32,587 residents have a library card, or 58%

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!

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

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

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

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 her 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.