

# BY THE NUMBERS Florida Public Libraries

Fiscal Year October 2022 – September 2023



**11.5 MILLION**

Floridians have a library card, or **1/2** of the population of Florida.

**43 MILLION**

annual visitors to FL libraries, **more** annual visitors than to Florida's State Parks.<sup>1</sup>

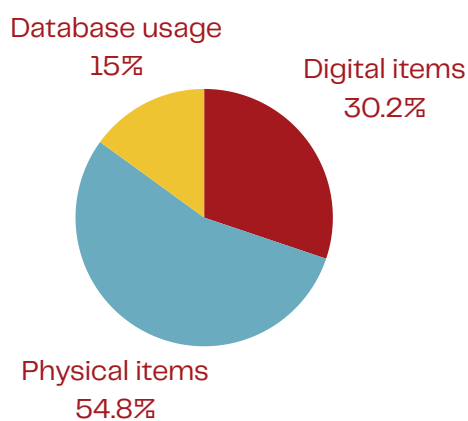


**117,000** people visit a FL library each day, **more** daily foot traffic than all National Parks combined.<sup>2</sup>

## FL Libraries Provide Access to Millions of Items



**108 million** items were loaned last year by libraries across Florida (nearly 5 items per resident).

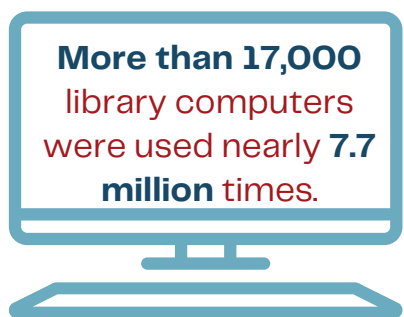


Florida library staff answered **12.2 million** questions.

Florida libraries offered over **250,000** programs which offered services to over **5.7 million** attendees.

The number of programs offered has increased by over **18%** since 2022.

More than **17,000** library computers were used nearly **7.7 million** times.



Wi-Fi usage jumped **10.6%** from the previous year.



There are **563** library locations statewide

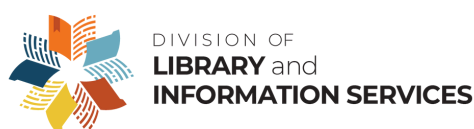


that are open over **1.2 million** hours

and employ **6,560** full-time equivalent staff.



FL libraries do all this and more with less than **\$36.65** per person in funding. That's **22%** less than the national average.<sup>3</sup>



During FY2024-25, the percentage of total costs for the Library Data and Statistics Program financed with federal money is 67%; the federal dollar amount to be spent on the program is \$110,969. This program does not receive any non-governmental funding.

The Library Data & Statistics Program is funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Florida's LSTA program is administered by the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services.

Data is from the Annual Statistical Report for Florida's Public Libraries, Fiscal Year 2023.

1: [floridastateparksfoundation.org/impact](http://floridastateparksfoundation.org/impact)

2: [nps.gov/aboutus/visitation-numbers.htm](http://nps.gov/aboutus/visitation-numbers.htm)

3: [imls.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/fy19-pls-results.pdf](http://imls.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/fy19-pls-results.pdf)