



# The Seattle Public Library's **2024 Statistical & Financial Summaries**

**Facilities:** Central Library, 26 neighborhood branches and Mobile Services    **Staffing:** 650 (part- and full-time)

**Note:** A ransomware attack significantly disrupted borrowing and overall library use from May to September 2024

<b>Physical circulation</b>	
Print	3.6 million
Media (CDs, DVDs, audiobooks)	810,000
Equipment	35,000
<b>Total physical circulation</b>	<b>4.5 million</b>
<b>Digital circulation</b>	
E-books and e-audiobooks	5.4 million
Streaming and downloadable media	880,000
<b>Total digital circulation</b>	<b>6.3 million</b>
<b>Total circulation</b>	<b>10.8 million</b>

<b>Collection size</b>	
Central Library	1 million
Branches and other	820,000
E-collection	1.1 million
<b>Total collection size</b>	<b>2.9 million</b>

<b>Patron activity</b>	
Active patrons in the last 12 months	300,000
Active patrons in the last 3 years	400,000
Patron visits to Library locations	<b>2.9 million</b>

<b>Service levels and programs</b>	
Holds placed on physical or digital items	4.5 million
Assisted information questions answered	230,000
Public computer sessions	240,000
Pages printed	1.5 million
Classes, events or activities	4,500
Program attendance	105,000

<b>Operating budget (does not include private gifts) *</b>	
Personnel	\$71.9 million
Books and materials	\$10.8 million
Maintenance, security and utilities	\$4.5 million
Equipment	\$1.3 million
Supplies	\$783,000
Other	\$7 million
<b>Total operating budget</b>	<b>\$96.3 million</b>

\*Our operating budget figures include gifts from The Seattle Public Library Foundation, which accounted for 4.6% of the budget in 2024. Note that the amount and conditions of Foundation grants are at the sole discretion of The Seattle Public Library Foundations's independent Board of Directors.