



2026 DATA REPORT

U.S. Public Libraries by the Numbers

A state-by-state look at America's public libraries — what they hold, how much they are used, and what they offer students, parents, and teachers for free.

9,205

LIBRARY SYSTEMS

869M

VISITS A YEAR

1.7B

ITEMS BORROWED

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Source: U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Public Libraries Survey FY2024.

The resource, and who made it

K12 Academics is one of the largest education resource websites online. Since 2004 it has helped millions of families, students, and educators find the right school, college, camp, business, and program in their community, across more than 200 national and international directories spanning K-12 schools, colleges and universities, education vendors, summer programs, international programs, and performers. Its tagline says the mission plainly: **Find Your Community**.

Alongside those directories, K12 Academics publishes a free **resource library** of state guides, toolkits, calculators, and data reports at tools.k12academics.com, built to turn public education data into something a family or teacher can actually use.

What this report is. This is the companion data report to the K12 Academics **Library Guides** section, a state-by-state guide to America's public libraries. It brings together the federal government's most recent public-library data with a plain-English summary of what each state's library system offers for free: research databases, ebooks and audiobooks, homework help, early-literacy programs, and accessible reading for students who cannot use standard print. The goal is simple, to show families and educators that a free library card is one of the most valuable, and least used, education resources in the country.

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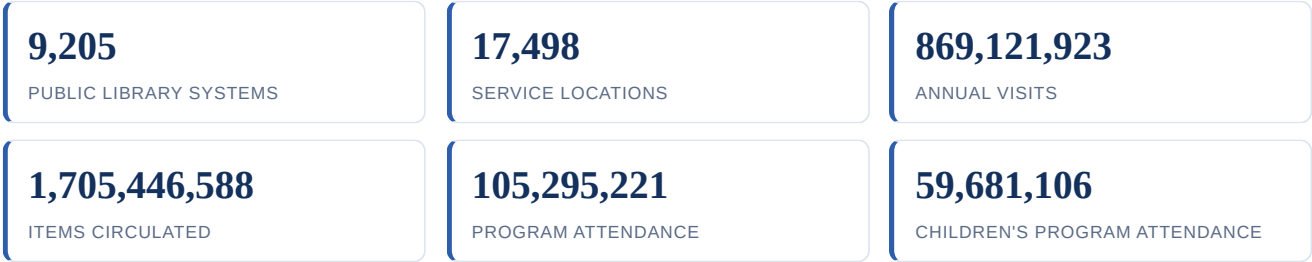
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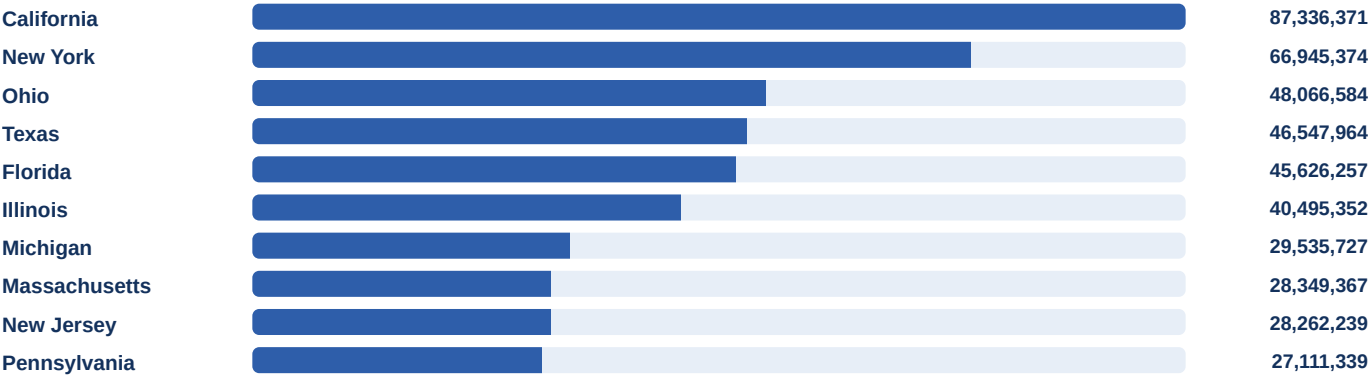
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America's public libraries

In fiscal year 2024, the United States had **9,205 public library systems** operating roughly **17,498 service locations** (central libraries, branches, and bookmobiles). Together they drew **869,121,923 in-person visits**, circulated more than **1,705,446,588 items**, and hosted programs that drew **105,295,221 attendees**, of which **59,681,106** were at children's programs. About **155,193,291 registered users** hold a card.



MOST-VISITED STATES (ANNUAL VISITS, FY2024)



About the data. Figures are from the IMLS Public Libraries Survey for FY2024, the federal government's annual census of U.S. public libraries. Totals are summed across every reporting library in each state; IMLS missing or suppressed values are excluded rather than estimated.

The 50 states and D.C., by annual visits (1–26)

#	STATE	LIBRARIES	LOCATIONS	VISITS/YR	ITEMS/YR	PROGRAM ATT.	VISITS/PERSON
1	California	221	1,236	87,336,371	218,162,056	9,122,659	2.2
2	New York	759	1,071	66,945,374	97,557,974	9,108,815	3.3
3	Ohio	251	790	48,066,584	154,090,105	5,863,296	4.1
4	Texas	545	872	46,547,964	116,260,258	5,760,857	1.7
5	Florida	79	560	45,626,257	—	4,563,591	2.0
6	Illinois	623	794	40,495,352	6,350,164	5,233,727	3.5
7	Michigan	396	666	29,535,727	68,944,340	3,478,596	2.9
8	Massachusetts	367	463	28,349,367	—	3,576,082	4.1
9	New Jersey	295	454	28,262,239	46,006,712	4,131,068	2.9
10	Pennsylvania	443	631	27,111,339	60,794,304	4,059,619	2.1
11	Washington	60	376	23,823,067	80,266,766	1,926,710	3.0
12	Virginia	93	394	23,774,825	59,510,781	2,740,538	2.7
13	Wisconsin	381	466	22,932,635	47,057,007	2,521,604	3.8
14	Indiana	236	453	22,235,717	54,571,039	2,460,711	3.4
15	Colorado	112	288	21,647,139	60,166,836	2,323,385	3.7
16	North Carolina	84	426	21,396,149	54,384,652	2,940,355	2.0
17	Georgia	60	407	18,204,458	34,883,958	2,053,303	1.6
18	Missouri	152	395	17,577,654	48,832,178	1,841,898	3.1
19	Minnesota	140	368	17,492,835	53,033,308	1,178,026	2.8
20	Maryland	26	218	17,290,101	51,929,570	2,171,049	1.4
21	Arizona	89	232	14,801,108	29,843,121	1,493,346	1.2
22	Connecticut	190	233	14,742,206	21,651,054	1,917,385	3.6
23	Iowa	544	574	12,790,569	—	2,183,785	4.0
24	Oregon	136	225	12,656,584	—	1,157,142	3.3
25	Tennessee	185	292	12,488,094	31,827,263	1,616,257	1.8
26	Utah	69	134	11,758,420	35,830,454	1,452,483	3.5

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024. "Visits/person" is annual visits divided by the population of the legal service areas, as reported to IMLS.

The 50 states and D.C., by annual visits (27–51)

#	STATE	LIBRARIES	LOCATIONS	VISITS/YR	ITEMS/YR	PROGRAM ATT.	VISITS/PERSON
27	Louisiana	68	360	11,344,210	20,088,366	1,532,852	2.5
28	Kentucky	120	281	11,143,361	28,564,261	2,470,212	2.5
29	Alabama	221	304	10,671,056	15,449,669	1,268,029	2.2
30	South Carolina	42	242	10,268,950	21,377,074	1,379,447	2.0
31	Kansas	323	380	9,701,988	21,701,106	1,336,495	3.8
32	Oklahoma	122	224	8,691,892	26,594,408	1,174,238	2.6
33	Arkansas	59	232	7,010,195	9,784,529	555,230	2.4
34	Nevada	21	88	6,257,549	17,526,256	759,539	1.9
35	Idaho	105	173	6,022,466	15,635,585	879,324	3.4
36	Nebraska	245	272	5,450,906	13,339,297	716,827	3.3
37	Maine	257	264	5,061,986	4,658,564	683,225	3.7
38	New Hampshire	222	229	4,916,230	8,994,878	905,721	3.2
39	New Mexico	101	131	4,731,500	9,913,560	500,774	3.0
40	Mississippi	53	233	4,316,928	5,322,501	675,409	1.5
41	Rhode Island	48	72	3,623,286	6,410,034	468,471	3.3
42	Washington, D.C.	1	27	3,374,454	6,636,827	265,683	4.8
43	Montana	84	121	3,248,834	4,861,508	363,536	3.0
44	Delaware	21	35	2,801,681	4,923,739	420,095	2.8
45	West Virginia	96	181	2,799,978	6,247,723	458,029	1.6
46	Vermont	183	190	2,799,661	2,088,528	390,571	4.4
47	South Dakota	106	129	2,750,895	6,013,523	319,848	3.3
48	Wyoming	23	77	2,430,017	4,029,806	343,186	4.2
49	Alaska	69	84	2,032,603	3,947,652	189,184	3.2
50	Hawaii	1	53	2,002,235	5,229,093	98,390	1.4
51	North Dakota	78	98	1,780,927	4,154,201	264,619	2.5

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024. "Visits/person" is annual visits divided by the population of the legal service areas, as reported to IMLS.



221

LIBRARIES

304

LOCATIONS

4,947,295

PEOPLE SERVED

2,272,219

CARDHOLDERS

10,671,056

VISITS / YR

15,449,669

ITEMS / YR

HOW ALABAMA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

77% physical (13,872,266) 23% digital (4,065,997)

USE (FY2024)

10,671,056

ANNUAL VISITS

53,363

PROGRAMS HELD

1,268,029

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

705,491

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,396,409

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

4,316,323

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

8,408,271

PRINT VOLUMES

4,815

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

587,865

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.2

VISITS / RESIDENT

3.1

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,964,431

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

375,368

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

358,792

LOANS RECEIVED

436,228

AUDIOBOOKS

667,409

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

1,530

STAFF (FTE)

741

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

304

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$135.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$127.8M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

87% local 5% state 1% federal 7% other

HOW ALABAMA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.2 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

3.1 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Alabama Virtual Library (AVL)

Inside: EBSCO (Academic Search Premier, Explora, Points of View, Health Source), Gale (Kids InfoBits, Opposing Viewpoints In Context, Literature), Britannica (Academic, Library, School), Oxford Reference Online, SIRS Discoverer, AlabamaMosaic.

Ebooks: Camellia Net (Libby/OverDrive), a consortium of 150+ Alabama libraries.

EARLY LITERACY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library reached statewide coverage in Alabama, mailing a free book each month to enrolled children from birth to age 5.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (Montgomery), an NLS network library, serves residents who can't read standard print.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Alabama Public Library Service.



