

YOUR LIBRARY AT A GLANCE 2019

BellinghamPublicLibrary

READ • LEARN • MEET • DISCOVER



Connecting our community with each other and the world

2018 STATISTICS

CARDHOLDERS

59,938 active borrowers
89,045 city population

COLLECTION

144,902 books in print
65,879 eBooks
20,860 eAudiobooks
14,280 video DVDs
312 print subscriptions

CIRCULATION

1,677,206 total items
checked out, including:
587,211 children's items
855,096 adult items
234,899 electronic items
618,392 holds filled

VISITS

773,825 in-person visits
637,118 website visits
75,146 public internet
sessions on 43 public
computers

PROGRAMS

1,247 programs & special
events for 34,198
attendees, including:
837 children's programs
with 28,007 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 on-demand movies; 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.

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2018 STATISTICS

OPEN HOURS

5,570 total hours open at all locations in 2018

BUDGET

\$4,816,026, including
\$4,594,829 from City of
Bellingham general fund

STAFF

48.71 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



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, on-demand movies, music and much more.

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