

Report to the community:

The many ways your tax dollars come back to serve you

The issue of a library tax was put on the county ballot in 1973 and Boone County Public Library was voted into existence by its taxpayers on November sixth. The Library opened its doors for the first time on October 14, 1974 in temporary quarters on Girard Street in Florence. In June 1976, Boone County Public Library moved to its permanent location at 7425 US 42 and opened with 18,000 books and 9,000 registered borrowers.

As of July 1, 2012, the Library had six locations, **511,275** items

in its collection, and **86,314** registered borrowers. Boone County Public Library is open 357 days per year and has an operating budget of **\$7,360,824**. The library has **84 part-time and 66 full-time employees**, **31** of whom are librarians with master's degrees.

Boone County Public Library is a grassroots institution governed by a nonpartisan citizen board for the benefit of the entire county. The five-member Board of Trustees is appointed through the Boone County Fiscal Court. Each board member

serves a 4-year term and is eligible for reappointment to a second 4-year term. The Board determines library policy and expenditure of library funds.

As a special taxing district, the Library receives 92% of its funding from real and personal property taxes paid in Boone County. The tax rate for fiscal year 2011 - 2012 was .051%, which equates to 5.1 cents per 100 dollars (\$ 0.051) of assessed value. Boone County Public Library's tax rate is the lowest library tax in the region.



IN FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012*:

1,754,794 books, audiobooks, digital books, DVDs, magazines, and video games (36% children's books, 27% adult books, 37% audiovisual and electronic media) were borrowed by the community.

1,646 meetings were held by 551 community groups in the Library's meeting rooms.

210,311 computer users were provided Internet access at the Library.

157,573 in-person, telephone and e-mail reference questions were answered by library staff.

40,851 new items were purchased, bringing the Library's collection to a total of 511,275 items.

**Source: 2012 Report to Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives*

Boone County Public Library

Ever wonder what single item gets checked out the most at Boone County Public Library? No, it's not a book! It's a laptop computer! Laptops are available for check out while in the building at the Main Library and Florence, Scheben and Walton Branches. These popular items were checked out 2,827 times in FY2011-2012.



Total value of library service to taxpayers fiscal year 2011-2012*

This chart uses estimated or average costs for library resources and services.

Number of Times	Library Services Used	Unit Value	Total Value
990,228	Books borrowed	@ \$20 each	= \$19,804,560.00
78,076	Pocket paperbacks borrowed	@ \$7	= \$546,532.00
29,100	Magazines borrowed or used in the Library	@ \$4	= \$116,400.00
360,378	DVDs borrowed	@ \$4	= \$1,441,512.00
83,371	Audiobooks borrowed	@ \$35	= \$2,917,985.00
94,492	CDs borrowed	@ \$15	= \$1,417,380.00
31,728	Video games and software borrowed	@ \$40	= \$1,269,120.00
2,137	Interlibrary loan requests	@ \$25	= \$53,425.00
18,926	Adult programs attended	@ \$10	= \$189,260.00
13,585	Children's programs attended	@ \$6	= \$81,510.00
157,573	Information/homework questions answered	@ \$10	= \$1,575,730.00
210,311	Hours of public computer use	@ \$12	= \$2,523,732.00
361,981	Digital resources used (Freegal, eBooks, research tools..)	@ \$20	= \$7,239,620.00
1,646	Hours of meeting room use	@ \$50	= \$82,300.00
5,393	Hours of study room use	@ \$10	= \$53,930.00
Total value of Library services used in Boone County			= \$39,312,996.00

Boone County Public Library received \$6,325,255 in taxes from Boone County.

For every one dollar paid in taxes, the citizens of Boone County received \$6.22 in value or return on investment.

**Source: 2012 Report to Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives.*

Would you like to see what your return on investment was for the tax dollars you paid the Library last year? Go to www.bcpl.org/library and plug your numbers into the online value calculator. You'll be able to determine how much tax you paid and the value of the library services you used.



The Library's Annual Report is continued on page 17 following the Schools' Annual Report.

Boone County Public Library:

Works to support education

- Boone County Public Library was a B.E.S.T Partner with Longbranch Elementary School for the 2011-2012 school year. Librarians, teachers and school administrators worked together to develop curriculum kits for newly established core content material. The Library compiled book collections for English language arts units and offered homework help for students.
- There is a wealth of research that shows children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. The Library keeps children reading during the summer by giving them the opportunity to choose their own reading materials and earn incentives for time spent reading. **(5,075 total children, birth through age 18, registered for the Summer Reading program and 3,084 children completed the requirement to receive a free book.)**
- In August, the Library invited Boone County teachers and media specialists to shop for free from the Library's withdrawn and donated book collection. **(A total of 6,375 items were given away at this two-day event. Eighty-five teachers and media specialists were able to secure materials for their classrooms.)**

Demonstrates good stewardship

- By partnering with Better World Books, a nonprofit organization

that takes discarded library books and sells them online, the Library has found a profitable way to dispose of out-dated materials.