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LIBRARIES

84

LOCATIONS

645,144

PEOPLE SERVED

327,556

CARDHOLDERS

2,032,603

VISITS / YR

3,947,652

ITEMS / YR

HOW ALASKA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 63% physical (2,547,362) ■ 37% digital (1,473,166)

USE (FY2024)

2,032,603

ANNUAL VISITS

10,564

PROGRAMS HELD

189,184

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

118,370

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

189,964

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

724,275

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

1,994,867

PRINT VOLUMES

624

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

126,281

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.2

VISITS / RESIDENT

6.1

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

269,794

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

2,275

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

7,277

LOANS RECEIVED

102,464

AUDIOBOOKS

288,844

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

318

STAFF (FTE)

108

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

69

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$44.1M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$41.6M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 95% local ■ 2% state ■ 2% federal ■ 1% other

HOW ALASKA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.2 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

6.1 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

SLED (Statewide Library Electronic Doorway)

Inside: EBSCO (Novelist, Consumer Health Complete, Points of View), Oxford Reference, TumbleBooks, Teen Health, Learn a Language, Alaska's Digital Archives.

Ebooks: TumbleBooks via SLED; downloadable ebooks via the Alaska Digital Library (Libby/OverDrive).

HOMEWORK HELP

Live Homework Help

Live Homework Help, free through SLED, connects students from elementary through college with live tutors in subjects like math, English, and history, plus adult job and resume help.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Alaska State Library Talking Book Center, a cooperative with the NLS and the Utah State Library, serves people with a visual, physical, or reading disability; applicants under 18 also submit a parental acknowledgement.

Worth knowing: Robust school-library toolkit: an Alaska School Librarian Handbook and New School Librarian Toolkit.



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LIBRARIES

232

LOCATIONS

12,034,479

PEOPLE SERVED

3,115,262

CARDHOLDERS

14,801,108

VISITS / YR

29,843,121

ITEMS / YR

HOW ARIZONA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

66% physical (23,351,457) 34% digital (11,939,613)

USE (FY2024)

14,801,108

ANNUAL VISITS

77,709

PROGRAMS HELD

1,493,346

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

824,391

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,865,945

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

9,717,166

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

6,915,258

PRINT VOLUMES

5,139

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

434,974

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.2

VISITS / RESIDENT

2.5

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,916,937

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

350,262

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

473,408

LOANS RECEIVED

381,520

AUDIOBOOKS

1,056,829

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

2,228

STAFF (FTE)

647

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

494

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$267.0M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$243.3M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

94% local 1% state 1% federal 4% other

HOW ARIZONA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

1.2 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

2.5 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Digital Arizona Library (DAZL)

Inside: Gale In Context (Elementary, High School, Science, Biography, U.S. & World History), Gale Opposing Viewpoints & Peterson's Test & Career Prep, EBSCO NovelList Plus & hobbies/home sources, Britannica Library & Escolar, Data Axle (ReferenceUSA), Pronunciator (100 languages).

Ebooks: Reading Arizona (Arizona-focused ebooks & audiobooks) on Libby (OverDrive); instant digital card for AZ residents.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Arizona Talking Book Library (Arizona State Library), an NLS network library, serves AZ residents certified as having a visual or physical disability that prevents reading standard print.

Worth knowing: Hosts the Arizona Memory Project and historic digital newspapers; DAZL has a Resources for Learners area.



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LIBRARIES

232

LOCATIONS

2,963,570

PEOPLE SERVED

1,551,870

CARDHOLDERS

7,010,195

VISITS / YR

9,784,529

ITEMS / YR

HOW ARKANSAS BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

65% physical (7,398,670) 35% digital (3,922,677)

USE (FY2024)

7,010,195

ANNUAL VISITS

27,033

PROGRAMS HELD

555,230

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

270,258

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

760,768

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

3,494,022

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

5,434,619

PRINT VOLUMES

2,402

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

405,239

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.4

VISITS / RESIDENT

3.3

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,265,577

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

34,357

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

20,986

LOANS RECEIVED

174,976

AUDIOBOOKS

602,972

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

1,146

STAFF (FTE)

384

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

177

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$136.2M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$109.2M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

91% local 4% state 0% federal 5% other

HOW ARKANSAS COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.4 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

3.3 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Traveler (Arkansas State Library)

Inside: ProQuest Central, eLibrary & SIRS (Discoverer, Issues Researcher), ProQuest eBook Central & HeritageQuest, World Book Online (Advanced, Student, Kids), ABC-CLIO (American History, African American Experience), CultureGrams, Pronunciator (languages).

Ebooks: ProQuest eBook Central & World Book eBooks via Traveler; local Libby/OverDrive & Hoopla.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Arkansas Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (Little Rock), an NLS network library, serves residents who can't read standard print.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Arkansas State Library.



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LIBRARIES

1,236

LOCATIONS

39,111,178

PEOPLE SERVED

20,911,004

CARDHOLDERS

87,336,371

VISITS / YR

218,162,056

ITEMS / YR

HOW CALIFORNIA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

66% physical (144,750,428) 34% digital (75,509,378)

USE (FY2024)

87,336,371

ANNUAL VISITS

344,771

PROGRAMS HELD

9,122,659

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

5,443,583

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

8,571,834

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

45,746,190

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

52,183,747

PRINT VOLUMES

21,285

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

2,256,848

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.2

VISITS / RESIDENT

5.6

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

9,988,836

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

2,369,124

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

2,371,312

LOANS RECEIVED

2,083,748

AUDIOBOOKS

4,602,198

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

12,359

STAFF (FTE)

3,679

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

3,425

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$2.27B

OPERATING REVENUE

\$2.14B

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

93% local 3% state 1% federal 3% other

HOW CALIFORNIA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.2 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

5.6 · U.S. avg 5.0

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

Free digital reading

The California Statewide eLibrary on the Palace Project app (administered by the State Library): 40,000+ ebooks for children and school-age readers, free with a library card.

EARLY LITERACY

California Library Literacy Services includes Families for Literacy, delivered through local public libraries.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) at the California State Library in Sacramento serves Northern California through the NLS network, while Southern California is served by Braille Institute Library Services; certification required.

Worth knowing: Publishes an annual compilation of California public library statistics; has a Student & Teacher Resources area.



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LIBRARIES

288

LOCATIONS

5,844,413

PEOPLE SERVED

3,538,808

CARDHOLDERS

21,647,139

VISITS / YR

60,166,836

ITEMS / YR

HOW COLORADO BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

61% physical (37,274,295) 39% digital (23,444,876)

USE (FY2024)

21,647,139

ANNUAL VISITS

105,915

PROGRAMS HELD

2,323,385

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,459,668

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,818,340

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

4,725,565

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

10,208,236

PRINT VOLUMES

5,885

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

576,101

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.7

VISITS / RESIDENT

10.3

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

2,755,493

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

1,185,178

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

1,147,760

LOANS RECEIVED

634,128

AUDIOBOOKS

1,339,412

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

4,008

STAFF (FTE)

986

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

582

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$644.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$476.5M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

90% local 0% state 0% federal 10% other

HOW COLORADO COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.7 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

10.3 · U.S. avg 5.0

EARLY LITERACY

Growing Readers Together

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Colorado Talking Book Library (CTBL), an NLS network library, serves Coloradans with significant vision loss or a certified print or learning disability; apply with a form signed by a qualified professional.

Worth knowing: The Library Research Service publishes library statistics, School Library Impact Studies, and a Library Value Calculator.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Colorado State Library.



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LIBRARIES

233

LOCATIONS

4,133,902

PEOPLE SERVED

1,272,264

CARDHOLDERS

14,742,206

VISITS / YR

21,651,054

ITEMS / YR

HOW CONNECTICUT BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 81% physical (19,275,378) ■ 19% digital (4,534,547)

USE (FY2024)

14,742,206

ANNUAL VISITS

89,745

PROGRAMS HELD

1,917,385

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,027,965

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,309,378

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

4,231,232

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

12,338,083

PRINT VOLUMES

3,498

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

499,258

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.6

VISITS / RESIDENT

5.2

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

2,118,713

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

1,182,416

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

1,159,693

LOANS RECEIVED

570,002

AUDIOBOOKS

1,102,399

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

2,210

STAFF (FTE)

1,112

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

770

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$242.8M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$234.4M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 84% local ■ 1% state ■ 0% federal ■ 15% other

HOW CONNECTICUT COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.6 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

5.2 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

researchIT CT

Inside: EBSCO Explora (elementary, middle, high, public), Academic Search Premier, MAS Ultra: School Edition & Middle Search Plus, Newspaper Source Plus, LearningExpress Workforce Solutions, Referencia Latina.

Ebooks: Palace app (Connecticut State Library + CSCU).

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Connecticut Library for Accessible Books (CT LAB), run by the Connecticut State Library, is an NLS network library; CT residents unable to read standard print qualify with a certified application.

Worth knowing: Deep digital collections: historic newspapers, vital records, and state archives.



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LIBRARIES

35

LOCATIONS

989,948

PEOPLE SERVED

331,303

CARDHOLDERS

2,801,681

VISITS / YR

4,923,739

ITEMS / YR

HOW DELAWARE BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 79% physical (3,898,393) ■ 21% digital (1,025,346)

USE (FY2024)

2,801,681

ANNUAL VISITS

22,688

PROGRAMS HELD

420,095

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

156,585

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

220,494

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

289,085

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

1,445,178

PRINT VOLUMES

1,083

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

80,504

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.8

VISITS / RESIDENT

5.0

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

421,655

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

586,562

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

597,583

LOANS RECEIVED

98,319

AUDIOBOOKS

166,183

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

343

STAFF (FTE)

149

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

63

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$35.7M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$37.6M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 74% local ■ 16% state ■ 3% federal ■ 7% other

HOW DELAWARE COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident



2.8 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident



5.0 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Delaware Libraries statewide databases

Inside: EBSCO MasterFILE Premier & NoveList, LearningExpress practice tests & courses, UDLib/SEARCH for DE K-12, Flipster digital magazines, The Delaware Collections (DE primary sources).

Ebooks: Libby/OverDrive (statewide shared collection); Flipster.

HOMEWORK HELP

UDLib/SEARCH

UDLib/SEARCH provides online research resources for Delaware K-12 students, parents, and teachers. These are research tools for schoolwork rather than live tutoring.

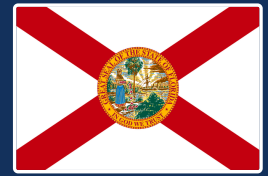
EARLY LITERACY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

ACCESSIBLE READING

Delaware Library Access Services (DLAS), the state's NLS network library, serves Delawareans who can't read standard print; apply through DLAS.

Worth knowing: Free Kids Cards and school-library participation in the statewide catalog.



