

## HIGHLIGHTS: *Public Libraries in Utah, 2007*

Source: Survey of Public Library Services in Utah, FY2007

- **Local Governments in Utah supported their public libraries with \$76.1 million, a 1% increase from FY2006.**
  - FY2007 Local government revenue= \$76,104,775 FY2006 = \$75,655,061 Increase = \$449,714
- **The State of Utah contributed \$927,326 for public library services, a decrease of 1% from FY2006.**
  - FY2007 State government revenue= \$927,326 FY2006 = \$938,464 Decrease = \$11,138
- **Utah public libraries spent over \$4.7 million in capital projects.**
  - FY2007 Capital expenditures= \$4,722,943
- **Statewide, library visits totaled over 15.3 million, a 1% decrease from FY2006. This equals to 6.0 visits per capita (the national rate for FY2005 was 4.7 visits per capita).**
  - FY2007 Library visits = 15,336,291 FY2006 = 15,501,024 Decrease = 164,733  
Unduplicated population of legal service area = 2,570,830
- **Library patrons in Utah conducted almost 4 million reference transactions, an increase of 4% from FY2006. This equals to 1.5 reference transactions per capita (the national rate for FY2005 was 1.1 visits per capita).**
  - FY2007 Reference transactions= 3,963,674 FY2006 = 3,826,266 Increase = 137,408
- **65.2% or 1.7 million residents of the state have a library card. That means over 67,000 people registered for library cards last year.**
  - FY2007 Registered borrowers = 1,674,976 Unduplicated population of legal service area = 2,570,830
- **Utah residents borrowed over 32.1 million items from public libraries or 12.5 items per capita, one of the highest in the country (national rate in FY2005 was 7.2 items per capita).**
  - FY2007 Total circulation= 32,142,615 Unduplicated population of legal service area = 2,570,830
- **42% of all items borrowed were children's materials.**
  - FY2007 Circulation of children's materials = 13,640,341 Total circulation= 32,142,615
- **Statewide, more than 750,000 people attended over 20,000 library programs, 82% of which were children's programs.**
  - FY2007 Total program attendance = 750,143 Total library programs = 20,340 Children's library programs = 16,700
- **Public computers in Utah libraries were used almost 2.5 million times to access the internet.**
  - FY2007 Users of public internet computers = 2,422,897

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