



WEST VIRGINIA
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Thank You for Joining Us!

LEGISLATIVE GOALS 2022

Active Libraries with Current Books, Programs and Services

- Increase Grants in Aid funding to public libraries.
- Support the unique focus of the West Virginia Library Commission to ensure the continuing development of library services across the state that serve the learning needs of all West Virginians.
 1. Increase the Services to Libraries line item by \$200,000
 2. Approve one time \$200,000 appropriation to help libraries that have lost 10% or more of their service population.

Safe and Modern Buildings

- Fund the Library Facilities Improvement Fund with a non-recurring appropriation of \$10,000,000

Adequate & Affordable Broadband

- Empower public libraries and other community anchor institutions to promote digital equity to all West Virginians with programs, education, and connections.
- Support legislation resulting in robust, high-speed, affordable broadband internet connections to all areas, individuals, private and public sectors in the state.

LONG-TERM GOALS

Dedicated funding for all public libraries

School libraries and certified librarians in every school

Simple majority approval for all excess levies

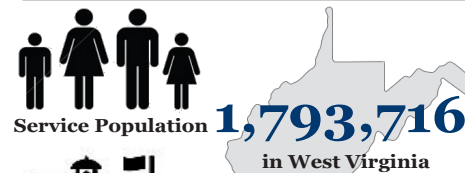
ISSUE OF CONCERN

HJR 3 on the ballot in the November General Election.



West Virginia Libraries

FACTS AND STATS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2020



3,128,441

Library visits throughout all the libraries in West Virginia

The average check out is **2** items per person in 2020

Library programs offered include:
Story Time, Crafts, Book Clubs,
Summer Reading, Music & Theatre,
Minecraft, Movie Nights, Knitting Clubs,
Computer Classes, Tax Help, Yoga
and much more!

Over **21,650** programs with

392,129 attendees
averaging over

15 people per event



5,140,929



Materials
circulated
throughout
the state



Databases

There are

55 Counties

in West Virginia with

1,040,123

Registered borrowers throughout the state.



There are

11,329,103

materials available for West Virginia library patrons to borrow

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of patron internet terminals

1,360

Annual users of Public terminals

448,812

WiFi

165,965