

## YOUR LIBRARY AT A GLANCE 2017

# Bellingham Public Library

READ · LEARN · MEET · DISCOVER



Connecting our community with each other and the world

### 2016 STATISTICS

#### CARDHOLDERS

46,590 active borrowers  
83,580 city population

#### COLLECTION

161,690 books in print  
45,045 eBooks  
12,438 audiobooks  
13,444 eAudiobooks  
17,055 video DVDs  
380 print subscriptions

#### CIRCULATION

1,515,603 total items  
checked out, including:  
508,314 children's items  
806,273 adult items  
201,016 electronic items  
578,965 holds filled

#### VISITS

808,838 in-person visits  
685,631 website visits  
78,606 public internet  
sessions on 43 public  
computers

#### PROGRAMS

1,406 programs & special  
events for 37,752  
attendees, including:  
749 children's programs  
with 27,988 attendees



### 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 a child's everyday life from birth establishes a strong foundation for reading and learning. *Photo by Paul Leeson*

## 2016 STATISTICS

### OPEN HOURS

5,664 total hours open at all locations in 2016

### BUDGET

\$4,610,803, including  
\$4,219,047 from City of  
Bellingham general fund

### STAFF

47.42 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](http://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 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 simply drop by and see what's happening! Try out something new 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—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, on-demand movies, music and much more. *Bellingham Public Library photo*

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