

## Kansans connect at the public library

Studies show that nearly one out of every four households in Kansas lacks Internet access.

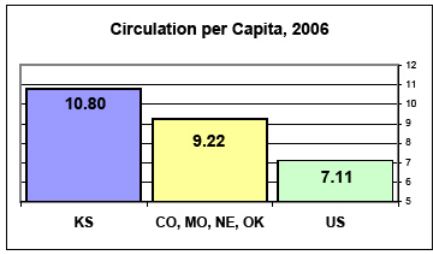
Public libraries fill that gap by providing computers and internet access. Kansans logged on at their public library more than 8 million times in 2007.



## Kansans love books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and magazines

In 2007, Kansans checked out over 26 million library items; an average of 11 items per person. Kansas' circulation is 7th in the nation.

Kansas public libraries housed 11,105,743 books, 484,926 audio materials, and 709,290 video materials in 2007.



## On a typical day, Kansas public libraries:

- Welcome 40,930 people;
- Circulate 71,434 items;
- Answer 7,600 reference questions;
- Provide 2,152 children with programming; and
- Connect 21,962 people to the Internet.

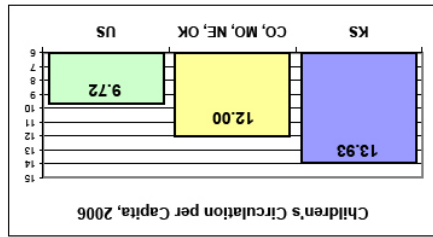


\*2007 is the most current year of available data.

## CHECK OUT KANSAS LIBRARIES

### DATA DIGEST 2009

**STATE LIBRARY OF KANSAS**  
 State Capitol Building      www.kslib.info  
 300 SW 10th, 343N      Topeka, KS 66612

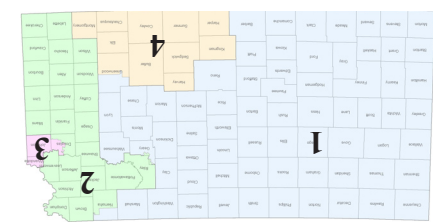


Kansans save \$677 million by borrowing books, and other items from the library. This is money they can spend on other goods and services in their community.

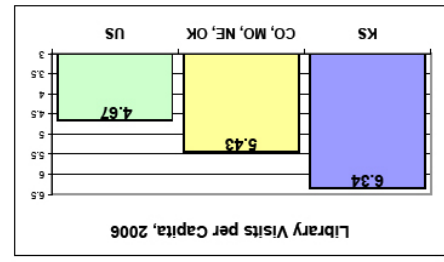
**Libraries enhance the local economy**  
 Increased library traffic correlates with increased foot traffic in local businesses. Libraries' literacy programs contribute to long-term economic productivity. Libraries support workforce development by providing job information resources, technology training, technology access and job search programming.

**Kansas kids love their libraries**  
 Just over 10 million items were circulated to Kansas children in 2007 -- that's nearly 15 items per child. In addition, children's programs accounted for 27,448 of reported library events with 785,222 Kansas children in attendance.

Kansas residents have a vested interest in their libraries. A recent look at library cardholders in the state revealed surprising numbers -- by residents in the First District Congressional District, 91% of have library cards; 90% in the Third District; 76% in the Second District and 72% in the Fourth District.



## Residents own library cards



**Kansans love their libraries**  
 In 2007, more than 1.2 million Kansans visited their public libraries each month. This averages 6.3 visits per Kansan. On a national scale, Kansas ranks 4th in the country on number of visits per capita.