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LIBRARIES

560

LOCATIONS

23,058,296

PEOPLE SERVED

11,702,365

CARDHOLDERS

45,626,257

VISITS / YR

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ITEMS / YR

HOW FLORIDA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

100% physical (60,829,922) 0% digital (0)

USE (FY2024)

45,626,257

ANNUAL VISITS

231,739

PROGRAMS HELD

4,563,591

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

2,351,048

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

7,944,030

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

15,329,217

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

22,467,171

PRINT VOLUMES

17,136

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

957,052

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.0

VISITS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

12,204,290

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

358,714

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

501,293

LOANS RECEIVED

1,098,070

AUDIOBOOKS

2,776,873

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

6,869

STAFF (FTE)

1,994

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

1,668

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$914.7M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$771.4M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

94% local 2% state 0% federal 4% other

HOW FLORIDA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.0 · U.S. avg 2.6

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Florida Electronic Library

Inside: Gale Academic & General OneFile, Gale Business: Insights, Gale In Context: Elementary & Middle School, Gale Literature: LitFinder, Gale eBooks.

HOMEWORK HELP

Ask a Librarian

Florida's statewide Ask a Librarian service offers live chat, text, and email help from librarians. This is reference help rather than tutoring.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Florida Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library (Daytona Beach), an NLS network library, serves residents who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: Florida Memory is a rich free digital archive with classroom resources.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: State Library & Archives of Florida.



60

LIBRARIES

407

LOCATIONS

11,151,364

PEOPLE SERVED

4,880,626

CARDHOLDERS

18,204,458

VISITS / YR

34,883,958

ITEMS / YR

HOW GEORGIA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

71% physical (24,683,063) 29% digital (10,200,895)

USE (FY2024)

18,204,458

ANNUAL VISITS

91,679

PROGRAMS HELD

2,053,303

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,254,092

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

4,133,709

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

6,865,297

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

13,439,988

PRINT VOLUMES

9,860

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

850,225

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.6

VISITS / RESIDENT

3.1

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

3,946,086

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

998,565

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

960,705

LOANS RECEIVED

395,607

AUDIOBOOKS

1,031,172

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

2,846

STAFF (FTE)

594

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

594

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$258.9M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$253.3M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

76% local 18% state 0% federal 6% other

HOW GEORGIA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

1.6 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

3.1 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

GALILEO

Inside: EBSCO research databases (50+), ProQuest Newspapers, LearningExpress Library, NoveList Plus, Mango Languages, Ancestry Library Edition (in-library) & MyHeritage.

Ebooks: The Palace Project and Georgia Download Destination (OverDrive); Hoopla; TumbleBooks, via GPLS member systems.

ACCESSIBLE READING

Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS), part of Georgia Public Library Service, mails free audio, braille, and large-print materials and equipment to Georgians who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: Experience Passes: a library card unlocks free museum and state-park admission.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Georgia Public Library Service.



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LIBRARIES

53

LOCATIONS

1,446,146

PEOPLE SERVED

1,016,000

CARDHOLDERS

2,002,235

VISITS / YR

5,229,093

ITEMS / YR

HOW HAWAII BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 67% physical (3,512,685) ■ 33% digital (1,716,408)

USE (FY2024)

2,002,235

ANNUAL VISITS

3,839

PROGRAMS HELD

98,390

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

67,902

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

466,313

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

143,654

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

2,530,918

PRINT VOLUMES

685

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

78,920

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.4

VISITS / RESIDENT

3.6

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

352,852

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

144

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

21

LOANS RECEIVED

85,331

AUDIOBOOKS

149,503

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

566

STAFF (FTE)

185

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

150

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$42.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$41.6M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 0% local ■ 93% state ■ 3% federal ■ 4% other

HOW HAWAII COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

1.4 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

3.6 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Hawaii State Public Library System licensed collections

Inside: EBSCO NoveList & NoveList K-8, Gale Courses & Gale In Context.**Ebooks:** Libby (OverDrive): ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework help by grade band

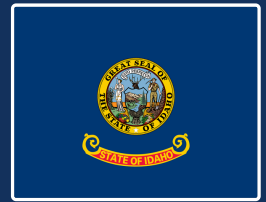
HSPLS organizes homework-help resources by grade band (Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, and Teens), delivered through subscription databases.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPd) at the Hawaii State Public Library System, an NLS network library, serves people who can't read standard print; certification by a qualified professional is required.

Worth knowing: A single statewide system with 51 branches, including combined public-and-school library sites.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Hawaii State Public Library System.



105

LIBRARIES

173

LOCATIONS

1,768,444

PEOPLE SERVED

795,076

CARDHOLDERS

6,022,466

VISITS / YR

15,635,585

ITEMS / YR

HOW IDAHO BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 75% physical (11,887,806) ■ 25% digital (4,060,922)

USE (FY2024)

6,022,466

ANNUAL VISITS

37,905

PROGRAMS HELD

879,324

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

529,635

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

672,627

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

2,665,728

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

4,330,326

PRINT VOLUMES

1,692

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

273,442

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.4

VISITS / RESIDENT

8.8

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,070,931

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

324,068

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

349,729

LOANS RECEIVED

177,784

AUDIOBOOKS

380,854

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

962

STAFF (FTE)

259

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

99

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$87.4M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$83.1M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 87% local ■ 4% state ■ 0% federal ■ 9% other

HOW IDAHO COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.4 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

8.8 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

LiLI (Libraries Linking Idaho)

Inside: EBSCO (Academic Search Premier, MasterFILE, NoveList Plus & K-8, Middle Search Plus, MEDLINE, ERIC), Gale Virtual Reference Library & Chilton, World Book (Encyclopedia, Kids, Student, Advanced, Spanish), LearningExpress Library, Scout: Idaho Edition.

Ebooks: IDEA (Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance) via OverDrive, about 20,000 K-12-geared titles.

EARLY LITERACY

Read to Me, from the Idaho Commission for Libraries, includes My First Books, which mails books to children from birth to kindergarten who are unlikely to have books at home.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Idaho Talking Book Service (Idaho Commission for Libraries), an NLS network library, is a free audiobook service for Idahoans unable to read standard print.

Worth knowing: IDEA (Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance) offers around 20,000 titles, including K-12.



623

LIBRARIES

794

LOCATIONS

11,725,127

PEOPLE SERVED

3,693,852

CARDHOLDERS

40,495,352

VISITS / YR

6,350,164

ITEMS / YR

HOW ILLINOIS BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 99% physical (74,553,422) ■ 1% digital (596,845)

USE (FY2024)

40,495,352

ANNUAL VISITS

256,303

PROGRAMS HELD

5,233,727

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

2,937,047

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

4,606,499

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

25,643,800

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

34,713,470

PRINT VOLUMES

14,064

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,878,051

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.5

VISITS / RESIDENT

0.5

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

6,365,194

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

5,465,368

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

5,623,521

LOANS RECEIVED

2,046,836

AUDIOBOOKS

3,663,263

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

8,774

STAFF (FTE)

3,405

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

2,346

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$1.06B

OPERATING REVENUE

\$905.7M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 87% local ■ 6% state ■ 0% federal ■ 7% other

HOW ILLINOIS COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.5 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

0.5 · U.S. avg 5.0

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Illinois State Library Talking Book & Braille Service provides free audiobooks and braille by mail or download through a regional network; Illinois residents unable to read standard print apply.

Worth knowing: Runs Ask Away Illinois, a 24/7 online chat reference service staffed by Illinois librarians.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Illinois State Library.



236

LIBRARIES

453

LOCATIONS

6,626,294

PEOPLE SERVED

2,620,624

CARDHOLDERS

22,235,717

VISITS / YR

54,571,039

ITEMS / YR

HOW INDIANA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 69% physical (38,884,252) ■ 31% digital (17,357,269)

USE (FY2024)

22,235,717

ANNUAL VISITS

126,747

PROGRAMS HELD

2,460,711

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,416,798

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,459,502

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

21,879,026

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

19,964,048

PRINT VOLUMES

6,639

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,055,381

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.4

VISITS / RESIDENT

8.2

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

2,079,213

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

697,859

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

659,995

LOANS RECEIVED

944,635

AUDIOBOOKS

2,293,709

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

4,545

STAFF (FTE)

1,647

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

1,015

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$507.1M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$438.6M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 86% local ■ 5% state ■ 0% federal ■ 9% other

HOW INDIANA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.4 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

8.2 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

INSPIRE

Inside: EBSCO Explora, MEDLINE & Academic/Business, Rosetta Stone (24 languages), LearningExpress Library + Job & Career Accelerator, TeachingBooks (PreK-12), Consumer Reports, Hoosier State Chronicles & Indiana Memory.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) at the Indiana State Library provides free audio, braille, and large-print plus BARD downloads; eligible Hoosiers apply.

Worth knowing: Strong digital archives: Indiana Memory, Hoosier State Chronicles historic newspapers.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Indiana State Library.



544

LIBRARIES

574

LOCATIONS

3,207,347

PEOPLE SERVED

1,767,140

CARDHOLDERS

12,790,569

VISITS / YR

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ITEMS / YR

HOW IOWA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 100% physical (16,114,620) ■ 0% digital (0)

USE (FY2024)

12,790,569

ANNUAL VISITS

117,308

PROGRAMS HELD

2,183,785

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,277,601

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,292,377

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

3,248,731

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

11,051,031

PRINT VOLUMES

4,449

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

969,254

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

4.0

VISITS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,197,933

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

436,977

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

444,873

LOANS RECEIVED

493,399

AUDIOBOOKS

1,122,902

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

1,815

STAFF (FTE)

1,079

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

325

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$165.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$160.5M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 93% local ■ 2% state ■ 0% federal ■ 5% other

HOW IOWA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

4.0 · U.S. avg 2.6

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

State Library of Iowa online resources

Inside: Mometrix eLibrary test prep, SILO / Iowa Locator statewide catalog & interlibrary loan, State Documents Repository & Iowa Publications Online.**Ebooks:** Bridges eLibrary (Libby/OverDrive).

HOMEWORK HELP

Mometrix eLibrary

Mometrix eLibrary offers test-prep materials statewide. This is test prep rather than live tutoring.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines) is the state's NLS regional library; Iowans unable to read standard print apply.

Worth knowing: Runs the All Iowa Reads shared-reading program; offers Bridges ebooks.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: State Library of Iowa.



323

LIBRARIES

380

LOCATIONS

2,549,041

PEOPLE SERVED

1,718,614

CARDHOLDERS

9,701,988

VISITS / YR

21,701,106

ITEMS / YR

HOW KANSAS BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 73% physical (15,822,998) ■ 27% digital (5,923,832)

USE (FY2024)

9,701,988

ANNUAL VISITS

66,503

PROGRAMS HELD

1,336,495

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

802,975

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,160,927

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

2,859,326

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

8,031,698

PRINT VOLUMES

3,689

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

674,195

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.8

VISITS / RESIDENT

8.5

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,983,485

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

737,674

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

733,525

LOANS RECEIVED

344,946

AUDIOBOOKS

919,919

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

1,819

STAFF (FTE)

724

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

250

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$195.4M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$181.5M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 86% local ■ 3% state ■ 0% federal ■ 11% other

HOW KANSAS COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.8 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

8.5 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

State Library of Kansas databases (State Library eCard)

Inside: Britannica, Gale (incl. Books & Authors), Infobase, ProQuest (incl. HeritageQuest), OCLC WorldCat.**Ebooks:** cloudLibrary and Freading (statewide via eCard); youth: Britannica Collective eBooks, Scholastic BookFlix.

