Nampa by the Numbers

None of this would be possible without the vision and willingness of our gifted library staff to meet community needs and the support of our Library Board of Trustees, the Nampa Public Library Foundation, Friends of the Nampa Library, Woman’s Century Club, and our City of Nampa colleagues in multiple city departments.

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<td>Total Circulation: Items Checked Out (includes e-check out)</td>
<td>663,082</td>
<td>708,275</td>
<td>686,910</td>
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<td>Electronic Check-out (e-books, e-audio, e-magazines)</td>
<td>12,090</td>
<td>20,073</td>
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<td>Door Count Annual</td>
<td>298,620</td>
<td>352,807</td>
<td>297,850*</td>
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<td>Reference Desk Transactions</td>
<td>28,140</td>
<td>48,289</td>
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<td>Volunteer Hours</td>
<td>2,161</td>
<td>3,207</td>
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<td>Children’s Program Attendance</td>
<td>25,390</td>
<td>18,127</td>
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<td>Teen Program Attendance</td>
<td>1,637</td>
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<td>Adult Program Attendance</td>
<td>1,290</td>
<td>1,656</td>
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<td>Public Access Computer Sessions</td>
<td>40,592</td>
<td>48,263**</td>
<td>57,402</td>
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*Door counter was out of commission for a total of 15 days leaving the 2016 annual count lower than expected. **Missing February data.

$165,562 $224,682 $331,039 $390,600 $979,534

FY2017 Budget

- Salaries 45%
- Benefits 18%
- Operations 15%
- Admin. Allocation 11%
- Collection 8%
- Utilities 3%

*Collection includes: books, movies, music, eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, and electronic resources. Operations refers to maintenance contracts, consortium fees, contractual services, supplies, contracted labor, and insurance. Admin allocations are funds transferred to other city depts. for services (HR, IT, Facilities, etc.).

Christmas at the Library brought more than 1,500 people through our doors. The event included performances by a Saxophone Quartet, Merry Tuba Christmas, and the Encore Carolers, along with a very special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

**Highlights**
- Smithsonian’s Water/Ways
- Right on Target Program
- Summer Concert Series
- Dia de los Muertos
- Reading Tails
- Star Wars Day
- Christmas at the Library
- Downtown Trick-or-Treat
- 2nd floor Community Art Gallery
- Star Lab
- Nampa Smiles Terrace Garden

Developed and presented by Youth Services
Associate Marcia Stillman, Sensory Storytime
programs provide individuals with special needs, their families and caregivers an opportunity to attend a quiet special needs story and activity times. Offered twice a month on the 2nd and 3rd Monday at 4:15pm.
Why Do We Need a Library in the Age of the Internet?
A Message from the Board President, Nick Smith

Why do we need a library in the age of the internet? Believe it or not, this is a question that we on the board of trustees for the Nampa Public Library hear from time to time. While many are tempted to scoff at the question, we consider it a helpful way at getting at the vision and purpose of our library. As we discuss and plan for the future, there are at least three parts of the answer to which we find ourselves consistently returning.

First, the library is a key part of our city’s commitment to education. While tablets and e-readers are of course very useful, educators are increasingly convinced that the glow of a screen has its own drawbacks, and that the use of physical books ought to be encouraged now more than ever. The joy of a child leaving the library with an armload of books simply cannot be replaced.

Second, we believe the library serves as an important “third place,” neither home nor work, for members of our community to gather and interact. In a society that often seems increasingly divided and polarized, the library, through its programs and gathering spaces, contributes to our city center and provides a place for citizens to engage one another and share ideas.

Third, the library has a purpose that is, in many ways, weightier than the first two: to protect the freedom of access to information for our city’s residents. Idaho’s state constitution enshrines certain protections for public libraries, not least by establishing a board of trustees, in order to safeguard a kind of political independence for the library. This is a duty that we take seriously, and one that local government is committed to protecting. When it comes to protecting access to information, we believe that local is better.

In all of these ways, the library as a physical place, with physical books and networked computers and gathering places, stands as an expression of our city’s commitment to education, community, and freedom. And the internet can never replace any of that.

The Friends of the Nampa Library was organized in 1979 to provide services for the residents of the Nampa Community. They support library programs, develop resources, and increase awareness of the library for the community. The Friends sponsor a variety of programs and special events, like the Tiny Book Fair and the library Birthday Bash (Below).

The Nampa Public Library Foundation formed in late 2007 to help raise money for the Library. Community leaders realized the economic and community value of libraries and sought to support programs and services. The Foundation offers continuing support for arts and cultural programs that enrich our community (Right).

The Library Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

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Thank you to our loyal library patrons and supporters. We appreciate your business! It has been, and will continue to be a pleasure to serve you in 2017 and beyond. The Nampa Public Library is a community focal point. Thank you for your support as the library evolves and offers increasingly diverse and exciting programs, services, and events to our residents—Chris Cooper, Library Director