

Highland Park Public Library Highlights

For such a small town, we have a very active library !

The New Jersey State Library analyzes comparative statistics for all the public libraries in the state. Highland Park rates very favorably in all the measures that reflect effective delivery of service: high circulation per volume held, high circulation per hours open, low FTE per population, high volumes added per cap, low expenditure per circulation.

Local Tax support for the Highland Park Library is \$58.59 per capita, close to average for towns our size, while the impact of that support is more of a burden to residents because Highland Park has a lower base of ratables.

In 2008, the library

- circulated 190041 items, or 13.58 per capita, well above the average for libraries our size , despite reductions in the book budget
- circulated 21,467 videos and DVDs
- circulated 3,738 compact discs
- presented 111 children's programs, with 3234 participants
- presented 162 adult and community programs, with 1422 participants
- offered 77 Teen programs with 1594 participants
- provided public word processing and printing services to more than 1500 individuals
- had over 200,000 hits on its website with links to the library's online catalog and databases
- had over 202,570 people walk through the door, about 67 per hour, or 3896 per week
- had over 7,000 active registered borrowers
- provided over 29,000 public computer Internet use sessions
- served as a wireless "hotspot" for people to access the Internet using their own laptop computers
- sponsored art exhibits, author talks, a poetry series, concerts, technology classes and an International Film Series