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## **Belgrade Public Library—the Best Bargain in Town!**

Looking for real value from your tax dollar? Look no further than your public library. For 2017, a look at what was checked out compared with what these items would have cost tax payers IF PURCHASED INDIVIDUALLY, shows a good investment!

<b>2017</b>	<b>Value</b>
9,073 books, audio books, movies borrowed @ \$18* per item	\$163,314
1,211 eBooks and audio books downloads @ \$8 per book	9,688
576 hours of computer time @ \$12 per hour value	6,912
7 per day (estimate) of WiFi use x 364 days @ \$12 Library Internet signal is available 24/7	30,576
331 InterLibrary Loan items borrowed @ \$30 each	9,930
382 Reference transactions @ \$15 each	5,730
72 children's programs with 668 attending @ \$11.50 value	7,682
23 adult programs with 210 attending @ \$14 value	2,940
8 Museum passes borrowed @ \$20 value	160
Total (draft 1/16/2018)	\$236,932
2017 budget (open 25 hours each week throughout the year)	\$58,370

**The return on investment was \$4.06 for every tax dollar spent!**

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Belgrade Public Library receives one-half of one percent of the property tax paid. For each \$1000 paid about \$5 goes to operate the Library. Thank you very much!

*\*The Maine State Library 2014 value calculator estimates.*