
Belgrade Public Library—the Best Bargain in Town!

Looking for real value from your tax dollar? Look no further than your public library. For 2015, a look at what was checked out compared with what these items would have cost tax payers IF PURCHASED INDIVIDUALLY, shows a good investment!

2015	Value
8,377 books, audio books, movies borrowed @ \$18* per item	\$150,786
1,678 eBooks and audio books downloads @ \$8 per book	13,424
405 hours of computer time @ \$12 per hour value	4,860
7 per day (estimate) of WiFi use x 364 days @ \$12 Library Internet signal is available 24/7	30,576
343 InterLibrary Loan items borrowed @ \$30 each	10,290
401 Reference transactions @ \$15 each	6,015
76 children’s programs with 836 attending @ \$11.50 value	9,614
18 adult programs with 156 attending @ \$14 value	2,184
Total (draft 1/7/2016)	\$227,749
2015 budget (open 25 hours each week throughout the year)	\$55,130

The return on investment was \$4.13 for every tax dollar spent!

Belgrade Public Library receives one-half of one percent of the property tax paid. For each \$1000 paid about \$5 goes to operate the Library. Thank you very much!

**The Maine State Library 2014 value calculator estimates.*