



Buffalo & Erie County Public LIBRARY

Erie County Taxpayers
Your Library. . .
A Great Return on Your
Investment

2013

For every **\$1**
funded,



Newstead Public Library

the Buffalo & Erie County
Public Library returns

a
minimum
of

\$6.29

in services

Dollar value of your library services

\$76,307,334
Materials Borrowed
+
\$10,497,804
Computer Use
+
\$247,600
Computer Training Classes
+
\$1,333,882
Program Attendance
+
\$9,283,695
Reference Questions Asked
+
\$41,709,975
Online Database Downloads

\$139,380,290
Total Retail Value of Library Services
-
\$22,172,457
2013 Library Tax
=
\$6.29
in services

Q: How much money did Erie County residents save in 2013 by using Library services?

Borrowers Savings
A: Over \$76,307,334!
7,882,989 Total circulation x \$9.68 Average retail value* = \$76,307,334 Total savings

* Estimated Retail Value of items from Maine State Library: www.maine.gov/mel/services/calculator.htm, with the exception of music downloads: estimated retail value for Apple iTunes Store: 89¢, 99¢ and \$1.29 each; and Audio Books: average price of Audio version of top 5 from NY Times best sellers in 2013.

Computer Use
A: Over \$10,497,804!
874,817 Computer hours x \$12/hr Average retail cost to reserve a computer = \$10,497,804 Total savings

Computer Training Classes
A: Over \$247,600!
4,952 Training Attendees x \$50 Average 2 hour retail cost = \$247,600 Total savings

Program Attendance
A: Over \$1,333,882!
76,712 Adult program attendance + 94,518 Children's program attendance = 171,230 Total program attendance
Average matinee movie: \$10/adults Average matinee movie: \$8/children
171,230 Attendees x \$7.79 Weighted average = \$1,333,882 Total savings

Reference Questions & Interlibrary Loans

A: Over \$9,283,695!

618,913 Questions & Interlibrary loans x \$15 Average cost per question/loan item = \$9,283,695 Total savings

Online Database Downloads

A: Over \$41,709,975!

Total # of articles: 2,780,665
Average cost to access articles online** x \$15
Total savings = \$41,709,975

**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.

Your Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries add to the quality of life in our great community. On an average day, more than 13,400 people use one of the 37 branches of the Library System. That accounts for nearly 3.6 million visits in 2013.

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 Wi-Fi 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.

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