

INDIANA LIBRARIES

ECONOMICAL * EFFICIENT * ESSENTIAL

DID YOU KNOW ?

Libraries are a good value. The direct economic benefits that communities receive from libraries are significantly greater than the cost to operate the libraries.

Indiana communities receive **\$2.38** in direct economic benefits for each dollar of cost.

Library salaries and expenditures generate **\$328 million** in economic activity in Indiana.

The market value of the range of services Indiana's public libraries provide is over **\$568 million**.



EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL

In these difficult economic times, Hoosiers are turning to their local public libraries in record numbers. Indiana's public libraries welcomed over 42 million visitors* last year who took advantage of the invaluable services, programs, and opportunities available any given day at the local library.

Today's library is much more than bricks and mortar depositories of books. Libraries are community centers that connect Hoosiers to endless sources of entertainment, information, and educational activities all in one location. Thousands of Hoosiers rely on their libraries to search for jobs, provide homework and research assistance, and attain access to 21st-Century technologies and software.

For many Hoosiers, the public library is the only place they can access computers and the internet. As most state agencies now turn to eGovernment services, Hoosiers rely on their local library to file claims for unemployment, submit tax returns, and renew vehicle registrations, among several other critical online government transactions and functions.

*(Source: 2009 Public Library Statistics, www.in.gov/library/plstats.htm)

(Source: *The Economic Impact of Libraries in Indiana*—Indiana Business Research Council, Indiana University, November 2007)

WHERE INDIANA RANKS NATIONALLY

- #2 library visits per capita (7.2%)
- #3 Circulation per capita (13.7)
- #3 Library program attendance per 1,000 residents
- #5 Public computer usage per capita (1.9)
- #6 Computer terminals per 5,000 residents (6.1)
- #7 Registered borrowers per capita (.69)

(Source: *Public Libraries in the United States*—Institute of Library & Museum Services, June 2010)



SNAPSHOT of Indiana Libraries

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Over 100 public libraries participated in Snapshot of Indiana Libraries. Libraries collected statistics, patron comments and photos to take a “Snapshot” of the invaluable programs and services provided by Indiana libraries to their communities on a typical day.

ON MAY 12, 2010 THE FOLLOWING OCCURRED AT THE LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY:

- 866** Patrons Visited the Library
- 195** Researchers & Jobseekers Used a Public Computer
- 59** Reference Questions Successfully Answered
- 47** Children & Students Participated in Library Programs
- 15** Adults Participated in Library Programs
- 1,113** Items Circulated for the Day, Including:
 - 321** - Children/YA Items
 - 419** - Adult Items
 - 307** - AV, CD's, DVD's and Other Non-print Media
- 44** Library Cards Issued or New Borrowers Registered
- 92** Patrons Used Library Databases
- 486** Patrons Browsed the Library's Online Services
- 40** Residents Attended Civic Meetings & Other Events Hosted by Local Businesses & Community Organizations

In addition to the many resources available at your local public library, Hoosiers have access to a comprehensive online research library 24/7 at their home, work or school computers. INSPIRE, Indiana's Virtual Library, enables instant access to the research tools needed to

succeed at work and school. INSPIRE also offers unique job search tools like the online résumé builder, virtual career library and 21st Century job search tips and strategies Studying for that big test? From the GED to SAT and GRE to LSAT, INSPIRE has online study resources and online practice tests that help Hoosiers ace that next big exam. Learn more about this unique resource today at INSPIRE.in.gov.



DID YOU KNOW?

Libraries shared resources with other libraries and patrons over 400,000 times in 2010. Library patrons can borrow materials from any library statewide for FREE via Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Ask your local librarian for more information about this unique service.