

Public Library Statistics: Collecting, Finding, and Using

Resources

California State Library statistics page:

<http://www.library.ca.gov/lds/librarystats.html>

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) statistics page:

<http://harvester.census.gov/imls/index.asp>

American Library Association (ALA) Research and Statistics

<http://www.ala.org/ala/professionalresources/publications/researchstats/index.cfm>

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<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2539>

Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ors/plftas/connectivity09.cfm>

Counting Opinions LibPas Service (free to California Public Libraries)

<http://ca.countingopinions.com>

Bibliostat Connect (subscription required: (1-866-785-9935))

<http://connect.informata.com>

Colorado Library Research Service:

<http://www.lrs.org/>

Calculators from Colorado's Library Research Service:

Wage Calculator: http://www.lrs.org/interactive/wage_calculator.php

This wage calculator allows you to enter an hourly, weekly, monthly, or annual salary, and see what that translates into for the other time periods. This is also linked from job postings on LibraryJobline.org.

Random Date Generator: <http://www.lrs.org/interactive/randomdate.php>

This random date generator allows users to generate a number of random dates for any calendar year, allowing for limiters such as the ability to exclude specific days of the week and allowing a maximum number of dates per month.

Hours Calculator: <http://www.lrs.org/public/hourcalculator.php>

This multiple outlet hours calculator determines total annual and weekly operating hours, as well as annual non-overlapping hours for libraries with multiple outlets.

Hennen's HALPR Index
<http://www.haplr-index.com/>

Library Journal Index of Public Library Service
of Public Library Service
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6629180.html>

Additional Reading

Infopeople Past Workshop – Management Math for Libraries
http://infopeople.org/training/past/2005/math/math_description.html

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