

YOUR LIBRARY AT A GLANCE 2018

Bellingham Public Library

READ · LEARN · MEET · DISCOVER



Connecting our community with each other and the world

2017 STATISTICS

CARDHOLDERS

49,424 active borrowers
86,720 city population

COLLECTION

145,681 books in print
55,236 eBooks
16,936 eAudiobooks
14,469 video DVDs
369 print subscriptions

CIRCULATION

1,573,254 total items
checked out, including:
551,118 children's items
831,035 adult items
171,101 electronic items
596,216 holds filled

VISITS

787,677 in-person visits
620,491 website visits
79,690 public internet
sessions on 42 public
computers

PROGRAMS

1,393 programs & special
events for 34,409
attendees, including:
799 children's programs
with 26,714 attendees

READ: INSPIRING ALL TO READ, VIEW AND LISTEN

Summer reading programs for children, teens and adults; a robust collection of books, eBooks, audiobooks, videos, and magazines; book groups, reading recommendations, author visits, and much more! We're here to inspire and support the joy of reading, listening and viewing for all ages, interests and abilities.



LEARN: BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR SCHOOL



Do you have a baby, toddler or preschooler in your life? You are that child's first and best teacher! We talk, sing, read, write and play in our storytimes and other programs for young children, and offer information and early learning centers at all our locations to help you get started at home. Building these five simple, fun and powerful practices into a child's life from birth form a strong foundation for reading and learning.

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2017 STATISTICS

OPEN HOURS

5,584 total hours open at all locations in 2017

BUDGET

\$4,516,866, including
\$4,313,003 from City of
Bellingham general fund

STAFF

48.53 full time equivalents

OUR LOCATIONS

Central Library (downtown)
Fairhaven Branch Library
Barkley Branch Library

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Drop boxes and holds
pick-ups on campus at our
academic partners:

Western Washington
University, Whatcom
Community College and
Bellingham Technical
College

COMMUNITY DROP BOXES

Haggen stores at Barkley
Village, Meridian and
Sehome Village and
Cordata Community Food
Co-op

ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE AT

bellingshampubliclibrary.org



MEET: BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO SHARE & LEARN

We bring people together to share and learn, with free "drop-in" workshops and activities right in the middle of the Central Library. Popular activities include chair tai chi, arts & crafts, music, language tutoring and more. Free and open to all! Sessions are listed on our online calendar and local events listings, or drop by to see what's happening!



DISCOVER: GETTING THE MOST FROM TECHNOLOGY

Whether you are taking a first leap into technology, upgrading an existing device, or advancing your computing skills, we can help you make the most of it! No matter what device—smart phones, tablets, eReaders, laptops and more—we provide all kinds of ways to enjoy your device and boost your technology skills, including free coaching sessions, free online classes for all levels, and thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines and much more.

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