

The U.S. IMPACT Study (2010)

A research initiative examining the impact of free access to computers and the Internet in public libraries.

<http://cis.washington.edu/usimpact/2010/04/10/opportunity-for-all-groundbreaking-study-reveals-how-people-use-internet-access-at-the-public-library/>

Return on Information–OCLC

<http://www.oclc.org/roi/>

<http://www.oclc.org/advocacy/default.htm>

Economic Impact of Public Libraries

(Has links to 13 state or regional studies. A number are mentioned on the Libraries Resource Page.)

<http://dpi.wi.gov/pld/econimpact.html>

Kids find summertime haven in libraries

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-libraries-day-care-20100705,0,7905730.story>

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Placing a Value on Public Library Services
<http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/restoc.htm>

“**A Childhood Issue? Ask a Librarian**,” <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/05/20/nyregion/nyregionspecial2/20Rparent.html>

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Study by NorthStar Economics, Inc.

Wisconsin Public Libraries: Economic Benefits in Tough Economic Times
dpi.wi.gov/pld/econimpact.html

Economic Impact Study
Regional Benefits of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburg
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/about/economicimpact/>

Libraries Pinched to Add Computers

Wall Street Journal. (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: [Sep 12, 2007](#). pg. B.5

The survey of 4,027 *public libraries*, conducted from September 2006 to January 2007, has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus five percentage points. The American Library Association conducted it with Florida State University and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which distributes grants to libraries for new computers and high-speed connections.

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