

## DID YOU KNOW?

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- ★ Texans make more than 100 million visits to libraries each year—that's enough attendance to fill the Ballpark in Arlington to capacity for the next 2,100 home games.
- ★ Texas libraries spent an average of about \$18 per capita for public library service in 2003. For a family of four, that's library service for a year for only about \$72. It would cost \$130 for the same family to attend Six Flags Over Texas for one day.
- ★ In 2005, library services received \$32 million less in state funds than in 2002.

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# Quotable Facts About Texas Libraries

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## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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- ★ In 2004, Texans made 64,881,654 million visits to public libraries. That's about as many library visitors as there are people living in the United Kingdom.
- ★ More than half a million children participated in summer reading club programs in Texas public libraries in 2005.
- ★ Texans borrowed more than 96 million items from public libraries in 2004. That's about as many items as people watching the 2006 Super Bowl worldwide.
- ★ The state of Texas spends around 30 cents per capita for public library development—that's just about the cost of one phone call.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES

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- ★ Texas had 4,892 (FTE) school librarians serving a total of 4,383,871 students and 585,627 school personnel in 2004-05.
- ★ Texas school librarians spend 75% of their time teaching students how to find and to evaluate information. The other 25% is spent gathering and organizing library resources.
- ★ Each school librarian in Texas serves an average of 896 students. That's an average 45 classes per school librarian.
- ★ The total average expenditures for school libraries is \$120 per student, or 56% of the \$214 per student spent for guidance counseling services.

## ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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- ★ Texas college and university librarians answer an average of 71,601 reference questions in a typical week. That's more answers than people living in Galveston.
- ★ College libraries receive only about 4 cents of every dollar spent on higher education.
- ★ In a typical week, more than 1.2 million students and faculty visit Texas college and university libraries.

*Sources: Annual 2004 Public Library Statistics, as collected by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; Annual 2003 Academic Library Statistics, as collected by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; and salary and budget 2004-2005 expenditures, as collected by the Texas Education Agency.*