

## HIGHLIGHTS: *Public Libraries in Utah, 2006*

Source: Survey of Public Library Services in Utah, FY2006

- **Local Governments in Utah supported their public libraries with \$73.5 million, a 6.30% increase from FY2005.**
  - FY2006 Local government revenue= \$73,466,936 FY2005 = \$69,143,330 Increase = \$4,323,606
- **The State of Utah contributed \$853,230 for public library services, an increase of 21.30% from FY2005.**
  - FY2006 State government revenue= \$853,230 FY2005 = \$703,594 Increase = \$149,636
- **Utah public libraries spent over \$11.6 million in capital projects.**
  - FY2006 Capital expenditures= \$11,579,820
- **Statewide, library visits totaled over 15.5 million, a 43.80% increase from FY2005. This equals to 6.22 visits per capita (the national rate for FY2005 was 4.7 visits per capita).**
  - FY2006 Library visits = 15,501,024 FY2005 = 10,780,156 Increase = 4,720,868  
Unduplicated population of legal service area = 2,490,724
- **Library patrons in Utah conducted over 3.8 million reference transactions, an increase of 28.5% from FY2005.**
  - FY2006 Reference transactions= 3,826,266 FY2005 = 2,977,265 Increase = 849,001
- **65% or 1.6 million residents of the state have a library card.**
  - FY2006 Registered borrowers = 1,607,640 Unduplicated population of legal service area = 2,490,724
- **Utah residents borrowed over 32 million items from public libraries or 12.87 items per capita, one of the highest in the country (national rate in FY2005 was 7.2 items per capita).**
  - FY2006 Total circulation= 32,064,089 Unduplicated population of legal service area = 2,490,724
- **40% of all items borrowed were children's materials.**
  - FY2006 Circulation of children's materials = 12,709,473 Total circulation= 32,064,089
- **Statewide, more than 750,000 people attended over 18,000 library programs, 80% of which were children's programs.**
  - FY2006 Total program attendance = 750,433 Total library programs = 18,647 Children's library programs = 14,757
- **Public computers in Utah libraries were used almost 2.5 million times to access the internet.**
  - FY2006 Users of public internet computers = 2,441,071

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