

## YOUR LIBRARY AT A GLANCE 2018

# Bellingham Public Library

READ · LEARN · MEET · DISCOVER



Connecting our community with each other and the world

### 2017 STATISTICS

#### CARDHOLDERS

49,424 active borrowers  
86,720 city population

#### COLLECTION

145,681 books in print  
55,236 eBooks  
16,936 eAudiobooks  
14,469 video DVDs  
369 print subscriptions

#### CIRCULATION

1,573,254 total items  
checked out, including:  
551,118 children's items  
831,035 adult items  
171,101 electronic items  
596,216 holds filled

#### VISITS

787,677 in-person visits  
620,491 website visits  
79,690 public internet  
sessions on 42 public  
computers

#### PROGRAMS

1,393 programs & special  
events for 34,409  
attendees, including:  
799 children's programs  
with 26,714 attendees

### READ: INSPIRING ALL TO READ, VIEW AND LISTEN

Summer reading programs for children, teens and adults; a robust collection of books, eBooks, audiobooks, videos, and magazines; book groups, reading recommendations, author visits, and much more! We're here to inspire and support the joy of reading, listening and viewing for all ages, interests and abilities.



### 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, fun and powerful practices into a child's life from birth form a strong foundation for reading and learning.

*Photo by Radley Muller*

## 2017 STATISTICS

### OPEN HOURS

5,584 total hours open at all locations in 2017

### BUDGET

\$4,516,866, including \$4,313,003 from City of Bellingham general fund

### STAFF

48.53 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 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 chair 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 drop by to see what's happening!



## DISCOVER: GETTING THE MOST FROM TECHNOLOGY

Whether you are taking a first leap into technology, upgrading an existing device, or advancing your computing skills, we can help you make the most of it! 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, digital magazines and much more.

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