

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

VIRGINIA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ITEMS BORROWED (BY CATEGORY)

71%

Books, DVDs
and CDs

29%

E-books, E-zines,
Downloadables

DIGITAL ITEMS BORROWED

13,201,740

E-books, E-audiobooks, E-zines, Movies, Music, TV

LIBRARY VISITS

10,040,645

WI-FI SESSIONS

7,860,577

INTERNET COMPUTER USE

945,428

MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS

17,002

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

2,606,242

PROGRAM ATTENDEES

182,274

9,401 TOTAL PROGRAMS

BORROWER COUNT

4,941,445

94/392/4,038

VIRGINIA IS SERVED BY 94 PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH 392 LOCATIONS AND 4,038 STAFF MEMBERS.



LIBRARIES
PIVOTED QUICKLY
AND RESPONSIVELY
DURING THE
COVID-19
PANDEMIC:

- ▶ 3,701 Library systems provided 3,701 live, virtual programs to 85,780 attendees via the Internet
- ▶ 828 Library systems created and provided 828 recordings of program content to 49,067 attendees via the Internet
- ▶ 91% of library systems provided outside service for circulation of physical materials to 752,372 people
- ▶ 94% of library systems continued to provide services to the public even when the building was physically closed to the public