EARLY LITERACY

Scholastic BookFlix and Britannica Collective juvenile eBooks support early readers, alongside the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers program.

ACCESSIBLE READING

Kansas Talking Books, a service of the State Library of Kansas and part of the NLS network, serves Kansans unable to read standard print; regional access points include the Central Kansas Library System.

Worth knowing: A single Kansas Library eCard unlocks statewide databases and digital books from home; a dedicated K-12 Student Resources section.



120

LIBRARIES

281

LOCATIONS

4,534,010

PEOPLE SERVED

2,365,366

CARDHOLDERS

11,143,361

VISITS / YR

28,564,261

ITEMS / YR

HOW KENTUCKY BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 68% physical (19,542,354) ■ 32% digital (9,021,907)

USE (FY2024)

11,143,361

ANNUAL VISITS

90,711

PROGRAMS HELD

2,470,212

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,203,198

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,841,691

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

6,813,021

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

8,766,735

PRINT VOLUMES

3,988

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

594,598

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.5

VISITS / RESIDENT

6.3

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

2,497,346

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

43,691

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

52,903

LOANS RECEIVED

396,116

AUDIOBOOKS

963,681

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

2,431

STAFF (FTE)

1,252

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

404

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$254.9M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$189.7M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 92% local ■ 2% state ■ 0% federal ■ 6% other

HOW KENTUCKY COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.5 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

6.3 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL)

Inside: EBSCOhost (Academic Search, MasterFILE, Middle Search Plus, Health & Business Source), ProQuest Career & Technical Education, Scholastic GO! / Grolier encyclopedias, NoveList, LearningExpress.

Ebooks: Kentucky Libraries Unbound (OverDrive): ebooks and audiobooks.

EARLY LITERACY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Kentucky is statewide, reaching children in all 120 counties with a free book each month from birth to age 5.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Kentucky Talking Book Library (Frankfort), part of the NLS network, serves residents who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: Publishes a Kentucky Public Libraries Return on Investment measure.



68

LIBRARIES

360

LOCATIONS

4,546,477

PEOPLE SERVED

2,285,243

CARDHOLDERS

11,344,210

VISITS / YR

20,088,366

ITEMS / YR

HOW LOUISIANA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 58% physical (11,582,535) ■ 42% digital (8,556,481)

USE (FY2024)

11,344,210

ANNUAL VISITS

92,876

PROGRAMS HELD

1,532,852

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

878,302

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,641,435

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

5,613,531

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

10,264,116

PRINT VOLUMES

4,940

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

775,187

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.5

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.4

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

2,677,287

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

65,220

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

78,873

LOANS RECEIVED

398,182

AUDIOBOOKS

1,287,515

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

2,765

STAFF (FTE)

1,310

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

476

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$326.0M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$273.0M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 91% local ■ 1% state ■ 0% federal ■ 8% other

HOW LOUISIANA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.5 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

4.4 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Louisiana Library Connection

HOMEWORK HELP

HomeworkLA

HomeworkLA offers free online tutoring for learners of all ages, with live tutors daily from 10am to midnight, a drop-off review service, and test prep, including Spanish and Vietnamese options.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Louisiana Talking Books and Braille Library (Baton Rouge), part of the NLS network, holds more than 164,000 audio and braille books for residents who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: HomeworkLA offers free live online tutoring for K-12 students; statistics are published on the homepage.



257

LIBRARIES

264

LOCATIONS

1,383,619

PEOPLE SERVED

628,307

CARDHOLDERS

5,061,986

VISITS / YR

4,658,564

ITEMS / YR

HOW MAINE BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 89% physical (5,795,462) ■ 11% digital (708,265)

USE (FY2024)

5,061,986

ANNUAL VISITS

49,461

PROGRAMS HELD

683,225

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

380,473

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

314,345

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

1,125,515

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

5,924,599

PRINT VOLUMES

1,430

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

363,741

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.7

VISITS / RESIDENT

3.4

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

514,253

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

617,942

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

627,444

LOANS RECEIVED

209,476

AUDIOBOOKS

447,502

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

766

STAFF (FTE)

429

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

186

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$65.5M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$64.2M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 72% local ■ 1% state ■ 0% federal ■ 27% other

HOW MAINE COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.7 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

3.4 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Digital Maine Library

Inside: Gale In Context (Elementary, Middle, High School), Gale Kids InfoBits & National Geographic Kids, EBSCO LearningExpress & NoveList Plus, ProQuest Ancestry Library Edition, World Book, Pronunciator language learning.

Ebooks: cloudLibrary (Maine InfoNet Download Library).

ACCESSIBLE READING

Talking Books Plus, run by Maine State Library Outreach Services and part of the national NLS network, is free for Maine residents certified as blind, low-vision, or print- or reading-disabled; register as a borrower to order.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Maine State Library.



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LIBRARIES

218

LOCATIONS

12,347,722

PEOPLE SERVED

3,354,035

CARDHOLDERS

17,290,101

VISITS / YR

51,929,570

ITEMS / YR

HOW MARYLAND BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 72% physical (37,532,938) ■ 28% digital (14,656,433)

USE (FY2024)

17,290,101

ANNUAL VISITS

84,576

PROGRAMS HELD

2,171,049

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,326,622

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,253,498

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

23,730,995

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

9,443,661

PRINT VOLUMES

5,216

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

484,630

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.4

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.2

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

3,511,626

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

331,182

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

391,874

LOANS RECEIVED

572,401

AUDIOBOOKS

785,388

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

3,427

STAFF (FTE)

1,584

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

676

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$388.7M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$376.4M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 71% local ■ 17% state ■ 1% federal ■ 11% other

HOW MARYLAND COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

1.4 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

4.2 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Sailor (Maryland's statewide databases)

Inside: Gale In Context (Elementary, Middle, High School), Gale Academic & General OneFile, Gale Presents: National Geographic Kids, Peterson's Test & Career Prep, ChiltonLibrary, Mango Languages (+ Little Pim, ages 0-6).

Ebooks: Libby/OverDrive (Maryland public library systems).

EARLY LITERACY

Governor's Young Readers Program

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Maryland State Library for the Blind & Print Disabled (Baltimore) is the state's NLS network library; residents who can't read standard print qualify with a certified application.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Maryland State Library.



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LIBRARIES

463

LOCATIONS

6,981,725

PEOPLE SERVED

3,641,280

CARDHOLDERS

28,349,367

VISITS / YR

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ITEMS / YR

HOW MASSACHUSETTS BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 100% physical (43,491,478) ■ 0% digital (0)

USE (FY2024)

28,349,367

ANNUAL VISITS

203,371

PROGRAMS HELD

3,576,082

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,865,299

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,366,611

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

10,532,950

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

26,344,500

PRINT VOLUMES

5,857

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,012,979

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

4.1

VISITS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

3,590,379

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

6,318,956

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

6,439,448

LOANS RECEIVED

1,139,328

AUDIOBOOKS

1,983,350

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

3,983

STAFF (FTE)

2,074

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

1,367

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$421.7M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$422.5M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 85% local ■ 5% state ■ 0% federal ■ 10% other

HOW MASSACHUSETTS COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

4.1 · U.S. avg 2.6

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Massachusetts statewide databases (MBLC)

Inside: Gale In Context resources, Encyclopedia Britannica (Library & School), Capstone PebbleGo (animals, biographies).

Ebooks: Commonwealth eBook Collections via the Palace app; also Libby (OverDrive).

ACCESSIBLE READING

Two NLS libraries serve Massachusetts: the Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library (Watertown) and the Worcester Talking Book Library. Residents who can't read standard print qualify with a certified application.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



396

LIBRARIES

666

LOCATIONS

10,049,893

PEOPLE SERVED

4,005,020

CARDHOLDERS

29,535,727

VISITS / YR

68,944,340

ITEMS / YR

HOW MICHIGAN BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

73% physical (53,652,806) 27% digital (20,284,687)

USE (FY2024)

29,535,727

ANNUAL VISITS

162,195

PROGRAMS HELD

3,478,596

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

2,090,267

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,820,824

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

12,223,399

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

24,814,996

PRINT VOLUMES

10,139

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,435,717

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.9

VISITS / RESIDENT

6.9

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

5,303,274

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

2,757,596

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

2,847,328

LOANS RECEIVED

1,438,897

AUDIOBOOKS

2,622,722

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

4,961

STAFF (FTE)

1,969

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

1,343

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$585.9M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$511.4M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

91% local 3% state 0% federal 6% other

HOW MICHIGAN COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.9 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

6.9 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Michigan eLibrary (MeL)

Inside: EBSCO Explora (Public, Kids, Teens, Educators), Academic Search Complete & NoveList Plus, Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints, PebbleGo, World Book Kids, LearningExpress Library.

Ebooks: MeLCat statewide interlibrary loan for physical items; local Libby/OverDrive.

EARLY LITERACY

PebbleGo and World Book Kids, primary-grades resources, are available through MeL.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) at the Library of Michigan is the state's NLS regional library; residents with print disabilities apply.

Worth knowing: MiLibraryQuest is a statewide online game for teens.



140

LIBRARIES

368

LOCATIONS

6,158,331

PEOPLE SERVED

2,953,937

CARDHOLDERS

17,492,835

VISITS / YR

53,033,308

ITEMS / YR

HOW MINNESOTA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 70% physical (37,475,921) ■ 30% digital (15,743,441)

USE (FY2024)

17,492,835

ANNUAL VISITS

59,017

PROGRAMS HELD

1,178,026

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

711,846

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,168,736

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

17,805,870

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

12,342,293

PRINT VOLUMES

4,974

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

744,826

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.8

VISITS / RESIDENT

8.6

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

2,250,919

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

1,018,796

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

1,036,455

LOANS RECEIVED

598,193

AUDIOBOOKS

1,007,384

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

2,167

STAFF (FTE)

881

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

535

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$267.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$256.8M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 88% local ■ 4% state ■ 0% federal ■ 8% other

HOW MINNESOTA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.8 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

8.6 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

ELM (Electronic Library for Minnesota)

Inside: EBSCO databases incl. Consumer Health Complete, ELM Ebooks (MackinVIA), Information-literacy instruction videos, Mncat Discovery statewide catalog.**Ebooks:** ELM Ebooks (MackinVIA); Ebooks Minnesota (Minitex).

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library (MBTBL) in Faribault, part of State Services for the Blind, is the state's NLS regional library; residents with print disabilities apply.

Worth knowing: Also offers Ebooks Minnesota, a free statewide ebook collection.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: State Library Services (Minnesota Dept. of Education).



