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Library Data Sheet for 2005
Southwest Ohio Public Library Return From Investment Study

Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County

800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071

Notable Services: Provide talking books & Braille to the visually impaired, blind & physically handicapped in 33 Ohio counties; outreach services including books-by-mail & collections delivered to day cares, senior centers & incarceration facilities; teacher collections loaned for use in the classroom; U.S. Passport application service; Wi-Fi service in the seating areas of all of our branches and the Main Library; materials in dozens of languages, bilingual storytimes & English as a Second Language programs, and literacy services including GED classes & GED practice testing.

Collection: Over 9.5 million items--Books, magazines & newspapers, downloadable digital audiobooks and ebooks, books-on-tape & books-on-CD, music CDs, videos, DVDs, CD-ROMs, music cassettes, children's book & cassette sets, large print, sheet music, slides, and Braille; one of top ranked genealogical collections in U.S.

Online services: Include an online catalog that offers a wide variety of search options and a picture-based interface for kids; resources for readers including books and reading blog, staff recommendations, bestseller lists, and advance notice of future bestsellers; customizable email newsletter, directories of selected websites, Kidspace and Teenspace websites designed for our younger customers; homework help online tutors, Know It Now 24/7 interactive reference service, nearly 150 commercial databases with full-text articles from magazines, newspapers and encyclopedias; and other information resources.