**By the Numbers**

**North Carolina Public Libraries**

**Fiscal Year 2018**

- **5.9 MILLION** North Carolinians have a library card!
- **85,000** people visit a NC library each day which is equal to **31,000,000** annually.

NC Libraries provide access to millions of items...

- **16,506,176** Books
- **57,923** Movies
- **298,308** Audio items

+ thousands more via online databases!

- **58 million** items circulated last year. That’s **nearly 6 items per NC resident!**

**Library staff answered 6.9m questions**

**Attendance at library programs has increased 20% over the past 5 years.**

- **7,600** library computers were used 5,219,486 times
- **40,000** people attended a technology class at their library
- **Wi-Fi usage jumped 9%**

- **410** library locations statewide that are open 936,000 hours
- **3,000** full-time equivalent staff

**27,000** received help looking for a job at the library

**Over 700,000** people used a library space to hold a meeting

**NC libraries do all this and more with less than $24.00 per person in funding, -42% less than the national average.**

Data is from the annual Public Library Survey, fiscal year 2018.