53

LIBRARIES

233

LOCATIONS

2,960,166

PEOPLE SERVED

1,433,032

CARDHOLDERS

4,316,928

VISITS / YR

5,322,501

ITEMS / YR

HOW MISSISSIPPI BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ **81%** physical (4,419,921) ■ **19%** digital (1,008,478)

USE (FY2024)

4,316,928

ANNUAL VISITS

29,813

PROGRAMS HELD

675,409

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

339,689

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

664,710

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

4,006,146

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

5,045,846

PRINT VOLUMES

2,220

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

405,648

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.5

VISITS / RESIDENT

1.8

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

710,126

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

41,262

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

47,683

LOANS RECEIVED

149,745

AUDIOBOOKS

449,472

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

810

STAFF (FTE)

682

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

124

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$54.0M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$50.2M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ **79%** local ■ **13%** state ■ **1%** federal ■ **7%** other

HOW MISSISSIPPI COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

1.5 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

1.8 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

MAGNOLIA

Inside: EBSCO databases, Britannica, WorldCat.

Ebooks: hoopla (via the Mississippi Library Commission); local OverDrive.

ACCESSIBLE READING

Mississippi Talking Book and Braille Services (Jackson), part of the NLS network, serves residents who can't read standard print; BARD downloads are available.

Worth knowing: Lends Book & STEM Kits and offers BookMatch personalized reading recommendations.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Mississippi Library Commission.



152

LIBRARIES

395

LOCATIONS

5,688,137

PEOPLE SERVED

3,371,126

CARDHOLDERS

17,577,654

VISITS / YR

48,832,178

ITEMS / YR

HOW MISSOURI BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)



USE (FY2024)

17,577,654

ANNUAL VISITS

86,811

PROGRAMS HELD

1,841,898

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,192,153

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,066,874

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

11,013,136

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

14,123,195

PRINT VOLUMES

4,429

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

912,439

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.1

VISITS / RESIDENT

8.6

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,991,272

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

1,384,596

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

1,456,843

LOANS RECEIVED

706,535

AUDIOBOOKS

1,283,948

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

3,264

STAFF (FTE)

900

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

321

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$374.4M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$329.8M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)



HOW MISSOURI COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident



3.1 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident



8.6 · U.S. avg 5.0

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library (Jefferson City, Office of the Secretary of State) is Missouri's NLS library, providing audio, braille, and large-print materials plus loaned playback equipment; Missourians unable to read standard print apply with a certified application.

Worth knowing: Includes Missouri Digital Heritage and Missouri State Publications Online.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Missouri State Library.



84

LIBRARIES

121

LOCATIONS

1,092,127

PEOPLE SERVED

387,900

CARDHOLDERS

3,248,834

VISITS / YR

4,861,508

ITEMS / YR

HOW MONTANA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

72% physical (3,830,389) 28% digital (1,476,893)

USE (FY2024)

3,248,834

ANNUAL VISITS

19,773

PROGRAMS HELD

363,536

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

220,084

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

394,452

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

1,514,472

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

2,390,749

PRINT VOLUMES

1,007

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

212,741

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.0

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.5

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

602,563

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

435,472

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

437,709

LOANS RECEIVED

95,329

AUDIOBOOKS

239,778

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

446

STAFF (FTE)

229

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

76

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$44.0M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$38.1M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

89% local 2% state 0% federal 9% other

HOW MONTANA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.0 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

4.5 · U.S. avg 5.0

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

Free digital reading

MontanaLibrary2Go via Libby (OverDrive).

EARLY LITERACY

Ready 2 Read, from the Montana State Library, includes Books Before Bedtime (ages 0-5), 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

ACCESSIBLE READING

Montana Talking Books (Montana State Library), part of the NLS network, serves residents who can't use standard print because of a visual, physical, or reading disability; apply by phone, email, or online.

Worth knowing: Also hosts a statewide geographic information (GIS) clearinghouse and the Natural Heritage Program.



245

LIBRARIES

272

LOCATIONS

1,643,417

PEOPLE SERVED

1,027,585

CARDHOLDERS

5,450,906

VISITS / YR

13,339,297

ITEMS / YR

HOW NEBRASKA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 72% physical (9,606,464) ■ 28% digital (3,776,463)

USE (FY2024)

5,450,906

ANNUAL VISITS

37,766

PROGRAMS HELD

716,827

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

461,600

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

696,380

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

2,614,032

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

5,469,865

PRINT VOLUMES

2,219

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

451,376

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.3

VISITS / RESIDENT

8.1

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

597,060

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

30,823

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

27,589

LOANS RECEIVED

198,517

AUDIOBOOKS

431,564

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

824

STAFF (FTE)

485

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

119

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$82.8M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$75.6M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 94% local ■ 1% state ■ 0% federal ■ 5% other

HOW NEBRASKA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.3 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

8.1 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

NebraskaAccess

Inside: EBSCO Explora (Public, High, Elementary-Middle), Biography Reference Ultimate, NoveList Plus & NoveList K-8 Plus, Consumer Health Complete, Points of View & Primary Search, MyHeritage Library Edition.

Ebooks: Nebraska OverDrive Libraries (Libby).

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) in Lincoln is the state's NLS regional library; Nebraskans unable to read standard print apply.

Worth knowing: Hosts NCompass Live, a well-known free continuing-education webinar series.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Nebraska Library Commission.



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LIBRARIES

88

LOCATIONS

3,229,973

PEOPLE SERVED

1,082,404

CARDHOLDERS

6,257,549

VISITS / YR

17,526,256

ITEMS / YR

HOW NEVADA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 59% physical (10,436,034) ■ 41% digital (7,255,812)

USE (FY2024)

6,257,549

ANNUAL VISITS

41,122

PROGRAMS HELD

759,539

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

277,050

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,407,517

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

1,303,094

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

2,427,282

PRINT VOLUMES

1,716

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

172,298

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.9

VISITS / RESIDENT

5.4

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

823,648

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

21,483

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

23,394

LOANS RECEIVED

126,995

AUDIOBOOKS

353,873

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

1,005

STAFF (FTE)

217

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

175

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$184.1M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$130.1M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 76% local ■ 20% state ■ 2% federal ■ 2% other

HOW NEVADA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

1.9 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

5.4 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Nevada Statewide Licensed Databases

Inside: EBSCO (including the Explora interface), ABC-CLIO, LearningExpress Library, TeachingBooks, World Book, LinkedIn Learning for Public Libraries.**Ebooks:** EBSCO eBooks (statewide via the Nevada State Library).

ACCESSIBLE READING

Nevada Talking Book Services (Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records), an NLS network library, serves NV residents with blindness or a visual, perceptual, reading, or physical disability; apply online, by phone, or by email.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records.



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New Hampshire
New Hampshire State Library



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LIBRARIES

229

LOCATIONS

1,517,456

PEOPLE SERVED

657,799

CARDHOLDERS

4,916,230

VISITS / YR

8,994,878

ITEMS / YR

HOW NEW HAMPSHIRE BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ **72%** physical (6,481,109) ■ **28%** digital (2,520,737)

USE (FY2024)

4,916,230

ANNUAL VISITS

59,255

PROGRAMS HELD

905,721

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

460,188

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

278,355

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

486,840

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

5,200,388

PRINT VOLUMES

1,083

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

379,589

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.2

VISITS / RESIDENT

5.9

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

703,687

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

260,424

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

256,687

LOANS RECEIVED

207,341

AUDIOBOOKS

503,160

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

878

STAFF (FTE)

591

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

265

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$79.9M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$79.3M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ **94%** local ■ **0%** state ■ **0%** federal ■ **6%** other

HOW NEW HAMPSHIRE COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.2 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

5.9 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

New Hampshire State Library databases

Inside: EBSCO research databases, NoveList Plus reading recommendations.

Ebooks: New Hampshire Downloadable Books via Libby (OverDrive).

ACCESSIBLE READING

The New Hampshire Talking Book Library (NLS network) serves residents who cannot use standard print because of low vision, blindness, or a physical or reading disability; complete and certify an application to enroll.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: New Hampshire State Library.



295

LIBRARIES

454

LOCATIONS

9,893,089

PEOPLE SERVED

3,521,690

CARDHOLDERS

28,262,239

VISITS / YR

46,006,712

ITEMS / YR

HOW NEW JERSEY BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 77% physical (36,263,997) ■ 23% digital (10,804,260)

USE (FY2024)

28,262,239

ANNUAL VISITS

221,345

PROGRAMS HELD

4,131,068

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

2,095,708

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,789,561

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

5,142,134

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

22,741,410

PRINT VOLUMES

7,555

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,016,499

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.9

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.7

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

4,821,009

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

2,506,023

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

2,357,890

LOANS RECEIVED

2,627,066

AUDIOBOOKS

2,049,709

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

4,560

STAFF (FTE)

1,484

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

1,381

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$617.9M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$554.2M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 96% local ■ 1% state ■ 0% federal ■ 3% other

HOW NEW JERSEY COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.9 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

4.7 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

JerseyClicks

Inside: EBSCO NoveList & NoveList K-8, Middle Search Plus & Primary Search, Academic Search Premier, Points of View & Newspaper Source Plus, Peterson's Test & Career Prep, ProQuest HeritageQuest.

Ebooks: The Palace Project app (free to all NJ residents); EBSCO eBooks.

EARLY LITERACY

Family literacy resources

ACCESSIBLE READING

The New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC) serves NJ residents of any age who can't read standard print; submit a certified application.

Worth knowing: JerseyClicks databases are labeled specifically for students in K-12 and college.



101

LIBRARIES

131

LOCATIONS

1,587,605

PEOPLE SERVED

999,992

CARDHOLDERS

4,731,500

VISITS / YR

9,913,560

ITEMS / YR

HOW NEW MEXICO BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)



USE (FY2024)

4,731,500

ANNUAL VISITS

28,957

PROGRAMS HELD

500,774

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

267,763

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

530,143

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

2,302,413

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

3,731,647

PRINT VOLUMES

1,777

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

261,571

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.0

VISITS / RESIDENT

6.2

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

717,304

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

7,550

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

14,810

LOANS RECEIVED

156,632

AUDIOBOOKS

337,573

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

723

STAFF (FTE)

286

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

135

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$72.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$64.5M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)



HOW NEW MEXICO COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)



FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

El Portal

Inside: Periodical & reference databases, Brainfuse HelpNow (homework help), Gale products via NMSL.**Ebooks:** NM Reads via Hoopla.

HOMEWORK HELP

Brainfuse HelpNow

Brainfuse HelpNow, part of El Portal, offers one-to-one online homework help, test prep, and writing assistance, with live tutors 2-11 p.m. daily and self-serve help around the clock.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The New Mexico Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (Talking Books Library), an NLS network library, serves New Mexicans who can't read standard print; an application is required.

Worth knowing: Runs a Tribal Libraries Program plus Books by Mail and bookmobile services.



