



Dollar value of your Library services

Materials Borrowed \$105,440,999
 +
 Computer Use \$3,487,644
 +
 WiFi Use \$5,758,034
 +
 Program Attendance \$5,882,857
 +
 Info Seeker Questions \$2,536,498
 +
 Online Database Downloads \$5,107,300

Total Retail Value of Library Services \$128,213,332

2024 Library Tax/Erie County Funding \$29,675,375



\$4.32

**in services
for every
\$1 funded**



Erie County Population (based on 2020 Census): 954,236. Value per capita: \$134.36 per resident.



How much money did Erie County residents save in 2024 by using Library services?

Borrower Savings

Over \$105,440,999!

7,256,779 x \$14.53¹ = \$105,440,999
 Total Estimated Total savings
 circulation retail value

Computer User Savings

Over \$3,487,644!

290,637 x \$12/hr = \$3,487,644
 Computer Estimated retail Total savings
 sessions cost to reserve a computer

WiFi User Savings

Over \$5,758,034!

724,281 x \$7.95² = \$5,758,034
 WiFi sessions Estimated retail cost Total savings
 per session



Estimated Retail Value of items from NYLA.org : <https://www.nyla.org/library-use-value-calculator-widjet>

1) Estimated 2024 Retail Value overall average, adjusted for 2024 CPI - All Urban Consumers 2.7% increase.
 2) WiFi session - Boingo.com day pass approx. \$7.95.
 3) Average cost for family outing at the Buffalo Zoo or Explore & More.

Onsite & Virtual Program Attendee Savings

Over \$5,882,857!

292,532 + 17,909 = 310,441
 Onsite Virtual Total attendees
 attendees attendees

310,441 x \$18.95³ = \$5,882,857
 Attendees Estimated retail cost Total savings
 of program

Info Seeker Savings

Over \$2,536,498!

163,645 x \$15.50 = \$2,536,498
 Questions Estimated retail value Total savings

Online Database User Savings

Over \$5,107,300!

256,005 x \$19.95 = \$5,107,300
 Total # Estimated retail value Total savings
 of articles to access articles online

For every
\$1
funded,



the Buffalo &
Erie County
Public Library
returns

a minimum of
\$4.32
in services!



Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries
add to the
quality of life
in our great community.



Libraries are **profoundly public** spaces - welcoming everyone and sparking connections between people and ideas in transformative ways. With over 3.2 million resources to borrow, Erie County residents enjoy free access to knowledge and opportunity. Around the clock, the Library's digital platforms keep information at your fingertips, while its physical spaces create community for those in search of it. The enclosed highlights just a fraction of the extraordinary free services we offer to empower our community.



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2024

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A Great
Return
on Your
Investment**