- The Library receives credit toward future new book orders with preferred vendors from the proceeds of the sales.
- The Library began a process of reallocating personnel this past year. Services have been expanded, but without adding more staff. Staff members are being trained in more than one role so they can work anywhere within the Library's six locations. This flexibility has enabled the Library to have more staff members available for outreach projects and makes better use of the talent already inside the Library's buildings.

Funds projects in creative ways

Boone County Public Library was able to leverage two different literacy-based grants to take summer reading activities to underserved and at-risk populations in the county.

- The Library received a \$2000 Target Family Literacy Foundation Grant to fund an eight-week community-based Family Book Bash project targeting at-risk and homeless children in Boone County. These kids and their families enjoyed free books, free food, book discussions, and fun activities each week over a 2-month period. Boone County Schools provided free lunches to all children under 18 and the Library provided books, developmentally appropriate activities and meals for the adults who accompanied the children.

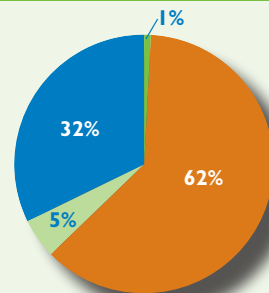
- Using a \$5000 Library Services Technology Act grant (LSTA), a Summer Reading Summer Food Services Program (SRSFS) grant, and some funds from the Target Family Literacy Foundation Grant, the Library was able to continue the work begun the previous summer targeting an at-risk population in Florence. Boone County Schools provided free meals for the children, under the age of 18, who attended and the Library provided books, program materials and meals for the accompanying adults. **(1,389 children were fed this year at the 42 meal programs held in June and July.)**

Continues to offer innovative services

More people are visiting the Library's website to download books and access services. While most customers visit both the physical and online libraries, visits to the Library's website were up 30.6% this past year.

BORROWED FROM THE LIBRARY FY2011-2012

- Printed books
- Physical audiobooks, movies, music and software
- Digital audiobooks, movies & music
- Digital books



Annual circulation of Library materials remains steady at more than a million check-outs per year. Customers are still checking out printed books, but digital books are rapidly growing in popularity. In fact, eBook circulation increased by 282% last year.

More than
one million
(1,006,402)
people walked
through the doors
of Boone County
Public Library
last year to enjoy
books, movies,
music, free
Internet access,
free events and
much more.

You might be interested to know: The most popular digital titles among Boone County Public Library cardholders are: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson, and *The Litigators* by John Grisham.



The Library — what's in it for you?

Below are just a few of the many services the library has to offer you. Visit www.bcpl.org or any library location to discover many more.

Free workshops and classes — lifelong learning

Each month, the Library offers as many as 40 different programs for adults — from painting to managing your diabetes to setting up your first email account. With your library card, you also have access to more than 500 FREE online non-credit continuing education courses. You can enroll in as many as five courses at a time through Universal Class on the Library's website. From accounting and parenting to medical billing, dog training and photography, there's a wide selection from which

to choose. Not only will learning new things keep your brain young, there's compelling evidence that social interaction is important to your overall well-being. And it's free! **(Last year, 78,874 people were educated, entertained and enriched at 4,801 library programs.)**

Job hunting help — maximize your potential

The Library has books and online resources to help you create or update your resume. Use the Library's computers with Microsoft Word to type and print your resume and then search online for places to send it. Reference librarians at all branches are waiting to point you in the right direction and help you with your job search and interview skills.

eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, and music — download to your digital devices

A recent study by the Pew Research Center found that most people don't know that libraries have eBooks for check out. Now you know! Boone County Public Library has more than 80,000 eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies and music in its digital collection (59% of the items in the collection are eBooks).

You can keep eBooks and other digital items for up to three weeks just like printed books, but unlike bound books, eBooks return themselves when they are due. You'll never incur an overdue fine with an eBook.



Boone County Public Library

Six locations to serve you!
One phone number: 859/342-BOOK (2665)

Main Library

1786 Burlington Pike
Burlington, KY 41005

Florence Branch

7425 US 42
Florence, KY 41042

Scheben Branch

8899 US 42
Union, KY 41091

Chapin Memorial Library

6517 Market Street
Petersburg, KY 41080

Lents Branch

3215 Cougar Path
Hebron, KY 41048

Walton Branch

21 S. Main
Walton, KY 41094