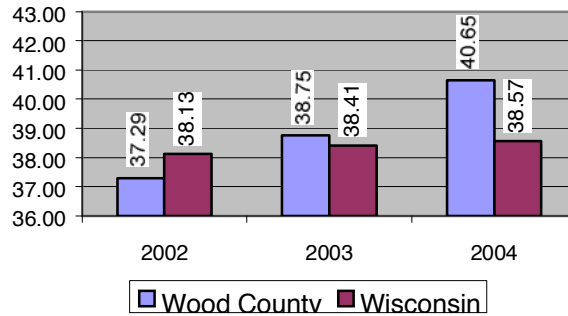


Use and Funding Must be Balanced for Wood County's Six Area Libraries

Per Capita Expenditures for Public Libraries



Key Facts

- In 2004 the operating income of Wood County libraries was \$2,856,581. 71% of that income was from local appropriations, 22% was from county appropriations, and 7% was from other sources.
- The per capita library loan rate in 2004 was 11.42. This is above the state per capita loan rate of 10.26.
- Total library staff was 43.2 in 2004. This was a decrease from 46.7 in 2003.
- Wood County libraries owned 300,373 volumes in 2004. This was a slight decrease from 300,736 volumes in 1999.

Why is this Information Important?

The public library provides educational and cultural services for life-long learning. Adequate levels of both use and funding are essential to the successful provision of these services. Public Library use and funding levels demonstrate the county's interest in education and are therefore key indicators of the area's health and vitality.

Wood County Libraries:

Wood County has two larger public libraries in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield as well as four smaller libraries in Arpin, Nekoosa, Pittsville, and Vesper. In addition to books and other print resources, Wood County libraries offer recorded music and movies, audiobooks, information assistance, computers with Internet access, online databases, public meeting rooms, and cultural and educational programs for all ages.

In 2004, the libraries offered 163 adult programs serving 2,213 participants and 699 juvenile programs serving 25,035 participants. Wood County libraries benefit from a wide range of series provided by the South Central Library System.

Source: Wisconsin Public Library Statistics