

Dollar value of your Library services

Materials Borrowed	\$107,075,425
	+
Computer Use	\$3,595,848
	+
WiFi Use	\$6,579,897
	+
Program Attendance	\$6,799,601
	+
Info Seeker Questions	\$2,566,416
	+
Online Database Downloads	\$4,511,393

Total Retail Value of Library Services **\$131,128,580**

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2025 Library Tax/
Erie County Funding **\$30,947,332**

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\$4.24

in services
for every
\$1 funded



Erie County Population (based on 2020 Census): 954,236. Value per capita: \$137.42 per resident.

How much did Erie County residents save in 2025 by using Library services?

Borrower Savings Over \$107,075,425

$$7,152,667 \text{ Total circulation} \times \$14.97^1 \text{ Estimated retail value} = \$107,075,425 \text{ Total savings}$$

Computer User Savings Over \$3,595,848

$$299,654 \text{ Computer use} \times \$12/\text{hr} \text{ Estimated retail cost to reserve a computer} = \$3,595,848 \text{ Total savings}$$

WiFi User Savings Over \$6,579,897

$$827,660 \text{ WiFi sessions} \times \$7.95^2 \text{ Estimated retail cost per session} = \$6,579,897 \text{ Total savings}$$



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

- 1) Estimated 2025 Retail Value overall average, adjusted for 2025 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 \$6,799,601

$$331,239 \text{ Onsite attendees} + 27,579 \text{ Virtual attendees} = 358,818 \text{ Total attendees}$$

$$358,818 \text{ Attendees} \times \$18.95^3 \text{ Estimated retail cost of program} = \$6,799,601 \text{ Total savings}$$

Info Seeker Savings Over \$2,566,416

$$160,401 \text{ Questions} \times \$16.00 \text{ Estimated retail value} = \$2,566,416 \text{ Total savings}$$

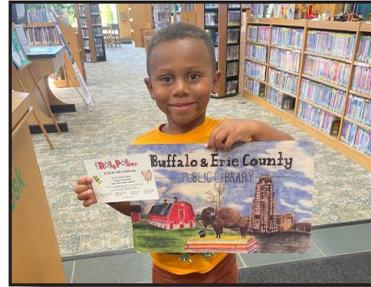
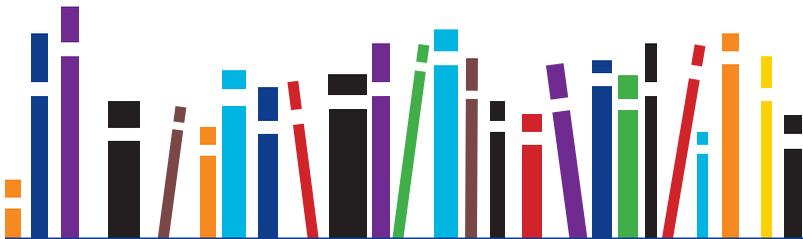
Online Database User Savings Over \$4,511,393

$$226,135 \text{ Total \# of articles} \times \$19.95 \text{ Estimated retail value to access articles online} = \$4,511,393 \text{ Total savings}$$

For Every
\$1
Funded,

Buffalo &
Erie County
Public Library
returns

A Minimum of
\$4.24
in Services!



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ERIE COUNTY
TAXPAYERS

2025

Return on
Investment

Profoundly
PUBLIC.

