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