

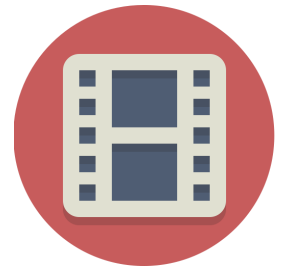
Quick Facts About Idaho Public Libraries

from the 2016 Public Library Statistics

8,594,183
visits to Idaho Public Libraries



If every library visitor stood shoulder to shoulder, they would reach from the **Northern to Southern borders** more than **10x** or from the **Western to Eastern borders** more than **16x**.



Idaho Libraries have **4,299,534** Books, **229,000** Audio Materials, **338,562** Videos & **711,127** Downloadable Items.



857,988 people attended **35,225** programs held at Idaho Public Libraries. That's the same as **96** programs **every day over the past year**.



Idaho Librarians answered more than **3,380** reference questions each day!

Public Libraries provided **internet access** more than **2.3 MILLION** times.



898,595 Idahoans have a current library card.

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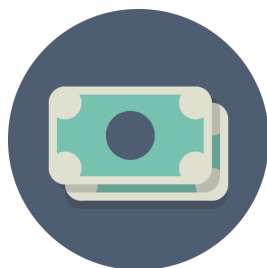
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Idaho residents used these services from their local library...	worth this much...*	this many times...	a total value of...
Adult books borrowed	\$17	7,770,324	\$132,095,508
Children's and teen books borrowed	\$12	6,157,571	\$73,890,852
E-Books and e-Audios downloaded	\$15	1,215,016	\$18,225,240
Interlibrary loan requests	\$25	149,683	\$3,742,075
Children's Programs/classes attended	\$7	657,040	\$4,599,280
Young Adult Programs/classes attended	\$12	56,666	\$679,992
Adult Programs/classes attended	\$15	112,769	\$1,691,535
Family Programs/classes attended	\$20	31,513	\$630,260
Computer and WiFi use	\$12	2,327,293	\$27,927,516
Reference questions asked	\$7	1,234,009	\$8,638,063
Database retrievals	\$19.95	2,310,139	\$46,087,273
Estimated value of the primary services public libraries provided to Idahoans in FY2016			\$318,207,594

Local governments invest
\$35.75/resident
into their libraries.



Idaho residents receive
the value of
\$189.06
for local services.



Return on Investment:
\$5.29 for every \$1
spent on library materials
and services!



*The cost figures for library services were derived by the Massachusetts Library Association as follows: Adult, teen and children's books borrowed = Amazon.com average price; E-books and e-audios downloaded = estimated B&N, Audible.com and Amazon average; ILL requests = Amazon.com average price plus shipping; Programs = entertainment/program admission fee estimated; Computer/WiFi use = FedEx/Kinkos price; Reference = average library cost; Databases = average cost for online article search.



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