

Washington District Library
Return on Community Investment

Our Mission Statement- Washington District Library will be a pathway to personal enrichment, enjoyment and lifelong learning

Materials Provided

Adult Books Circulated: \$2,405,336

Adult books: 81,736 checkouts @ \$26= \$2,125,136

Adult audio: 7,005 checkouts @ \$40= \$280,200

Based on estimate of average cost of books in the collection.

Children's Books Circulated: \$1,257,460

Children's books: 70,080 checkouts @ \$17=\$1,191,360

Children's audio: 2,644 checkouts @ \$25=66,100

Based on estimate of average cost of books in the collection.

DVDs Circulated: \$67,218

DVD: 24,443 checkouts @ \$2.75= \$67,218

Based on the cost of renting new releases at the local video store.

Music Circulated: \$80,100

5,340 checkouts @ \$15=\$80,100

Based on the average cost of music CDs.

Newspapers and Magazines Provided: \$41,515

8,303 checkouts @ \$5

Based on the average newsstand cost of newspapers & magazines

E-books and Downloadables: \$9,232

840 checkouts (Dec. 2009-Jan. 2011) @ \$10.99

Based on the average price of Barnes & Noble Nookbooks

These values are based on retail costs of services provided at no additional cost to library patrons

Grand Total: \$3,956,706

Programs Provided

Adult Programs Attended: \$2,201

489 adults @ \$4.50

Based on 1 hour program at half the cost of attending a 2 hour movie.

Young Adult Programs Attended \$2,219

493 young adults @ \$4.50

Based on a 1 hour program at half the cost of attending a 2 hour movie

Story time Programs Attended: \$19,035

1,269 children @ \$15.00

Based on one session of Kindermusik, the world's leading publisher of music and movement curricula for young children and their parents.

Youth Programs Attended: \$43,750

4,375 children @ \$10.00 an hour

Based on the cost of a \$30 three hour program at the Washington Park District.

Internet Access: \$5,568

14,295 hours @ 39 cents an hour

Based on the library's yearly internet bill

Reference Questions Answered: \$23,072

10,254 @ \$2.25

Based on \$50/hour fee-based service

RETURN ON INVESTMENT: 552%

In fiscal year 2010, the community of Washington (population 23,604) provided \$716,668 in real estate taxes in support of the library. Residents received the equivalent of \$3,956,706 in services.

For every \$1 in taxes the library receives, you receive \$5.52 in services.