

## LIBRARY PROFILE

### Overview

The San Antonio Public Library is the City's educational arm. For more than 100 years, the library has been a vital center for free learning, attainment of knowledge, and cultural enlightenment. The Library supports literacy, formal and self-guided education, and business development and expansion. With 25 library facilities located throughout the city, a bookmobile, and outstanding online resources, the San Antonio Public Library is as close as around the corner or the nearest computer.

More than 900,000 Bexar County residents have San Antonio Public Library cards.

There are more than 5,000,000 visits annually to the Library.

#### IMLS Data (FY 2009)

Number of Bookmobiles:	1
Number of Branch Libraries:	23
Number of Central Libraries:	1
Number of Outlets:	25
Population of Legal Service Area:	1,570,243

#### Paid Full-Time Equivalent Staff (FTE)

ALA-MLS Librarians:	120
Librarians without ALA-MLS:	0
Total Librarians:	120
ALA-MLS Librarians as Percent of Total Staff:	30.60%
Other Staff:	273
Total Staff:	393
Other Staff per 1,000 Population:	0.17

#### Operating Revenue

Local Revenue:	\$29,045,517
Local Revenue per Capita:	\$18.50
State Revenue:	\$116,123
State Revenue per Capita:	\$0.07
Federal Revenue:	\$0
Federal Revenue per Capita:	\$0.00
Other Revenue:	\$1,741,592
Other Revenue per Capita:	\$1.11
Total Revenue:	\$30,903,232
Total Revenue per Capita:	\$19.68

Operating Expenditures

Print Materials Expenditures:	\$1,890,628
Print Materials Expenditures per Capita:	\$1.20
Electronic Materials Expenditures:	\$678,867
Other Materials Expenditures:	\$966,833
Total Collection Expenditures:	\$3,536,328
Total Collection Expenditures per Capita:	\$2.25
Salaries & Wages Expenditures:	\$14,022,738
Employee Benefits Expenditures:	\$5,246,661
Total Staff Expenditures:	\$19,269,399
Other Operating Expenditures:	\$6,237,131
Total Operating Expenditures:	\$29,042,858
Total Operating Expenditures per Capita:	\$18.50

Capital Expenditures

Capital Expenditures:	\$185,629
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Size of Library Collection

Electronic Books:	1,714
Print Materials:	1,853,700
Print Materials per Capita:	1.18
Current Print Serial Subscriptions:	885
Current Electronic Serial Subscriptions:	0
Video Materials:	144,846
Audio Materials:	139,154
Databases:	90

Services (Per Year)

Total Program Attendance:	246,057
Total Circulation:	6,616,776
Total Circulation per Capita:	4.21
Circulation of Children's Materials:	2,743,934
Circulation of Children's Materials as Percent of Total Circulation:	41.50%
Library Visits:	5,300,151
Library Visits per Capita:	3.38
Total Library Programs:	9,867
Children's Program Attendance:	181,943
Reference Transactions:	1,417,597
InterLibrary Loans Received:	28,744
InterLibrary Loans Provided:	22,005
Net Loan Rate:	0.77
Users of Public Internet Computers:	1,446,547
Average Number of Weekly Public Service Hours Per Outlet:	60

Electronic Measures

Number of Public Internet Terminals:	700
Average Number of Public Internet Terminals per Stationary Outlet:	29

**Baselice Survey Statistics**

- 89% of respondents say the Library is important to them
- 80% think it's important to have a library card
- 91% say the library is a good use of public funding
- 72% would support designating sales tax revenues to generate revenue for the library
- 96% believe the library is an important part of the City's image

**Value to the Community**

<i>No. of Uses</i>	<i>Library Service</i>	<i>Retail Value</i>	<i>Value of Services</i>
4,225,349	Books checked out	\$15.00	\$63,380,235
34,475	Magazines checked out	\$2.25	\$77,569
1,231,426	Videos checked out	\$7.00	\$8,619,982
193,566	Audiobooks checked out	\$60.00	\$11,613,960
421,385	Music CDs checked out	\$13.00	\$5,478,005
28,744	Interlibrary Loan	\$25.00	\$718,600
3,534	Meeting room uses	\$50.00	\$176,700
719	Auditorium uses	\$250.00	\$179,750
29,822	Adult programs	\$11.00	\$328,042
31,305	Teen programs	\$10.00	\$313,050
184,870	Children's programs	\$9.70	\$1,793,239
1,648	Computer literacy programs	\$45.00	\$74,160
1,446,547	Hours of computer use	\$12.00	\$17,358,564
1,482,044	Database articles retrieved	\$25.00	\$37,051,100
865,333	Database searches	\$10.00	\$8,653,330
3,599	Items borrowed by mail	\$23.99	\$86,340
2,292	Live online tutoring sessions	\$34.99	\$80,197
47,041	Items downloaded (books, movies)	\$15.00	\$705,615
4,908	Specialized reports from databases	\$50.00	\$245,400
1,417,597	Reference questions answered	\$7.00	\$9,923,179
<i>The Library's value to the community:</i>			\$166,857,017

## **Challenges Confronting San Antonio**

- Nearly 25% of San Antonians are functionally illiterate.
- San Antonio is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest city in the country but ranks 60<sup>th</sup> in population literacy.
- It has been estimated that the Texas high school drop-out rate is as high as 33 percent.
- Estimates show that 60% of San Antonio households have no broadband Internet access.

## **Support for Literacy**

- Little Read Wagon Early Literacy Program presents training annually to more than 4,500 parents and caregivers.
- Literacy programs are presented annually to more than 215,000 children and teens.
- Every year, summer reading programs enroll more than 25,000 children and teens to help maintain their reading skills.

## **Support for Education**

- Free online tutoring: more than 2,000 sessions a year
- Free access to digital resources: more than 80 databases
- Free access to computers and the Internet
- Free access to practice and examinations such as TAKS, the SAT, the ACT, and the GED
- Free access to books, magazines, and newspapers: nearly 35,000 periodicals checked out last year
- Free access to quiet space for completing homework

## **Support for Careers and Business**

- Free access to computers and the Internet: more than 1,400,000 hours of computer use last year
- Free Wi-Fi access
- Free access to live online resume coaching
- Free access to online resources to enhance job skills
- Free access to business information research resources: databases, journals, newspapers
- Free computer training presented to more than 1,000 participants annually
- Free access to practice examinations for professions and trades
- Free trademark and patent searches

## **Support for Civic and Community Development**

- Community meeting rooms at libraries around the city
- Libraries serve as election sites
- Bookmobile provides library access for those who cannot reach a library location