759

LIBRARIES

1,071

LOCATIONS

20,444,087

PEOPLE SERVED

9,553,239

CARDHOLDERS

66,945,374

VISITS / YR

97,557,974

ITEMS / YR

HOW NEW YORK BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)



USE (FY2024)

66,945,374

ANNUAL VISITS

554,655

PROGRAMS HELD

9,108,815

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

4,280,956

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

6,763,783

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

22,092,357

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

63,635,825

PRINT VOLUMES

18,707

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

2,326,840

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.3

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.8

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

15,937,174

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

5,898,189

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

6,235,823

LOANS RECEIVED

2,680,191

AUDIOBOOKS

4,688,065

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

12,810

STAFF (FTE)

4,647

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

3,756

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$1.74B

OPERATING REVENUE

\$1.58B

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)



HOW NEW YORK COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)



FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

NOVELNY

Inside: Gale Academic & General OneFile, Gale Kids InfoBits & Research in Context, Gale Opposing Viewpoints, Encyclopedia Britannica (School, Academic, Escolar).

ACCESSIBLE READING

Two NLS libraries serve New York by region: the New York State Talking Book & Braille Library (Albany) for residents outside New York City and Long Island, and the Andrew Heiskell Braille & Talking Book Library (NYC) for the city and Long Island. Apply with a certified application.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: New York State Library.



STATE LIBRARY GUIDE
North Carolina
State Library of North Carolina



84

LIBRARIES

426

LOCATIONS

10,846,274

PEOPLE SERVED

5,102,092

CARDHOLDERS

21,396,149

VISITS / YR

54,384,652

ITEMS / YR

HOW NORTH CAROLINA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ **71%** physical (38,363,952) ■ **29%** digital (16,020,700)

USE (FY2024)

21,396,149

ANNUAL VISITS

131,007

PROGRAMS HELD

2,940,355

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,954,812

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,085,218

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

8,053,960

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

14,287,704

PRINT VOLUMES

5,718

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

970,450

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.0

VISITS / RESIDENT

5.0

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

4,563,117

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

601,462

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

639,205

LOANS RECEIVED

444,311

AUDIOBOOKS

840,876

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

3,404

STAFF (FTE)

878

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

841

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$323.4M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$303.1M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ **88%** local ■ **6%** state ■ **2%** federal ■ **4%** other

HOW NORTH CAROLINA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.0 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

5.0 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

NC LIVE

Inside: Research databases: articles, ebooks, video, Magazines & newspapers, Test prep & language learning, Homework help & genealogy, Grow with Google courses.

Ebooks: NC Kids Digital Library (statewide children's ebooks & audiobooks via OverDrive/Libby); local Libby & Hoopla.

EARLY LITERACY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now available statewide in North Carolina, mailing a free book each month to children from birth to age 5.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The North Carolina Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (Raleigh), an NLS network library, serves residents who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: Excel High School lets adults earn an accredited diploma through the library.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: State Library of North Carolina.



STATE LIBRARY GUIDE
North Dakota
North Dakota State Library



78

LIBRARIES

98

LOCATIONS

708,725

PEOPLE SERVED

261,930

CARDHOLDERS

1,780,927

VISITS / YR

4,154,201

ITEMS / YR

HOW NORTH DAKOTA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ **70%** physical (2,908,783) ■ **30%** digital (1,263,841)

USE (FY2024)

1,780,927

ANNUAL VISITS

11,539

PROGRAMS HELD

264,619

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

128,788

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

224,005

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

1,494,577

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

1,941,645

PRINT VOLUMES

598

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

147,745

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.5

VISITS / RESIDENT

5.9

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

347,997

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

58,505

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

55,841

LOANS RECEIVED

66,569

AUDIOBOOKS

139,028

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

292

STAFF (FTE)

165

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

50

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$29.0M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$26.7M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ **87%** local ■ **6%** state ■ **0%** federal ■ **7%** other

HOW NORTH DAKOTA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.5 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

5.9 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

North Dakota State Library Online Resources

Inside: EBSCO Explora (Kids, Teens, Public, Educators), Gale In Context (Elementary, Middle, High), Britannica (Academic, Library, School, Fundamentals), Ancestry Library Edition (in-library), PebbleGo / PebbleGo Next, Universal Class.

Ebooks: Library2Go (Libby/OverDrive).

EARLY LITERACY

PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next, for primary students, are available through the State Library.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The North Dakota State Library Talking Book Program (Bismarck) provides free audio, braille, and large-print; North Dakotans unable to read standard print apply.

Worth knowing: Operates library lending machines (self-service kiosks) for patrons.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: North Dakota State Library.



251

LIBRARIES

790

LOCATIONS

11,681,554

PEOPLE SERVED

7,358,182

CARDHOLDERS

48,066,584

VISITS / YR

154,090,105

ITEMS / YR

HOW OHIO BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 70% physical (108,338,009) ■ 30% digital (46,104,781)

USE (FY2024)

48,066,584

ANNUAL VISITS

275,214

PROGRAMS HELD

5,863,296

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

3,522,481

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

6,277,173

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

23,349,078

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

34,516,030

PRINT VOLUMES

12,060

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,900,702

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

4.1

VISITS / RESIDENT

13.2

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

10,133,667

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

8,745,990

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

8,755,750

LOANS RECEIVED

2,037,682

AUDIOBOOKS

4,516,114

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

9,252

STAFF (FTE)

2,898

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

1,976

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$1.12B

OPERATING REVENUE

\$951.2M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 48% local ■ 43% state ■ 0% federal ■ 9% other

HOW OHIO COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

4.1 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

13.2 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Ohio Web Library (OPLIN / Libraries Connect Ohio)

Inside: EBSCO Explora (PreK-5, 6-8, 9-12), Academic & Business Source Premier, World Book (Kids, Student, Advanced, Early Learning), Oxford Research Encyclopedias, ProQuest CultureGrams & Ancestry Library Edition, Gale Chilton Library.

Ebooks: Ohio Digital Library (Libby/OverDrive).

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Ohio Library for the Blind & Physically Disabled (OLBPD), operated by Cleveland Public Library, is Ohio's NLS regional library; Ohioans unable to read standard print apply with a certified application.

Worth knowing: Ohio's dedicated K-12 database service, INFOhio, is run as a separate statewide agency.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: State Library of Ohio.



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LIBRARIES

224

LOCATIONS

3,311,462

PEOPLE SERVED

1,928,864

CARDHOLDERS

8,691,892

VISITS / YR

26,594,408

ITEMS / YR

HOW OKLAHOMA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 65% physical (17,369,336) ■ 35% digital (9,242,450)

USE (FY2024)

8,691,892

ANNUAL VISITS

54,685

PROGRAMS HELD

1,174,238

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

717,992

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,370,341

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

2,138,770

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

5,698,869

PRINT VOLUMES

2,705

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

510,226

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.6

VISITS / RESIDENT

8.0

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,060,670

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

32,649

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

56,120

LOANS RECEIVED

244,977

AUDIOBOOKS

561,903

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

1,745

STAFF (FTE)

1,086

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

338

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$175.6M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$151.3M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 91% local ■ 1% state ■ 1% federal ■ 7% other

HOW OKLAHOMA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.6 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

8.0 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Oklahoma Department of Libraries digital resources

Inside: EBSCOhost + Explora (student research, health, business), Brainfuse (tutoring & practice tests), Grow with Google, Blue Career (skilled trades).

HOMEWORK HELP

Brainfuse

Brainfuse, offered through the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, provides tutoring, homework help, and practice tests, plus career and veteran support.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (OLBPH), an NLS network library, serves Oklahomans of any age who can't use regular print; certification by a qualified professional is required.

Worth knowing: Has a dedicated Literacy Resources unit leading statewide literacy.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Oklahoma Department of Libraries.



136

LIBRARIES

225

LOCATIONS

3,842,087

PEOPLE SERVED

1,737,388

CARDHOLDERS

12,656,584

VISITS / YR

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ITEMS / YR

HOW OREGON BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 100% physical (35,626,782) ■ 0% digital (0)

USE (FY2024)

12,656,584

ANNUAL VISITS

54,648

PROGRAMS HELD

1,157,142

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

650,242

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,202,761

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

4,998,357

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

8,525,378

PRINT VOLUMES

2,735

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

410,418

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.3

VISITS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,095,292

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

4,515,513

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

7,520,488

LOANS RECEIVED

488,874

AUDIOBOOKS

970,336

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

1,969

STAFF (FTE)

564

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

449

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$314.4M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$290.4M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 94% local ■ 0% state ■ 0% federal ■ 6% other

HOW OREGON COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.3 · U.S. avg 2.6

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Statewide Database Licensing Program (Gale)

Inside: Gale databases, free to all Oregonians.

EARLY LITERACY

The Ready to Read Grant, from the State Library of Oregon, funds public-library early-literacy and summer-reading services statewide.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Talking Book and Braille Library at the State Library of Oregon, an NLS network library, is free to Oregonians with a print disability; a qualifying professional must certify eligibility.

Worth knowing: Runs Answerland, a statewide online reference service, and the Oregon Center for the Book.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Oregon State Library.



443

LIBRARIES

631

LOCATIONS

12,708,807

PEOPLE SERVED

4,053,920

CARDHOLDERS

27,111,339

VISITS / YR

60,794,304

ITEMS / YR

HOW PENNSYLVANIA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 74% physical (44,891,229) ■ 26% digital (15,917,825)

USE (FY2024)

27,111,339

ANNUAL VISITS

223,428

PROGRAMS HELD

4,059,619

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

2,431,092

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,996,404

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

10,320,803

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

22,455,276

PRINT VOLUMES

6,194

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,377,263

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.1

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.8

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

4,639,135

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

5,500,553

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

5,419,291

LOANS RECEIVED

1,026,559

AUDIOBOOKS

1,949,899

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

5,154

STAFF (FTE)

1,630

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

1,155

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$462.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$435.4M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 63% local ■ 17% state ■ 0% federal ■ 20% other

HOW PENNSYLVANIA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.1 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

4.8 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

POWER Library

Inside: Britannica School Elementary, Gale In Context: Middle School, ProQuest SIRS Discoverer, POWER Kids & POWER Teens portals, AP Newsroom, Transparent Language Online.

Ebooks: POWER Library E-Book Collection (EBSCO, Gale, ProQuest); local Libby/OverDrive.

EARLY LITERACY

BookFlix (Scholastic) pairs fiction and nonfiction video storybooks for Pre-K to grade 3 through POWER Library.

ACCESSIBLE READING

Two NLS regional libraries serve Pennsylvania: the Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians (LAMP) at the Free Library of Philadelphia (eastern PA) and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (western PA).

Worth knowing: Offers a statewide library card and a STEMLab program.



