

## Library Value Calculator

How valuable is your local library? Use this handy Library Value Calculator, created by the Massachusetts Library Association (<http://www.masslib.org/>).

### Value of Your Library Use

Input Your Use	Library Materials & Services	Value of Your Use
38906	Adult Books Borrowed	\$778120.00
5639	YA Books Borrowed	\$95863.00
23325	Childrens Books Borrowed	\$279900.00
5994	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$89910.00
11429	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$274296.00
13808	eBooks Downloaded	\$138080.00
570	Magazines Read	\$3990.00
520	Newspapers Read	\$1560.00
36187	Movies Borrowed	\$325683.00
2478	CDs Borrowed	\$24656.10
	Music Downloaded	\$0.00
814	Meeting Room Use (per hour)	\$20350.00
2198	Adult Program Attended	\$32970.00
391	Young Adult Program Attended	\$4692.00

<input type="text" value="2976"/>	Childrens Program Attended	\$ <input type="text" value="20832.00"/>
<input type="text" value="49"/>	Museum Passes Borrowed	\$ <input type="text" value="1470.00"/>
<input type="text" value="325248"/>	Computer Use (per hour)	\$ <input type="text" value="6830208.0"/>
<input type="text" value="1467"/>	Database Searches	\$ <input type="text" value="29266.65"/>
<input type="text" value="5200"/>	Reference Assistance	\$ <input type="text" value="88400.00"/>

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This worksheet has been adapted from the Massachusetts Library Association (<http://www.masslib.org>) and Chelmsford Library (<http://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org>). How the values were calculated.

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### Explanations of Values

The cost figures for library services were derived by the [Massachusetts Library Association](#) based on the table below:

Library Service	Value of Service	Based On
Adult Books Borrowed	\$17.00	Amazon.com average price
Young Adult Books Borrowed	\$12.00	Amazon.com average price
Children Books Borrowed	\$17.00	Amazon.com average price
Audiobooks Borrowed	\$9.95	Audible.com download average
Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$25.00	Amazon.com average price plus shipping
eBooks Downloaded	\$15.00	Estimated B&N/Amazon average
Magazines Read	\$5.00	Estimated purchase price average
Newspapers Read	\$9.50	Boston Globe subscription (outside city)
Movies Borrowed	\$4.00	Estimated Netflix average
CDs Borrowed	\$9.95	iTunes download album average
Music Downloaded	\$1.00	iTunes download song average
Meeting Room Use (per hour)	\$25.00	Estimated value
Adult Programs Attended	\$15.00	Entertainment/program admission fee - estimated average per adult
Young Adult Programs Attended	\$12.00	Entertainment/program admission fee - estimated average per youth
Children's Programs Attended	\$7.00	Entertainment/program admission fee - estimated average per child
Museum Passes Borrowed	\$20.00	Museum admission fee - estimated average for two adults
Computer Use (per hour)	\$12.00	FedEx/Kinkos price
Database Searches	\$19.95	Average cost for online article search
Reference Assistance	\$7.00	Average library cost

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