



LIBRARY BUDGET: 1985 - 2012

How do we stack up?	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	2011	2012 Proposed
Municipality Budget ¹	\$207,296,420	\$188,992,140	\$217,640,580	\$256,001,380	\$329,807,480	\$427,815,224	\$443,211,855	\$439,039,934
Library Budget ²	\$8,331,580	\$5,210,970	\$6,837,460	\$7,258,220	\$6,782,130	\$8,415,121	\$7,742,765	\$7,704,877
Library % of MOA Budget	4.02%	2.76%	3.14%	2.84%	2.06%	1.97%	1.75%	1.75%
Materials Budget ¹	\$1,047,650	\$711,400	\$869,330	\$1,088,500	\$953,220	\$948,080	\$780,455	
Library Staff, Full Time	131	93	96	93	67	69	64	63
Library Staff, Part Time	19	15	40	36	32	34	29	28
Library Staff, Total	150	108	136	129	99	103	93	91
Population of Anchorage		226,338		260,283			291,826	
APL Cardholders	80,002						184,105	

¹ Budget figures obtained from Approved Municipal Operating Budgets. 1985-2000 budgets from library archives. 2005-2012 budgets from: www.muni.org/Departments/budget/operatingBudget/Pages/default.aspx. ² Budget figures are NOT adjusted for inflation over the timespan from 1985 to 2012. Library budget figures are direct costs only and do not include Intergovernmental Charges.

LIBRARY USE IS ON THE RISE

- To even maintain a modest 2% of the MOA budget, the Library would need an additional \$ 1,075,922 in 2012.
- The Library is a beloved Anchorage institution: over 60% of residents have library cards, 60,000 attend programs annually, and with over 870,000 visits a year, library attendance tops attendance at the Sullivan Arena by 74%. Circulation surpassed 1.6M in 2010; book bins at Loussac must be emptied every two hours to keep up with demand.
- In addition to books, the library has expanded the collection to include DVDs, CDs, audio books, e-books, Playaways, book club kits, downloadable audio books and online research tools; all of this must be purchased with a materials budget that has decreased by over \$250,000 since 1985.