STATE LIBRARY GUIDE
Rhode Island
Office of Library & Information Services (OLIS)



48

LIBRARIES

72

LOCATIONS

1,097,379

PEOPLE SERVED

371,786

CARDHOLDERS

3,623,286

VISITS / YR

6,410,034

ITEMS / YR

HOW RHODE ISLAND BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)



USE (FY2024)

3,623,286

ANNUAL VISITS

29,744

PROGRAMS HELD

468,471

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

195,111

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

357,750

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

1,082,129

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

2,912,757

PRINT VOLUMES

1,397

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

156,994

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.3

VISITS / RESIDENT

5.8

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

471,099

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

995,674

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

998,821

LOANS RECEIVED

129,670

AUDIOBOOKS

283,473

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

626

STAFF (FTE)

251

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

230

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$63.7M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$62.6M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)



HOW RHODE ISLAND COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)



FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

AskRI.org

Inside: EBSCO Explora (primary, secondary, public), Academic Search & NovelList, World Book (Kids, Student, Advanced), LearningExpress Library + Job & Career Accelerator, Mango Languages, Gale Presents: Udemy.

Ebooks: Ocean State Libraries eZone (Libby/OverDrive).

HOMEWORK HELP

Tutor.com

Tutor.com offers free live online tutoring to Rhode Islanders through AskRI.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Talking Books Library for the Blind & Print-Disabled, run by OLIS and funded by the Library of Congress NLS, serves RI residents who can't read standard print; apply through OLIS.

Worth knowing: Directory covers public, academic, and school libraries statewide.



STATE LIBRARY GUIDE
South Carolina
South Carolina State Library



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LIBRARIES

242

LOCATIONS

5,154,107

PEOPLE SERVED

2,433,876

CARDHOLDERS

10,268,950

VISITS / YR

21,377,074

ITEMS / YR

HOW SOUTH CAROLINA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 70% physical (16,610,711) ■ 30% digital (7,041,363)

USE (FY2024)

10,268,950

ANNUAL VISITS

56,010

PROGRAMS HELD

1,379,447

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

756,353

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,446,604

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

7,587,636

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

7,814,664

PRINT VOLUMES

3,835

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

509,128

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.0

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.1

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,912,667

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

413,927

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

433,890

LOANS RECEIVED

309,391

AUDIOBOOKS

705,939

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

2,229

STAFF (FTE)

819

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

581

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$210.9M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$196.8M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 90% local ■ 7% state ■ 0% federal ■ 3% other

HOW SOUTH CAROLINA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.0 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

4.1 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

DISCUS (South Carolina's Virtual Library)

Inside: EBSCO Explora, LearningExpress & NoveList, Britannica (all levels, incl. Spanish), Gale In Context, eBooks & Chilton, ProQuest CultureGrams, Capstone PebbleGo, TumbleBooks, StudySC, Tutor.com.

Ebooks: TumbleBooks and Gale eBooks via DISCUS; local Libby/OverDrive & Hoopla.

HOMEWORK HELP

Tutor.com

Tutor.com, included in DISCUS, gives South Carolina students free live online tutoring.

ACCESSIBLE READING

SC State Library Talking Book Services (Columbia), an NLS network library, serves residents who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: StudySC is a curriculum-aligned content portal for students and teachers.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: South Carolina State Library.



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LIBRARIES

129

LOCATIONS

826,827

PEOPLE SERVED

324,080

CARDHOLDERS

2,750,895

VISITS / YR

6,013,523

ITEMS / YR

HOW SOUTH DAKOTA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ **73%** physical (4,368,589) ■ **27%** digital (1,645,367)

USE (FY2024)

2,750,895

ANNUAL VISITS

15,994

PROGRAMS HELD

319,848

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

202,645

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

353,862

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

1,125,808

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

2,593,465

PRINT VOLUMES

901

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

215,633

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.3

VISITS / RESIDENT

7.3

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

273,036

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

39,782

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

47,110

LOANS RECEIVED

86,091

AUDIOBOOKS

174,682

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

369

STAFF (FTE)

176

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

44

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$36.1M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$34.3M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ **97%** local ■ **0%** state ■ **1%** federal ■ **2%** other

HOW SOUTH DAKOTA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.3 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

7.3 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

South Dakota State Library Electronic Resources

Inside: EBSCO (Academic/Business Source Premier, MasterFILE, Explora, Points of View), ProQuest (Research Library, SIRS Discoverer, SIRS Issues Researcher), Gale (eBooks, Peterson's Test Prep), World Book (Advanced, Discover, Early Learning, Kids, Student), BookFlix, CultureGrams.

Ebooks: SD Titles to Go (Libby/OverDrive).

EARLY LITERACY

BookFlix (K-3 talking ebooks) and World Book Early Learning (ages 3-6) are available through the State Library.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The South Dakota State Library Braille & Talking Book program (Pierre) is the state's NLS service; residents unable to read standard print register online.

Worth knowing: One of few states publishing a dedicated annual School Library Facts & Stats report.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: South Dakota State Library.



185

LIBRARIES

292

LOCATIONS

6,948,158

PEOPLE SERVED

2,889,973

CARDHOLDERS

12,488,094

VISITS / YR

31,827,263

ITEMS / YR

HOW TENNESSEE BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 59% physical (18,663,414) ■ 41% digital (13,165,179)

USE (FY2024)

12,488,094

ANNUAL VISITS

76,033

PROGRAMS HELD

1,616,257

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

904,707

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,710,533

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

4,868,725

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

9,884,565

PRINT VOLUMES

5,212

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

643,306

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.8

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.6

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

2,532,386

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

93,196

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

102,915

LOANS RECEIVED

380,598

AUDIOBOOKS

763,803

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

2,112

STAFF (FTE)

689

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

295

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$171.9M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$170.5M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 94% local ■ 1% state ■ 0% federal ■ 5% other

HOW TENNESSEE COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

1.8 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

4.6 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL)

Inside: Gale In Context (Elementary, Middle School, College), Gale Opposing Viewpoints & Literature, Peterson's Career & Test Prep, HeritageQuest Online, Transparent Language Online, World Book Online.

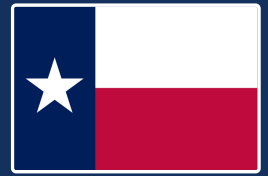
Ebooks: Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. (Libby/OverDrive): 275,000+ ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Tennessee Library for Accessible Books and Media (Nashville), an NLS network library, serves residents who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: Dedicated Educators & Students section.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Tennessee State Library & Archives.



545

LIBRARIES

872

LOCATIONS

26,843,474

PEOPLE SERVED

14,269,675

CARDHOLDERS

46,547,964

VISITS / YR

116,260,258

ITEMS / YR

HOW TEXAS BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 67% physical (79,490,377) ■ 33% digital (38,900,318)

USE (FY2024)

46,547,964

ANNUAL VISITS

223,576

PROGRAMS HELD

5,760,857

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

3,498,181

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

5,132,682

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

27,028,911

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

32,586,257

PRINT VOLUMES

15,347

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,858,060

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.7

VISITS / RESIDENT

4.3

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

9,501,165

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

451,936

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

529,788

LOANS RECEIVED

1,112,147

AUDIOBOOKS

2,925,902

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

7,206

STAFF (FTE)

2,514

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

1,729

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$720.2M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$695.0M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 96% local ■ 0% state ■ 0% federal ■ 4% other

HOW TEXAS COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

1.7 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

4.3 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

TexShare Databases

Inside: EBSCO (eBook Collection, LearningExpress Library + Job & Career Accelerator + PrepSTEP), Gale In Context (Elementary, Middle, High School, College, Science, Biography), Gale Opposing Viewpoints & Chilton, Gale National Geographic Kids & Miss Humblebee's Academy, ProQuest (HeritageQuest, Newspapers.com Texas Edition, Sanborn Maps), TeachingBooks.

Ebooks: EBSCO eBook Collection and Gale eBooks (within TexShare).

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Talking Book Program (TBP) at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, an NLS network library, serves Texas residents of any age with blindness or a visual, physical, or reading disability; the application is certified by a professional.

Worth knowing: TexQuest provides databases specifically for Texas schools.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Texas State Library & Archives Commission.



69

LIBRARIES

134

LOCATIONS

3,334,131

PEOPLE SERVED

1,744,999

CARDHOLDERS

11,758,420

VISITS / YR

35,830,454

ITEMS / YR

HOW UTAH BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 68% physical (25,119,653) ■ 32% digital (11,795,665)

USE (FY2024)

11,758,420

ANNUAL VISITS

44,084

PROGRAMS HELD

1,452,483

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

848,139

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,097,590

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

7,791,489

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

6,337,914

PRINT VOLUMES

2,267

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

291,475

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.5

VISITS / RESIDENT

10.7

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,443,100

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

67,197

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

47,971

LOANS RECEIVED

473,251

AUDIOBOOKS

690,768

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

1,449

STAFF (FTE)

426

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

227

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$178.4M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$157.2M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 96% local ■ 0% state ■ 0% federal ■ 4% other

HOW UTAH COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.5 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

10.7 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Utah's Online Public Library (Pioneer)

Inside: Gale research databases, LearningExpress Library, Utah Newspapers, World Book, Libby/OverDrive.**Ebooks:** Libby (OverDrive), part of Utah's Online Public Library.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Utah State Library Program for the Blind and Disabled, an NLS network library, serves Utahns whose vision or physical condition makes standard print hard to read; certification required.

Worth knowing: Book Buzz lends book sets to groups and schools.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: Utah State Library.



183

LIBRARIES

190

LOCATIONS

642,404

PEOPLE SERVED

302,637

CARDHOLDERS

2,799,661

VISITS / YR

2,088,528

ITEMS / YR

HOW VERMONT BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 87% physical (3,181,259) ■ 13% digital (489,009)

USE (FY2024)

2,799,661

ANNUAL VISITS

30,755

PROGRAMS HELD

390,571

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

180,574

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

185,148

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

905,926

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

2,951,554

PRINT VOLUMES

807

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

256,803

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

4.4

VISITS / RESIDENT

3.3

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

278,844

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

121,389

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

119,964

LOANS RECEIVED

108,558

AUDIOBOOKS

239,700

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

415

STAFF (FTE)

286

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

99

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$37.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$36.5M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 74% local ■ 1% state ■ 1% federal ■ 24% other

HOW VERMONT COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

4.4 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

3.3 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Vermont Online Library (VOL)

Inside: Gale In Context (Elementary, Middle, High School), Gale Biography, Science & U.S. History, Gale eBooks, Peterson's Test & Career Prep, Gale Presents: Udemy.

Ebooks: Palace app and Libby (Green Mountain Library Consortium).

HOMEWORK HELP

Peterson's Test & Career Prep

Through VOL, Peterson's Test & Career Prep offers SAT, ACT, and career practice tests. This is test prep rather than live tutoring.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The ABLE Library (Audio, Braille, Large print, Electronic) is Vermont's NLS network library for residents who can't read standard print; apply through the ABLE Library.

Worth knowing: Runs the Vermont Youth Book Awards and dedicated children and teen services.



