

Return on Investment Calculator

Calculate the Value of Services Used at Your Local Library with MLA's Online Spread Sheet

Please input in the leftmost column the number of times you or your family have used the library services described below to learn how much it would have cost to purchase these services at estimated retail values.

Input Your Quantity of Use	Library Services	Value of Services
	Books Borrowed	\$0
	Magazines Borrowed	\$0
	Videos Borrowed (e.g., Blockbuster)	\$0
	Books on Tape Borrowed	\$0
	Museum Passes Borrowed	\$0
	Magazine Use in Library	\$0
	Interlibrary Loan	\$0
	Meeting Room Use per Hour	\$0
	Auditorium Use per Hour	\$0
	Adult Programs Attended	\$0
	Children's Programs Attended	\$0
	Hours of Computer Use, e.g., Internet and MS Word	\$0
	Boston Globe Articles Viewed Online	\$0
	Months of Use for Other Database Searching	\$0
	Reference Questions Asked	\$0
	Total Value	\$0

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Online calculator available at: www.masslib.org/LibraryValue.html

Value of Library Services Further Information

Item	Estimated Retail Value	Values Explained - October 2003
Book Borrowed	\$12.50	Estimated average discount cost of hardcover & paperback
Magazine Borrowed	\$2.00	Estimated cost to purchase a popular periodical issue
Video Borrowed (e.g., Blockbuster)	\$3.87	Sample Video Rental at Video Store
Book on Tape Borrowed	\$9.95	Introductory Rental Price at booksontape.com
Museum Pass Borrowed	\$24.00	Sample museum admission for two
Magazine Use in Library	\$2.00	Estimated cost to purchase a popular periodical issue
Interlibrary Loan	\$25.00	Average cost for loans in Massachusetts
Meeting Room Use per Hour	\$50.00	Estimate
Auditorium Use per Hour	\$250.00	Estimate
Program Attended - Adult	\$15.00	Sample museum program cost for a museum member
Program Attended - Children	\$6.00	Sample museum program cost for a museum member
Computer Use, e.g., Internet and MS Word per hour	\$12.00	Sample hourly rate at a copy center
Boston Globe Online Articles Viewed	\$1.00	Average cost per article
Other Database Searching - Number of Months Used	\$19.95	Minimum Cost for Monthly Access to Sample Online Database
Reference Questions	\$7.00	Estimated cost per question

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