**Arkansas Public Libraries**

**FISCAL YEAR 2016**

### Quick Stats

- **Population Size Served**: 2,843,577
- **Number of Public Library Systems**: 59
- **Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets)**: 234
- **Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians**: 304
- **Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff**: 987

### Public Library Outlets by Locale

- **Rural**: 51%
- **Town**: 32%
- **Suburb**: 8%
- **City**: 9%

### Operating Expenditures per Person

- **Staffing**: $17.25
- **Collections**: $3.59
- **Other**: $6.05

### Public Library Collections¹ per Person

- **Books**: 2.27
- **E-books**: 0.23

### Expenditure Type

- **Public Library Financial Health**
  - Total Operating Revenue³ per Person: FY 2016: $29.98, FY 2015: $28.68, Regional²: $27.95, National: $41.04

- **Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage**
  - Collection Materials per Person: FY 2016: 2.88, FY 2015: 2.91, Regional²: 3.28, National: 4.69
  - Circulation per Person: FY 2016: 5.22, FY 2015: 5.36, Regional²: 5.16, National: 7.19
  - Library Visits per Person: FY 2016: 3.98, FY 2015: 3.93, Regional²: 3.47, National: 4.36
  - Reference Transactions per Person: FY 2016: 0.80, FY 2015: 0.84, Regional²: 0.84, National: 0.79
  - Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People: FY 2016: 18.02, FY 2015: 14.50, Regional²: 12.94, National: 16.66
  - Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People: FY 2016: 426.02, FY 2015: 397.32, Regional²: 291.36, National: 363.99
  - Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People: FY 2016: 5.28, FY 2015: 5.14, Regional²: 4.57, National: 4.74
  - Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person: FY 2016: 0.64, FY 2015: 0.70, Regional²: 0.84, National: 0.89

- **Public Library Staffing**
  - Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People: FY 2016: 9.60, FY 2015: 9.51, Regional²: 8.91, National: 11.27
  - Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People: FY 2016: 2.95, FY 2015: 2.67, Regional²: 3.10, National: 3.92

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¹ The sum of books and e-books will not equal the total collections per person reported in the table. The total collections per person reported in the table includes books, e-books, and physical and downloadable audio and video materials.

² The Southeast region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

³ All financial data are in constant FY 2016 dollars.

NOTE: The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis ([www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov)) and the U.S. Census Bureau ([www.census.gov/acs](http://www.census.gov/acs)) do not provide margins of error associated with these estimates. Readers should take this into consideration when comparing data across years.