93

LIBRARIES

394

LOCATIONS

8,646,973

PEOPLE SERVED

1,915,837

CARDHOLDERS

23,774,825

VISITS / YR

59,510,781

ITEMS / YR

HOW VIRGINIA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 68% physical (41,109,760) ■ 32% digital (19,077,957)

USE (FY2024)

23,774,825

ANNUAL VISITS

117,631

PROGRAMS HELD

2,740,538

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,705,893

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,432,373

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

13,307,968

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

13,766,790

PRINT VOLUMES

6,392

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

918,751

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

2.7

VISITS / RESIDENT

6.9

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

4,459,251

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

125,751

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

110,241

LOANS RECEIVED

586,917

AUDIOBOOKS

1,189,407

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

4,199

STAFF (FTE)

1,132

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

985

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$375.7M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$371.2M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 93% local ■ 6% state ■ 0% federal ■ 1% other

HOW VIRGINIA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

2.7 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

6.9 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Find It Virginia (Gale-powered)

Inside: Gale In Context: Elementary, Gale research databases, Language learning, Digital reading & audiobooks.**Ebooks:** Digital reading via Find It Virginia; local Libby/OverDrive & Hoopla.

EARLY LITERACY

The Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Virginia is a statewide program (Code of Virginia §22.1-382) that mails a free book each month to registered children from birth to age 5.

ACCESSIBLE READING

Virginia's talking-book service is the Virginia Library and Resource Center, run by the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) in Richmond under agreement with the Library of Virginia; this NLS network library provides free braille and audio books and players to Virginians who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: Dedicated Educator Services and educator resources.



60

LIBRARIES

376

LOCATIONS

7,919,713

PEOPLE SERVED

3,753,410

CARDHOLDERS

23,823,067

VISITS / YR

80,266,766

ITEMS / YR

HOW WASHINGTON BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 55% physical (45,785,645) ■ 45% digital (37,884,892)

USE (FY2024)

23,823,067

ANNUAL VISITS

87,872

PROGRAMS HELD

1,926,710

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,179,847

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

2,952,201

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

8,280,775

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

9,853,937

PRINT VOLUMES

5,651

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

647,209

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.0

VISITS / RESIDENT

10.1

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

1,679,504

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

542,431

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

588,112

LOANS RECEIVED

563,552

AUDIOBOOKS

1,060,892

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

3,934

STAFF (FTE)

803

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

752

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$602.7M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$579.3M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 94% local ■ 0% state ■ 0% federal ■ 6% other

HOW WASHINGTON COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.0 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

10.1 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

Statewide Database Licensing (SDL) Project

Inside: Gale Academic & General OneFile, Gale eBooks, Gale In Context (Elementary, Middle, High School, College), Gale Health & Wellness, Gale Business, Gale Literature & News.

Ebooks: Gale eBooks (within the SDL package).

EARLY LITERACY

All Aboard for Kindergarten, from the Washington State Library with DCYF and OSPI, helps parents, caregivers, and family/friend/neighbor providers prepare children for school.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL), a program of the Washington State Library and the state's NLS network library, serves residents who can't read standard print.

Worth knowing: Strong school-library support: a Teacher-Librarian Common Core cadre and K-12 training.



STATE LIBRARY GUIDE
Washington, D.C.
DC Public Library



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LIBRARIES

27
LOCATIONS

702,250
PEOPLE SERVED

432,625
CARDHOLDERS

3,374,454
VISITS / YR

6,636,827
ITEMS / YR

HOW WASHINGTON, D.C. BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)



USE (FY2024)

3,374,454 ANNUAL VISITS	9,240 PROGRAMS HELD	265,683 PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	111,368 CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE
687,133 PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES	632,257 WI-FI SESSIONS		

COLLECTION & ACCESS

1,095,180 PRINT VOLUMES	1,000 PUBLIC COMPUTERS	77,059 ANNUAL OPEN HOURS	4.8 VISITS / RESIDENT
9.5 ITEMS / RESIDENT			

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

356,486 REFERENCE QUESTIONS	68 LOANS RECEIVED	19,568 AUDIOBOOKS	88,193 VIDEOS
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PEOPLE & FUNDING

619 STAFF (FTE)	128 LIBRARIANS (FTE)	128 LIBRARIANS WITH MLS	\$77.7M OPERATING REVENUE
\$85.0M OPERATING SPENDING			

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)



HOW WASHINGTON, D.C. COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident		4.8 · U.S. avg 2.6
Items borrowed / resident		9.5 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

DC Public Library Research & Learn

Inside: Gale In Context suite & Peterson's Test & Career Prep, ProQuest eLibrary & newspapers, Britannica (School, Academic, ImageQuest), LearningExpress Library, LinkedIn Learning, Mango Languages, Kanopy & Kanopy Kids.

Ebooks: Libby (OverDrive), Comics Plus, Kanopy, PressReader.

HOMEWORK HELP

Brainfuse HelpNow

Brainfuse HelpNow offers live online tutoring, a writing lab, and test prep with a library card, alongside Khan Academy.

EARLY LITERACY

BookFlix and TumbleBooks provide digital storybooks for grades K-5 through DC Public Library.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The DC Talking Book & Braille Program (NLS), run through DCPL's Center for Accessibility, serves DC residents who can't read standard print; apply via the certified two-part form.

Worth knowing: DC Public Library performs the District's state-library functions.



96

LIBRARIES

181

LOCATIONS

1,793,716

PEOPLE SERVED

976,358

CARDHOLDERS

2,799,978

VISITS / YR

6,247,723

ITEMS / YR

HOW WEST VIRGINIA BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)



USE (FY2024)

2,799,978

ANNUAL VISITS

26,341

PROGRAMS HELD

458,029

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

285,354

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

280,152

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

101,195

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

4,332,243

PRINT VOLUMES

1,163

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

349,374

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

1.6

VISITS / RESIDENT

3.5

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

446,006

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

79,458

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

78,535

LOANS RECEIVED

146,288

AUDIOBOOKS

364,624

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

641

STAFF (FTE)

446

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

85

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$48.6M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$44.3M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)



HOW WEST VIRGINIA COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)



FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

WV InfoDepot

Inside: EBSCO research databases, LearningExpress Library (test prep & skills), Encyclopedias, Newspaper archives.

Ebooks: WV-Reads (ebooks & audiobooks) and Hoopla.

EARLY LITERACY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is active in all 55 West Virginia counties, mailing a free book each month to enrolled children from birth to age 5.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The West Virginia Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (Talking Books Library, Charleston), part of the NLS network, serves residents who can't use standard print; apply via the Special Services application.

Source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey FY2024, library-level data aggregated by state. State library agency: West Virginia Library Commission.



381

LIBRARIES

466

LOCATIONS

5,989,256

PEOPLE SERVED

2,251,052

CARDHOLDERS

22,932,635

VISITS / YR

47,057,007

ITEMS / YR

HOW WISCONSIN BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

■ 78% physical (37,448,995) ■ 22% digital (10,451,593)

USE (FY2024)

22,932,635

ANNUAL VISITS

115,056

PROGRAMS HELD

2,521,604

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

1,466,127

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

1,809,705

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

13,950,456

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

16,700,692

PRINT VOLUMES

4,895

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1,065,631

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

3.8

VISITS / RESIDENT

7.9

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

2,685,819

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

7,343,941

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

7,459,218

LOANS RECEIVED

1,150,132

AUDIOBOOKS

2,176,916

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

3,115

STAFF (FTE)

1,320

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

772

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$303.7M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$289.3M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

■ 86% local ■ 2% state ■ 5% federal ■ 7% other

HOW WISCONSIN COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

3.8 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

7.9 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

BadgerLink

Inside: EBSCO Explora (Elementary, Middle-High, Everyone), Academic & Business Source Premier, Britannica (Library, School, Escolar), NoveList & NoveList K-8, Gale Chilton Library, TeachingBooks, Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers.

Ebooks: Wisconsin Digital Library (Libby/OverDrive, via WPLC).

EARLY LITERACY

Britannica School Early Elementary (PreK-2) and TeachingBooks are available through BadgerLink.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL) in Milwaukee is the state's NLS regional library; residents with print disabilities apply.

Worth knowing: School libraries are funded through the constitutional Common School Fund.



23

LIBRARIES

77

LOCATIONS

584,057

PEOPLE SERVED

302,069

CARDHOLDERS

2,430,017

VISITS / YR

4,029,806

ITEMS / YR

HOW WYOMING BORROWS · PHYSICAL VS DIGITAL (FY2024)

72% physical (3,153,813) 28% digital (1,214,548)

USE (FY2024)

2,430,017

ANNUAL VISITS

16,182

PROGRAMS HELD

343,186

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

246,793

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

313,011

PUBLIC-COMPUTER USES

1,144,974

WI-FI SESSIONS

COLLECTION & ACCESS

2,053,286

PRINT VOLUMES

772

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

131,453

ANNUAL OPEN HOURS

4.2

VISITS / RESIDENT

6.9

ITEMS / RESIDENT

SERVICES & SHARING (FY2024)

390,673

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

30,238

LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

34,208

LOANS RECEIVED

113,291

AUDIOBOOKS

256,508

VIDEOS

PEOPLE & FUNDING

410

STAFF (FTE)

207

LIBRARIANS (FTE)

52

LIBRARIANS WITH MLS

\$39.3M

OPERATING REVENUE

\$37.8M

OPERATING SPENDING

WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM · OPERATING REVENUE (FY2024)

92% local 0% state 0% federal 8% other

HOW WYOMING COMPARES · PER RESIDENT VS THE U.S. AVERAGE (GOLD LINE = U.S. AVERAGE)

Visits per resident

4.2 · U.S. avg 2.6

Items borrowed / resident

6.9 · U.S. avg 5.0

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES

GoWYLD.net

Inside: EBSCO & NoveList, Gale, ProQuest & SIRS, Ancestry Library & HeritageQuest, Britannica & BookFlix, LinkedIn Learning, Pronunciator (languages), TumbleBooks.

Ebooks: Libby (OverDrive); TumbleBook Library.

ACCESSIBLE READING

The Wyoming Talking Books Program (Wyoming State Library) is an NLS service for residents who can't read regular print due to a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation.

Worth knowing: GoWYLD Kids (K-8) offers BookFlix, NoveList, and tutorials for younger students.

How this report was built

The usage and capacity figures come from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Libraries Survey, FY2024**, the federal government's annual census of U.S. public libraries (about 9,200 library systems and 17,000 outlets). State totals were aggregated from the library-level public-use data file. Values IMLS flags as missing, suppressed, or for a temporarily closed library are excluded rather than estimated, so a state's true total may be marginally higher. "Service locations" counts central libraries, branches, and bookmobiles.

The database products, ebook apps, homework-help services, early-literacy programs, and talking-book libraries in the state profiles were confirmed from each state library agency's official website. Where a service could not be confirmed, it was left out rather than inferred. State flags are shown as decorative motifs.

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Primary source: IMLS Public Libraries Survey — imls.gov/research-evaluation/data-collection/public-libraries-survey · FY2024 public-use data file.

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