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

## Mary L. Cook Public Library

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Warren County

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Library System: stand alone library

Population served in Legal Service Area: 16,663

Cardholders: 7,998

Library materials borrowed: 203,262

People who benefited from the library's free programs: 12,293

Reference questions answered: 23,348

Visits to the Library: In person: 83,096  
Online: information not gathered

Staff Size: FTE 11

Operating Budget: \$720,202

Funding Sources: Library & Local Government Support Fund = 94.3%

### Notable Services:

- First official partner with the Library of Congress for the Veterans History Project. Conducted interviews, and trained volunteers from other organizations to continue the interviewing process.
- In addition to the well attended summer reading programs held for juveniles, teens and adults, provided additional "Book Buddy" program where a teen and an elementary school student held one on one tutoring sessions through the summer. The elementary students had been identified by the local elementary school teachers as needing supplemental summer reading help.
- Provide in-library visits for elementary and middle school classes to introduce them to library resources and to provide lessons on using the Dewey Decimal System.
- The library is part of BATS, Bring Authors to Schools, a collaborative effort between the two school districts in our service area and the library Youth Services Department. Working together, BATS brings nationally known children's authors and illustrators to the area. The author spends a day in each of the school system's elementary and/or middle schools, and an evening at the library. Christopher Canyon, Jerry Pallotta and Rick Sowash are just some of the authors/illustrators who have come.