

YOUR LIBRARY AT A GLANCE

Bellingham Public Library

READ · LEARN · MEET · DISCOVER



Connecting our community with each other and the world

2014 STATISTICS

CARDHOLDERS

49,773 borrowers
82,810 city population

COLLECTION

162,393 books in print
26,533 eBooks
13,051 audiobooks
9,500 eAudiobooks
17,041 video DVDs
425 print subscriptions

CIRCULATION

1,632,039 total items
checked out, including:
536,103 children's items
905,436 adult items
190,499 electronic items

VISITS

830,909 in-person visits
612,192 website visits
88,218 public internet
sessions

PROGRAMS

993 programs & special
events for 32,152
attendees, including 660
children's programs with
26,289 attendees

STAFF

45.72 FTEs



READ: INSPIRING ALL TO READ, VIEW & LISTEN

Summer reading programs for all ages, a robust collection of books, eBooks, audiobooks, videos, on-demand movies, book groups, author visits and so much more! We're here to help inspire and support the joy of reading, listening and viewing for all ages and abilities. *Photo by Kenni Merritt*



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, powerful and fun practices into children's everyday lives from birth establishes a strong foundation for reading and learning. *Photo by Paul Leeson*

2014 STATISTICS

OPEN HOURS

4,780 total hours open to community in 2014

BUDGET

\$4,066,282, including
\$3,656,261 from City of
Bellingham general fund

STAFF

45.72 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 the
Cordata Community Food
Co-op

ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE AT

bellingshampubliclibrary.org



MEET: BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO SHARE & LEARN

We're bringing people together to share and learn with free workshops and activities right in the middle of the Central Library. Popular activities include tai chi, arts & crafts, music, language lessons and more. All free and open to all! Sessions are listed on our online calendar and local events listings. Or simply drop by and see what's happening! Join us and try out something new, or contact us to find out how you can share your skills at the library. *Photo by Jenni Johnson*



DISCOVER: GET THE MOST FROM YOUR TECHNOLOGY

Whether you are taking a first leap into mobile technology, upgrading an existing device, or advancing your computing skills, we can help you make the most of technology! No matter what device—phones, tablets, eReaders, laptops and more! We provide all kinds of ways to enjoy your device and improve your technology skills, including free coaching sessions, free online classes for all levels, and thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, on-demand movies, music and much more. *Bellingham Public Library photo*

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