

Dollar value of your library services



\$67,872,404

Materials Borrowed

+

\$8,462,280

Computer Use

+

\$5,788,300

WiFi Use

+

\$191,586

Technology Class Attendees

+

\$1,728,803

Program Attendees

+

\$5,433,045

Reference Questions

+

\$48,480

Interlibrary Loans

+

\$38,854,425

Online Database Downloads

\$128,379,323

Total Retail Value of Library Services

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\$23,474,134

2016 Library Tax/Erie County Funding

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\$5.47
in services

Q: How much money did Erie County residents save in 2016 by using Library services?

Borrower Savings

A: Over \$67,872,404!

6,835,086 x \$9.93 = **\$67,872,404**
Total circulation Estimated retail value Total savings

Computer Use

A: Over \$8,462,280!

705,190 x \$12/hr = **\$8,462,280**
Computer sessions Estimated retail cost to reserve a computer Total savings

WiFi Use

A: Over 5,788,300!

826,900 x \$7 = **\$5,788,300**
WiFi sessions per session Total savings

Technology Class Attendees

A: Over \$191,586!

2,589 x \$74 = **\$191,586**
Training attendees Estimated 2-hour retail cost Total savings

Program Attendees

A: Over \$1,728,803!

98,442 + 100,271 = **198,713**
Adult attendees Children/teen attendees Total attendees

198,713 x \$8.70 = **\$1,728,803**
Attendees Estimated retail cost Total savings

Reference Questions

A: Over \$5,433,045!

362,203 x \$15 = **\$5,433,045**
Questions Estimated retail value Total savings

Interlibrary Loan

A: Over \$48,480!

1,616 x \$30 = **\$48,480**
Requests per item estimated retail value Total savings

Online Database Downloads

A: Over \$38,854,425!

Total # of articles 2,590,295

Estimated retail value to access articles online x \$15


Total savings = \$38,854,425

Estimated Retail Value of items for this sheet are from the Maine State Library: <http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/calexplantation.htm>, with the exception of:

- 1) Books, audio books and eBooks borrowed: Based upon average price of each category of top 5 titles from NY Times best sellers for 2/4/2017
- 2) Music downloaded: Estimated Retail Value for Apple iTunes Store: \$.69, \$.99 and \$1.29 each
- 3) Videos borrowed: 2-night Redbox rental (movies borrowed from the library are free for 7 days)
- 4) CDs borrowed: Average price of Billboard's 5 albums of 2016 from Amazon, Target and Walmart
- 5) WiFi session: Compared to Boingo.com \$7 per hour; similar cost to purchase item at coffee shop, etc. while using WiFi
- 6) Online databases: Average cost to obtain a copy of full text article from database site. For those online resources that provide full text articles, average cost is \$15. In many cases only citation is available. (Elsevier, Jstor)
- 7) Programs attended: Compared to the cost of an afternoon matinee at Regal Cinema - Elmwood Center, Buffalo, NY

This worksheet has been adapted from the original downloadable spreadsheet by the Massachusetts Library Association and then adapted for the web by Chelmsford Public Library and Maine State Library.

**Erie
County
Taxpayers**



Your
Library...
A
**Great
Return on
Your
Investment**

For every
\$1
funded,
**the Buffalo & Erie County
Public Library returns**
a
minimum
of **\$5.47**
in services

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries add to the quality of life in our great community. On an average day, 11,244 people use one of the 37 branches of the Library System. That accounts for more than 3.15 million visits in 2016.

Libraries are important; they bring people and ideas together and are unique in their offerings. Libraries help to bridge the divide between those who have access to information and those who do not. With a free library card, residents of Erie County have free access to more than 3.4 million resources and reference materials including books, magazines, newspapers, e-content, DVDs, videos and more. The library website (www.BuffaloLib.org) and free WiFi provide 24/7 access to a world of exciting information.

The enclosed information quantifies the value of just a few of the FREE library services available to all.