



# The Seattle Public Library's 2023 Statistical & Financial Summaries

**Facilities:** Central Library, 26 neighborhood branches and Mobile Services **Staffing:** 675 (part- and full-time)

<b>Physical circulation</b>	
Print	4.7 million
Media (CDs, DVDs, audiobooks)	1.2 million
Equipment (laptops, tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, Kill A Watt power meters)	42,000
<b>Total physical circulation</b>	<b>6 million</b>
<b>Digital circulation</b>	
E-books and e-audiobooks	5.5 million
Streaming and downloadable media	1.9 million
<b>Total digital circulation</b>	<b>7.4 million</b> (17% increase)
<b>Total circulation</b>	<b>13.4 million</b> (8% increase)

<b>Holds placed</b>	
Physical holds placed	2.4 million
Digital holds placed	3.1 million (16% increase)
<b>Total holds placed</b>	<b>5.5 million</b>
<b>Collection size</b>	
Central Library collection	1 million
Branch collections	814,000
<b>Total physical collection</b>	<b>1.8 million</b>
Digital collection	995,000
<b>Total collection size</b>	<b>2.8 million</b>

<b>Patron activity</b>	
Active patrons in the last 12 months	293,000
New cardholders	75,000
Number of borrowers (of physical materials)	124,000
Number of borrowers (of digital materials)	175,000
Assisted information questions answered	234,000
Classes, events and activities	3,500
Program attendance	103,000
Public computer sessions	341,000

<b>Operating budget</b>	
Personnel	\$70.2 million
Books and materials	\$10.7 million
Maintenance, security and utilities	\$4.4 million
Equipment	\$1.4 million
Supplies	\$747,000
Other (City Central costs, software, training and programming support)	\$6.4 million
<b>Total operating budget</b>	<b>\$93.9 million</b>

Our operating budget figures include gifts from The Seattle Public Library Foundation, which accounts for 4.7% of the 2023 budget. 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.