



## **IFLA Public Libraries Section**

### **The Value of Public Libraries**

One of the topics often discussed by our section is the Value of Public Libraries to their community – also referred to as ‘Return on Investment’ or ROI.

Over the past few years we have noted a few of these on our blog. This document provides a link through to those blog posts.

If you have more studies to add to our list please contact our web editor, Jan Richards at [jrichards@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jrichards@orange.nsw.gov.au).

- [Value of Public Libraries](#) 26 January 2013

This detailed list provides details of a number of reports and studies from around the world with abstracts and links where available. This is a great place to start your research.

- [Library Value in the Developing World](#) 22 February 2013

Reports on a project by SAGE to investigate library value in the developing world

- [So Much More: The Economic Impact of the Toronto Public Library System](#) 10 January 2014

This was the first Canadian study to measure the library’s economic impact on Toronto.

- [Value of Library Visits](#) 26 June 2014

The Archives, Library and Museum Alliance UK (ALMAUK) has put a value on public library visits following research on how users feel about them. This is complemented by a toolkit.

Other projects which haven’t been reported on the blog:

- [A national report on the return on investment of Australian public libraries](#)