



40 Libraries • 1 County • 1 Card

2014 Annual Report

PublicLibrariesInJC.org





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A strong public library cooperative is the foundation upon which a dynamic community builds for the future. The leadership and innovation practiced by the directors of the public libraries in Jefferson County make our county a better place to live. Public libraries help citizens to address emerging personal and community needs. Our vision is that every person builds a relationship with learning and libraries that lasts a lifetime. Through this relationship, every person can have access to all of the tools needed to succeed in life.

The Library Cooperative was set up in 1978 to link all locally funded city libraries and has served citizens of Jefferson County for 36 years. The Jefferson County Library Cooperative is proud to be the non-profit umbrella organization that links all 40 locations with one library card.

The public library is a place of learning, a hub for educational resources and a community center. Experience the great world of learning, knowledge and fun @ your local public library today!

- 376,717** Cardholders can access all services with their library card
- 2 million** Items in all 40 library collections can be checked out
- 4.5 million** Items were checked out last year
- 264,911** eAudio books and eBooks were downloaded
- 1.2 million** Searches were made in the library catalog
- 609,612** Holds were placed
- 4 million** Items were sorted through returns and deliveries to libraries countywide



From an entrepreneur:

"I turned to the library when I started my home-based business—it provided me with all of the resources and information I needed."

From a family:

"We love reading, but the library is more than just books. There's a feeling of community here that you just don't find at a bookstore. When we need information for a school project, we head to the library after school and talk to the youth librarian, who always helps us find what we need. Having all the answers in one, convenient place is pretty amazing."

From a job seeker:

"I've used the library to teach myself everything from auto repair to how to use computers. I'm getting my degree and have financial aid because of the library."

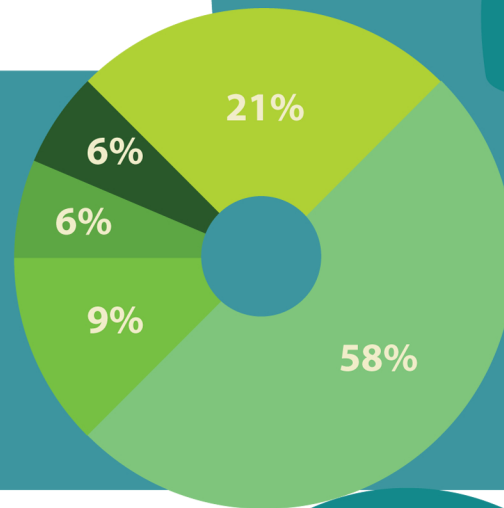
Did you know that with your library card you could....

- Manage your account line?
- Request and return materials to any library?
- Download eBooks and eAudio books for free?
- Check out eReaders? (available at some libraries)
- Use Books-By-Mail (videos also) if you or someone you know is unable to come into the library?
- Attend free classes, seminars and youth programs?
- Read the latest issue of most magazines?



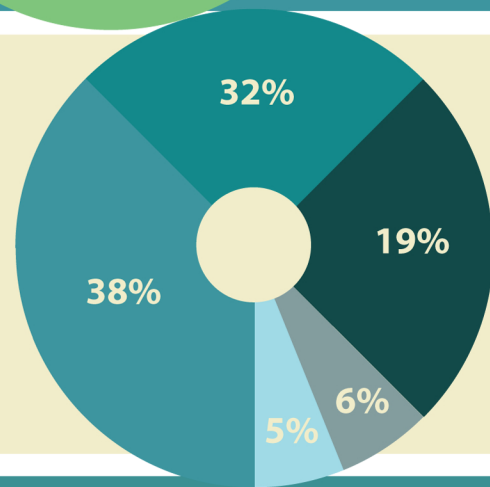
Jefferson County Library Cooperative FY2013-2014 Revenue

● Member Library Fees	\$665,357
● State of Alabama	\$241,713
● Jefferson County Grant-Hardware Upgrade	\$101,000
● Other Revenue	\$76,810
● Donations	\$65,644
Total Revenue	\$1,150,524



Jefferson County Library Cooperative FY2013-2014 Expenses

● Countywide Online Catalog Operations	\$398,149
● Telecommunications IT Operations	\$330,441
● Management and General Expenses	\$196,328
● Miscellaneous Countywide Services	\$63,519
● Vehicle Maintenance Transport Services	\$48,914
Total Expenses	\$1,037,351



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Board of Directors

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205.647.3399

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205.428.7882

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205.414.3920

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205.674.3040

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205.332.6600

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205.444.7800

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205.491.1443

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205.951.1415

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Leeds Public Library
205.699.5962

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205.923.1027

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Mt. Brook/Emmet O'Neal Public Library
205.445.1101

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205.744.1731

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205.841.0575

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205.655.2022

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Director
Warrior Public Library
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Thank you to each of the 22 local municipalities that fund their local library staff and operations. Due to each local library's annual membership fees, and many other contributions, we are able to provide cooperative library services to Jefferson County citizens. We are also proud partners with the State of Alabama which provides State Aid funding for public libraries through the Alabama Public Library Service, the Jefferson County Commission for 2014 grant funding and many thanks to our private donors since 2010.



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