Tennessee Libraries in Numbers

187 Public Libraries in the State of Tennessee.

Library Card Holders

52%

Tennesseans are registered with their local library

Circulation

Circulation of Electronic Material Reached 2,905,014

READS E-Circulation

38%
The Regional Ebook and Audiobook Download System (READS) offers 120,346 digital ebooks and audiobooks to patrons of public libraries that belong to the Tennessee Regional Library System. There has been an 38% increase in electronic circulation since 2013.

Local Spending Per Capita

$16.7

Tennesseans Love Their Libraries

Tennessee libraries had over 19 million visits

- 227,728 items circulated through the interlibrary loan system.
- 5070 internet computers were used 5,304,291 times.
- There are 14,112,655 physical items in Tennessee Public Libraries.
- 2,230 Library staff worked on 3,500,150 reference questions.

Top 2014 Summer Reading Program Facts

Tennessee libraries organized over 20,000 Summer Reading Events.

119,000 Tennesseans participated in the Summer Reading Program.

Over 77,000 Children, Teens and Adults completed the Summer Reading Program.

3,500 Tennesseans volunteered at their local library to help make the Summer Reading Program possible.

Over 70% of the libraries had less than $2,000 budgeted for their Summer Reading Program.

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