More people are using the Library than ever before

More people turned to Boone County Public Library in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to **DISCOVER** technology (iPads, laptops, Internet, tech help & training . . .), **EXPLORE** the Library’s collection (books, e-books, music, movies . . .) and **EXPERIENCE** lifelong learning (DIY workshops, classes, concerts, guest speakers, fairs . . .).

**Over One Million visitors!**

**TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS:**
2014: 1,107,074*
2010: 888,672**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BOONE COUNTY LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS:** 90,999 (104,076 with 13,077 nonresident cards)

73% of total Boone County population***

**Discover (technology)**

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO USED THE LIBRARY’S COMPUTERS:**
220,243* 11% from FY ’10 (197,457**) +24%

The item checked out the most from Boone County Public Library wasn’t a book! It was a laptop computer! Laptops were checked out 2,441 times.

*Source: 2014 Report to Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives
**Source: 2010 Report to Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives
***Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division Release Date: March 27, 2014.

**Explore (collection)**

More than **ONE MILLION** items were checked out from Boone County Public Library: 1,658,516

**MORE THAN ONE MILLION people visited BCPL’s digital branch (website): 1,053,475***

**Experience (lifelong learning)**

More people than ever before took advantage of lifelong learning opportunities at BCPL.

**Total Attendance**
(books, magazines . . .)

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**TOP SEVEN EVENTS WITH LARGEST ATTENDANCE**

• Forever Diamond Tribute Concert: 1,244 (In partnership with Boone County Parks)
• Elvis Tribute Concert: 1,014 (In partnership with Boone County Parks)
• Circus Mojo: 705 (In partnership with Boone County Parks)
• How-to Festival: 500
• Lego Showcase: 500
• Early Childhood Fair: 450 (In partnership with Boone County Community Early Childhood Council)
• Job Fair: 415 (In partnership with Kentucky Career Connect)

More people are downloading digital materials (e-books, movies, music . . .):
134,593* 1,448% from FY ’10 (8,693**)
More people are taking advantage of the Library’s technology. Boone County Public Library’s six locations are chock full of technology, from fax machines and copiers, to computers and Wi-Fi access. Laptops can be checked out for use while in the building and iPads, e-readers, software and video games can be borrowed for use at home. These technology items were checked out 27,397 times during the last fiscal year and the Library’s computers and Wi-Fi were used 220,243* times.

More people are turning to the Library to learn how to use technology. Last year, Library staff members spent 467 hours helping people figure out how to use their e-readers and tablets. 2,507* people attended computer classes on everything from using a mouse and setting up an email account to creating a resume in Word and a budget in Excel. The Library has created a series of instructional manuals with content from each of its classes as well as guides for learning how to use many social media platforms such as Pinterest, Facebook, Tumblr, WordPress and more. These helpful manuals were accessed 8,697 times during the last fiscal year and can be found at www.bcpl.org/info/computer-classes/.

More than a million people visited the Library’s digital branch (website) to download books and music, stream videos, access the Library’s research tools, reserve materials and more. The use of digital music and streaming videos is growing at a rapid rate. In order to accommodate this trend, the Library now uses some of its music and video budget to purchase subscriptions for these services. Last year, cardholders downloaded 52,541* songs through Freegal and streamed 4,658 Indie films, documentaries and nonfiction films through IndieFlix and Access Video. The Library subscribes to 61 different research tools (or databases) such as Chilton Auto Repair, Consumer Reports and Ancestry. These research tools were searched 411,786 times by people writing papers and business plans, researching family trees, taking practice tests, repairing cars and engines, seeking financial information, learning new languages and so much more.

More people are using the Library as a community center. For many, the Library is a place to meet friends, play cards, take a class, or attend a concert. For others, it’s a place to study and do homework, find a comfy chair and read a book or browse a magazine. With inclement weather on the horizon for Halloween last year, the Library volunteered to be a rain site. 3,324 goblins, ghouls, princesses and parents were able to hand out candy and Trick or Treat in a safe, well-lit, weather-controlled environment. The Library has 18 meeting/study rooms between its six locations and last year, 824* local businesses, government agencies, clubs, and organizations used these rooms to hold 2,128* trainings and meetings.

What does the Library cost you? You pay 5.2 cents for every one hundred dollars of your property’s value, in taxes to the Library. The taxes you would pay for an $182,300 home (the average value of a home in Boone County**) would be $94.80 per year. That’s just $7.90 a month and covers everyone who lives in your home. Figure out how much you pay and the value of the Library services you use: www.bcpl.org/library/

You’ve already paid for the Library, shouldn’t you use it? Not interested in books? No problem! The Library has so much more to offer you!

Boone County Public Library’s 2014 Report to Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives is available at www.bcpl.org/docs/library/annual-reports/2014-bcpl-report-to-the-community.pdf

*Source: 2014 Report to Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives
**Source: 2010 Boone County Comprehensive Plan: Planning for the Year 2035