

## Report to the Community: The Many Ways Your Tax Dollars Come Back to Serve You...

As of July 1, 2011, the library has six locations, 483,184 items in its collection (which includes digital items) and 97,405 registered borrowers.

### Last year, Boone County Public Library:

- ▼ Loaned more than 1,740,715 books, audiobooks, digital books, DVDs, magazines and video games (38% audiovisual and electronic media 35% children's books, 27% adult books).
- ▼ Educated and entertained the community with 4,786 library programs attended by 73,559 people.
- ▼ Furnished meeting space for 574 community groups to hold 1,336 meetings at the various branches.
- ▼ Provided Internet access to over 237,075 computer users at the library.
- ▼ Answered 149,942 in-person, telephone and e-mail reference questions.
- ▼ Had 754,741 visits to the library website ([www.bcpl.org](http://www.bcpl.org))

As a special taxing district, the library receives more than 90% of its funding from real and personal property taxes paid in Boone County. The tax rate for the last three fiscal years was .05%, which equates to 5 cents per 100 dollars (\$ 0.05) of assessed value. Boone County Public Library's tax rate is the lowest in the region.



More than one million 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.

The library is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees 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.

Boone County Public Library is open 357 days per year and had an operating budget of \$7,287,013 in Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The library has 90 part-time and 67 full-time employees, 31 of whom are librarians with Master's degrees.

### You know the library has books, now discover more great things BCPL can do for you:

- ▼ Do you want to stimulate your child's mind and imagination? The library has an ongoing commitment to early literacy and helping parents find ways to

encourage their children to read. Storytimes, programs and a lively collection of children's materials, offer a world of discovery to your children at the library. Learn more at [www.bcpl.org/kids](http://www.bcpl.org/kids).

- ▼ Just for Teens: All library branches have spaces just for teens to relax, work on homework, and hang out with friends. Teen programs are another way BCPL works to provide something for everyone. [www.bcpl.org/teens](http://www.bcpl.org/teens)
- ▼ Can't get to the library due to physical limitations or lack of transportation? BCPL's home-bound delivery program brings library materials to your home.

- ▼ Interested in the history of Boone County or your family history? The Local History Department, at the Main Library, has worked hard to acquire all available material about Boone County's history. The Friendly librarians in the Local History Department will introduce you to books, family history files, oral histories, photographs, and more to help you unearth your family roots.
- ▼ Don't have a computer or Internet access? Use one of the computers at any BCPL location – they all have MS Office and Internet access. Bring your own laptop and connect to Wi-Fi at the Main Library, Scheben, Florence or Walton Branch. You can even check out a laptop, for use in the building at Main, Florence and Scheben.

The Library received \$6,967,557 in taxes from Boone County in Fiscal Year 2010-2011. This is a return on investment of \$5.18. For every one dollar in taxes, Boone County received \$5.18 in value. To find out how much you pay in taxes to the library and calculate the benefits you and your family receive, please try the value calculator on our website: [www.bcpl.org/library](http://www.bcpl.org/library)

## Boone County Public Library



...working to connect you with the books you love, the information you need, and the world you live in...

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