

Entertainment & Enjoyment

Northerners love their libraries!

Libraries are visited in-person over **3,407,600** times, or **684** visits per hour!

308,067 northerners are library members who borrow over **3,777,746** items annually.

20,510 library programs are attended by 309,916 northerners.

Library social media is used **2,373,384** times.

Our Northern Public Libraries are Busy!

Population Served **720,426 (92%)**

7,736,236 visits (online and in-person)

21,195 visits per day

883 visits per hour

15 visits per minute

Economic Development

Northern libraries support local economies and employ **757** full-time and part-time staff, **124** student employees, and provide meaningful volunteer opportunities to over **663** people.

Our libraries support the future needs of **5,340** northerners through careers, job help/skills programs, and an additional **2,023** northerners attend business development programs.

Engaged Citizens & Safer Communities

Over 47% of our libraries offer technology training classes which are attended by over **16,812** people each year.

1,999 people complete e-learning courses offered through northern libraries.

35,096 people attend community development programs in over 34% of our libraries.

Valuing Northern Ontario's Libraries



2017 Public Library Statistics

<http://home.olsn.ca/resources/valuing-northern-libraries-toolkit>

Cultural Integrity & Regional Identity

Libraries support and promote our cultural and regional identity.

14,545 people attend cultural events. An additional **4,377** people attend Indigenous programs at the library.

Health & Wellness

Our librarians support the well-being of our residents and answer over **385,000** questions, plus an additional **115,300** information communication, technology, software and social media support requests

Cognitive & Literacy

Northern libraries support early learning, literacy and education in our communities.

51,310 children attend early literacy programs, **62,528** attend education-related programs, and **62,344** attend other children/teen programs.

Social Inclusion

Northern libraries bridge the digital divide.

1,211 Internet workstations are used over **1,293,700** times annually!

97% of our libraries offer free WI-FI with over **716,820** connections annually.