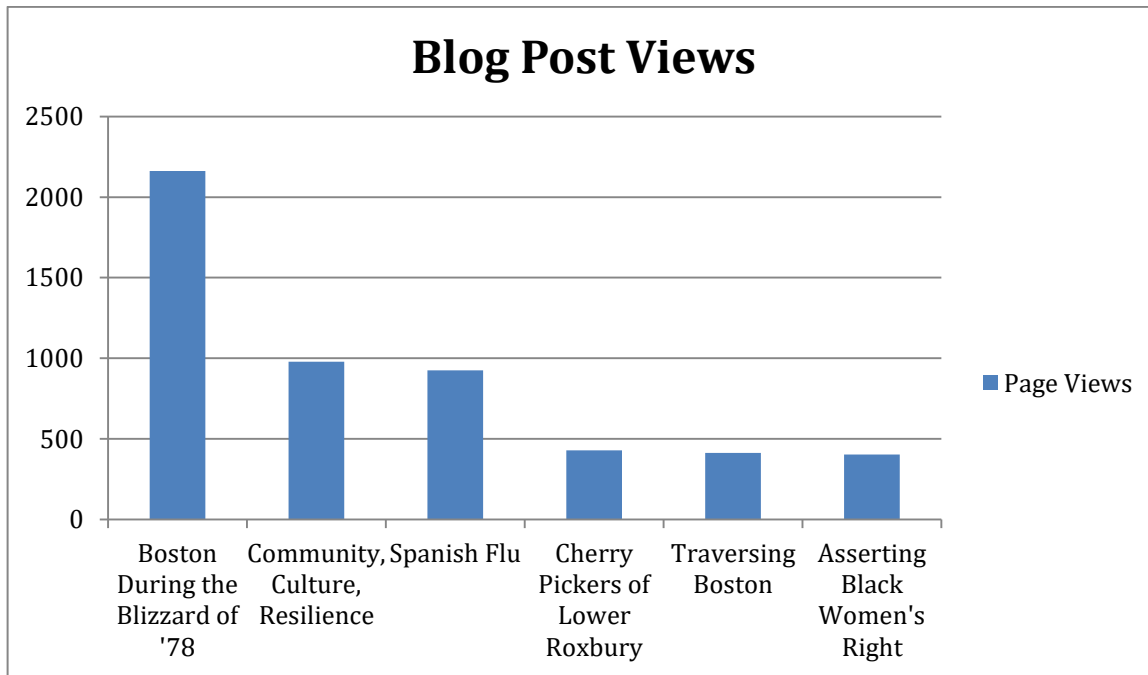


<b>Item/Series/Collection</b>	<b>Number of page views</b>
Neighborhood Photographs Collection	1430
Charlestown Photographs	588
West Roxbury Oral Histories	557
Oral Histories	464
Photo showing view from Milton RR Station, 1923, Transit Dept collection	352
Photo showing Atlantic Ave, 1948, Traffic and Parking photos	348
Blizzard of 1978 photographs	289
South Boston photographs	282
Dorchester photographs	279



# Most Popular Blog Posts in 2022

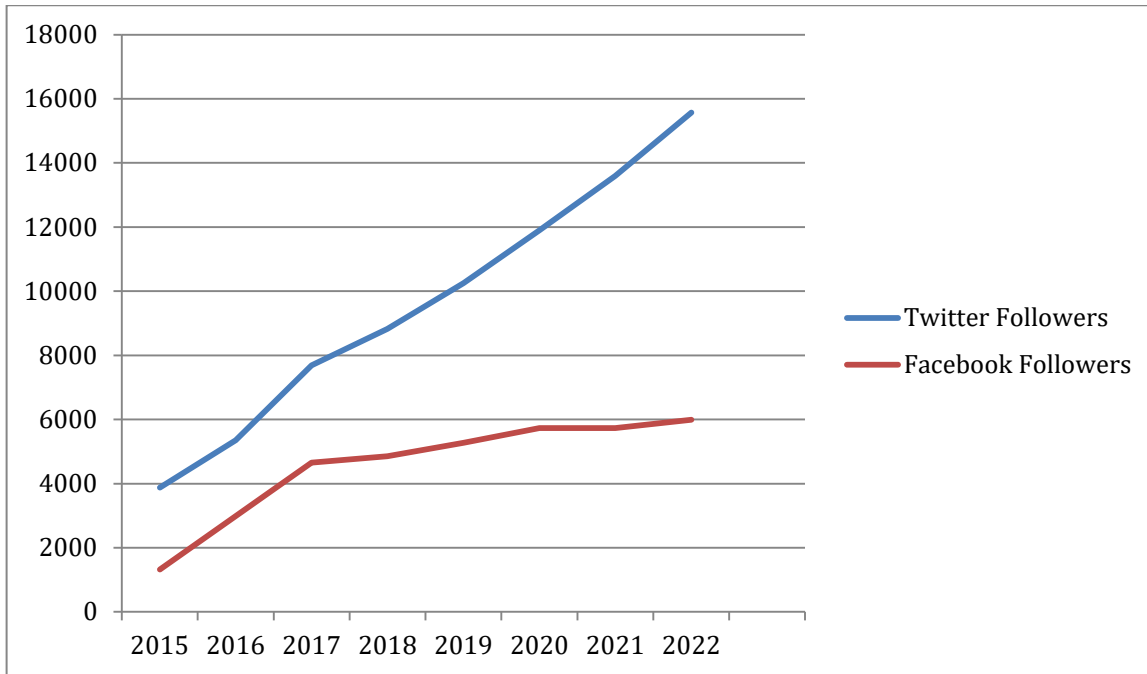
Total Blog Post visits: 8,355



Blog post	Number of views
Take a Virtual Tour of Boston During the Blizzard of '78	2,161
Community, Culture, and Resilience in Chinatown	980
Notes from the Archives: The Spanish Flu	925
The Cherry Pickers of Lower Roxbury: Wage Earning Women from the Women's Voter Registers	429
Traversing Boston: Travelling the City Before Cars	413
Asserting Black Women's Right to Vote: Maria Baldwin in 1920	404



# Social Media Engagement Over Time



	<b>Twitter Followers</b>	<b>Facebook Followers</b>
July 2015	3874	1321
July 2016	5348	2991
July 2017	7692	4652
July 2018	8821	4858
July 2019	10248	5277
July 2020	11900	5733
July 2021	13,600	5732
July 2022	15,576	5,995

