

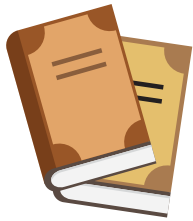
FY2024 By the Numbers



Rhode Island Public Library Usage

WHAT CAN YOU FIND IN THE LIBRARY?

Access materials from across the state using your library card.



3,001,764
Print Materials:
Books
Magazines
Newspapers



283,473
Physical Video



129,670
Physical Audio



293,207
Shared Electronic
Materials:
eBooks and eAudio,
available from eZone
and The Palace Project



11,460
Other Materials:
Library of Things,
games, hotspots,
museum passes, etc.

LENDING MATERIALS

6,468,411 circulations of all materials

Electronic Materials
Circulation:

853,809 eBooks,
up 10% from FY2023

700,808 eAudio,
up 27% from FY2023



20 Circulations
per cardholder

DID YOU KNOW...

you can borrow these from the library?

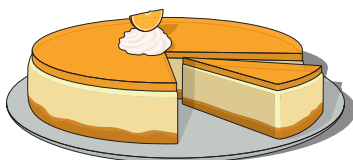


Libraries reported **49,997** circulations of
Other Physical Materials in FY2024.

That's a **26% increase** from FY2023,
thanks to the expansion of **Library of
Things** collections in most libraries.

ECONOMIC VALUE

Municipalities spent **\$57.03** per capita -
less than the price of a **10" Original
Cheesecake** from the Cheesecake Factory.



Using the library saves money!

Borrowing **4 books**, attending **4 programs**,
and conducting **2 database searches** per year
saves a family of four an average of **\$170!**

SHARING BETWEEN LIBRARIES

Libraries provided **995,674**
items to other libraries.



Libraries received **998,821**
items from other libraries.

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LIBRARY VISITS

3,463,003 visits in FY2024



Library visits continue to increase post-COVID as RI explores all that libraries provide.

371,786 Cardholders

That's a **9% increase** from FY2023.

LIBRARY WI-FI USE



Libraries reported **1,082,129** Wi-Fi sessions.

That's a **22% increase** from FY2023.

Most libraries offer external WiFi. You can access the internet from the parking lot!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Libraries held **29,744** total programs, an **increase of 11%** from FY2023...



...including **2,459** offsite programs, which **increased 17%** from FY2023.

ONLINE RESOURCES

38 research databases and **4** online learning platforms are available to all Rhode Islanders from:



Rhode Island's Online Resource Center

In addition,
30 libraries subscribe to research databases for patron use.
8 libraries provide access to online learning platforms for patrons.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

YOUTH

- 2,631 Programs
- 11,312 Participants
- 55,418 Attendees



ADULT

- 2,625 Programs
- 3,387 Participants
- 30,636 Attendees

PUBLIC COMPUTER USE



Patrons used library computers **357,750** times in FY2024. That's an **8% increase** from FY2023.

1,397 Computers were available statewide for public use.