



82 public libraries and 35 branch libraries serve 56 Montana counties.

459,133 Montanans have a public library card.

4,298,268 annual visitors entered a Montana library in FY 2017. Statewide, libraries were open a total of 210,132 hours a year.

6 million items were checked out of libraries in Montana.

177 libraries in 99 Montana communities use the Montana Shared Catalog.

82 libraries and branches offer MontanaLibrary2Go.

84,017 people have a user account with MontanaLibrary2Go.

934,933 items were checked out of MontanaLibrary2Go.

356,845 people attended programs at libraries across the state.

[All of the above are based on statistics from July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.]

191 librarians provide professional information services through public libraries in Montana and the Montana State Library.

470,000 research questions are answered annually by librarians. Subjects range from how to write a resume, to completing homework assignments, to Montana hunting regulations, and more.

74,000 programs such as Books and Babies, experiential story times, Legos and robotics clubs, and Humanities Montana lectures were offered in Montana libraries over a five-year period ending in 2017. **Nearly 1.5 million** Montanans attended those programs.

\$28 million dollars is invested by library supporters every year to help serve Montanans.

190 geographic information professionals provide services, including data management and mapping, of detailed and authoritative information about Montana's property, land, water, plants, animals, infrastructure, cities and towns—for public access. **1 of the top 3 State of Montana** websites is the Cadastral (gis.mt.gov), managed by the Montana State Library and available for access in community libraries. With the Cadastral website, any user



can research information about public and private property in Montana.

78% of adults in the U.S. feel that libraries help them find information that is trustworthy and reliable.*

Millennials (age 18 to 35) are the greatest library users among adults. 87% feel that libraries offer information that is trustworthy and reliable; 85% say the library helps them learn new things.*

**Pew Research, fall 2016.*

119,487 libraries are located in the U.S. (American Library Association).