

Spirit Lake Public Library

2024-2025 BY THE NUMBERS

Total Library Visitors: 39,262



Library Members



149

new members

1,692

renewed members

3,137

active members

64,949

46,835 PHYSICAL

18,114 DIGITAL

items checked out

DIGITAL SERVICES USED

Audiobooks 8,594

eBooks 7,414

Magazines 1,877

Other 229



Collection

2,398

items added



Technology



5,337
wireless
sessions



2,106
computer
sessions



1,813 ↑ 20%
followers interactions

Programming

230
total
programs



21

storytimes
for 472 kids



26

daycare & school visits
to 574 kids



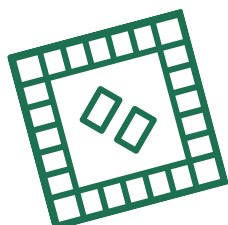
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STEAM
participants

5,852
total
attendees

Summer Reading

398
reading log
participants



Outreach

3 Locations
served

15 members
served

700+ items
checked out

In-house Programs

1,201
scavenger hunt
participants

377

guessing jar
participants



The Breakdown

What would it cost residents to pay for materials and services if the library wasn't available? The following table shows the breakdown of the cost of digital materials and traditional books and other materials based on the number of uses, as well as computer, wifi, and meeting room usage.

Category	Number of Uses	Average Cost	What Residents Would Spend
Books & Other Materials	46,835	\$20	\$936,700
Digital Materials	18,114	\$9.99	\$180,959
Computer Sessions	2,106	\$27	\$56,862
Wifi Sessions	5,337	\$5	\$26,685
Meeting Room Uses	36	\$50	\$1,800
Programs for All Ages	230	\$10	\$2,300
Total Amount Residents Would Spend Without a Library			\$1,205,306
Total Library Cost to Taxpayers			\$410,587
Total Savings			\$794,719

Explanation of Calculations & Values

Books and Other Materials

\$20: average price of a new purchase

Digital Materials

\$9.99: average price of a typical download from ebook service

Computer Sessions

\$27: cost for computer use at a supply store @\$0.45 per minute

Wifi Sessions

\$5: use of wifi at a cafe with purchase

Meeting Room Uses

\$50: average charge for similar space at for profit venue

Programs for All Ages

\$10: average price of a movie ticket