

By the Numbers

Watauga County Public Library

2022



32,587

residents have a library card, or 58%

An average of 7,928 people visited monthly.
Branch = 490



NC Cardinal Library Consortium provides access to over 7 million items including:



Books



Movies



Audio items

183,297 items were loaned last year. For the Branch, it was 15,264.



Circulation has increased **13%** since last year!

E-book and e-audio circulation has increased **27%** from 2017-2021. E-audio circulation increased by 4% in 2022



101,026 people visited the Main Library (+38%)
5,880 people visited the Branch (+ 56%)



Wi-Fi usage increased at Main Library by **24%** and at the Branch by **81%**.



326 programs with **11,011** attending, Branch = **36** with **593** attending

The Library welcomed **101** volunteers last year for **3,981** hours. According to the Independent Sector, this equates to \$119,230 @ \$29.95 per hour.



Ashe Wilkes and Watauga Libraries are part of the Appalachian Regional Library.



Appalachian Regional Library employs **60** staff

WCPL is open **56** hours weekly, Branch = **32** hours



In 2022, the meeting room was used **106** times by outside groups with **1,346** attendees. The usage more than doubled compared to 2021.

