

Library Calculator Explanation of Values

Library Service	Value of Service	Based On
Hardcover Adult Books	\$19.76	Based upon average price of the top 3 titles from NY Times best sellers for 1/24/2019.
Paperback Books	\$15.34	Based upon average price of the top 3 titles from NY Times best sellers for 1/24/2019.
Children's Books	\$12.69	Based upon average price of the top 3 titles from NY Times best sellers for 1/24/2019.
Audiobooks on CDs Borrowed	\$28.77	Based upon average price of the top 3 titles from NY Times best sellers for 1/24/2019.
eBook / Audiobook Downloaded	\$13.16	Based upon average price of the top 3 titles from NY Times best sellers for 1/24/2019.
Music Downloaded (per song)	\$1.29	Estimated retail value per song download.
Blu-Ray/DVD Disc Rental	\$4.00	Estimated 2 day rental cost (videos borrowed from the library are free for 7 days).
Music CDs Borrowed	\$13.00	Estimated price of Billboards 5 albums of 2016 from three major online vendors.
Computer Use (per hour)	\$12.00	From Main State Library Value Calculator. https://www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm
Computer Training Class (2 hours)	\$50.00	Estimated Computer Skills Training fees.
Wi-Fi use	\$7.95	Boingo.com airport day pass queried 2/2019; other retailers may require food or beverage purchase.
Newspaper full week	\$6.35	Buffalo News - 7 day print subscription weekly cost, queried 2/13/2019.

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Newspaper archives	\$2.95	Estimated print price to retrieve a newspaper article.
Librarian Assistance (per 15 minutes)	\$8.50	Estimated price, per quarter hour (2019).
Genealogy Research (per hour)	\$25.00	Estimated price to hire someone.
Online Database Downloads	\$15.00	Estimated cost for copy of a full-text article.
Reference Questions	\$15.00	From Main State Library Value Calculator. https://www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm
Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$25.00	Estimated pricing plus shipping.
Children's Programs	\$8.49	Entertainment movie estimated Saturday matinee child ticket price.
Adult Programs	\$9.99	Entertainment movie estimated Saturday matinee adult ticket price.
Meeting Room Use (2 hours)	\$50.00	Estimated value.

***Disclaimer:** Some of the values of the items included in this calculator were derived from other library calculators as noted above and adapted to the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System.*

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