

## North Dakotans value their libraries

Public libraries provided patrons with 145,022 hours of service in 2008.

Libraries reported 2,313,793 visits in the last year.



\*Full statistical information can be found at [www.library.nd.gov/publications/2008stats.pdf](http://www.library.nd.gov/publications/2008stats.pdf)

## Residents use Online Resources



North Dakota residents have an immeasurable wealth of information at their fingertips.

The State Library, ODIN (Online Dakota Information Network), and North Dakota libraries partner with South Dakota and Minnesota to provide public libraries and their patrons with access to the Online Library Resources.

## Public libraries benefit the local economy

North Dakotans save dollars annually by borrowing books and other items from the library, which is money they can spend on other goods and services in their community.

Libraries also support workforce development by creating an outlet to utilize job information resources and technology training.



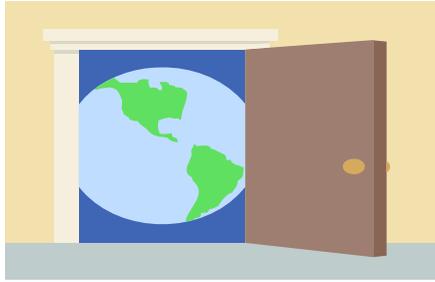
## North Dakotans connect at public libraries



Public libraries provide Internet access to their patrons by supplying an average of six computers per library.

North Dakotans utilized public library computers to access the Internet more than 507,966 times in 2008.

## Public libraries create opportunity



Public libraries offered their patrons 5,131 library programs in 2008.

The total attendance at these programs was 104,503.

## North Dakotans love to read

In 2008, North Dakotans checked out over 4,116,918 library items.

North Dakota public libraries housed 2,452,570 books, 98,141 audio materials, and 103,818 video materials in 2008.



## In 2008, North Dakota public libraries:

- Welcomed 2,313,793 people
- Circulated 4,116,918 items
- Answered 399,942 reference questions
- Provided 46,637 interlibrary loan items
- Allowed 507,966 people to connect to the Internet

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## NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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