



The Seattle Public Library's 2025 Statistical & Financial Summaries

Facilities: Central Library, 26 neighborhood branches and Mobile Services **Staffing:** : 656 (part- and full-time), 550 full-time equivalent

Physical circulation	
Print	4.3 million
Media (CDs, DVDs, audiobooks)	1.1 million
Equipment (headphones, laptops, tablets, hot spots)	53,000
Total physical circulation	5.5 million
Digital circulation	
E-books and e-audiobooks	6.1 million
Streaming and downloadable media	1.1 million
Total digital circulation	7.2 million
Total circulation	12.7 million

Collection size	
Central Library	1 million
Branches and other	780,000
E-collection	1.15 million
Total collection size	2.95 million

Patron activity	
Active patrons in the last 12 months	330,000
Active patrons in the last 3 years	430,000
Patron visits to Library locations	3.4 million

Service levels and programs	
Holds placed on physical or digital items	5.5 million
Public computer hours	400,000
Pages printed	2.1 million
Program attendance	130,000
Classes, events or activities	5,800

Operating budget	
Personnel	\$80.6 million
Books and materials	\$11.3 million
Maintenance, security and utilities	\$5.1 million
Equipment	\$1.3 million
Supplies	\$497,000
Other	\$7.3 million
Total operating budget	\$106.1 million

*Our operating budget figures include gifts from The Seattle Public Library Foundation, which accounted for 4.6% of the budget in 2025. Note that the amount and conditions of Foundation grants are at the sole discretion of The Seattle Public Library Foundation's independent Board of Directors.