

PRINCE GEORGE  
**Public Library**



# 2026 Library Budget



# 2026 Library Board



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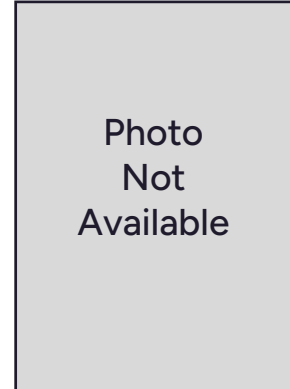


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# 2021-2026 Strategic Plan



## Our Vision

To foster a vibrant, inclusive, thriving community.

## Our Mission

PGPL builds community resilience by creating welcoming and inclusive spaces for every person to read, connect, and share.

## Our Values

Creativity, Diversity, Learning, Accessibility.

# Making a Difference in 2025



**MILESTONE MORNINGS**

Join speech-language pathologists from Northern Health and occupational and physiotherapists from the Child Development Centre for a drop in hour. Helping your little one grow, one question at a time.

**Ages 0 - 5 | Free drop in**  
**10:30 - 11:30 am | Both Branches:**

<b>Bob Harkins Branch, downtown: Wednesday, Sep 3</b>	<b>Nechako Branch, in the Hart: Tuesday, Oct 7</b>
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 The Prince George Public Library  
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 northern health

 The Child Development Centre  
of Prince George and District  
Heart · Hope · A helping hand

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“I’ve had the privilege to contribute to one of the Milestone Mornings; we were at the Hart branch, and I think 23 or 24 different families attended. It was a busy hive of therapists and families chatting on the floor as their kiddos played. It was very relaxed and welcoming, easy to access, and inclusive. It didn’t feel ‘medical.’ Families were patiently socializing while waiting to ask different therapists questions about their child and their development.”

Fabiola Toyata  
Physiotherapist  
Child Development Centre

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# Milestone Mornings

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“Coordination of Milestone Mornings with the Prince George Public Library allows for us to support families in a familiar and comfortable space. The program supports families who may be hesitant to refer to and receive services from healthcare agencies. All families deserve to be supported.”

Kate Richards  
Speech Language Pathologist  
Northern Health

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“Milestone Mornings continues to give more and more families access to developmental supports. This group provides families with knowledge of developmental milestones for their children, and it provides easy access to further individualized services when required.”

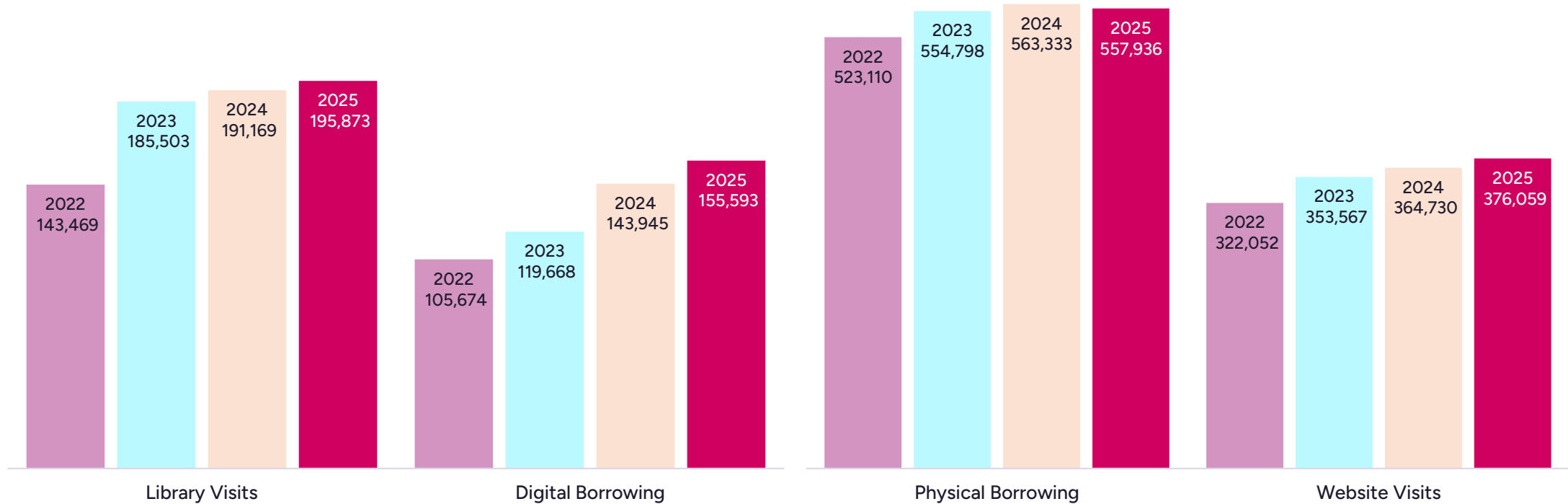
Taylor Vassallo  
Speech language Pathologist  
Northern Health

“Families who are already referred to our services, and on our waitlists, have been accessing this group for support, bridging the gap created by our current lengthy waitlists.”

Andrea Broening  
Speech Language Pathologist  
Northern Health

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# Key Performance Measures 2022-2025



# Provincial Data: Public Libraries



North Vancouver City Library

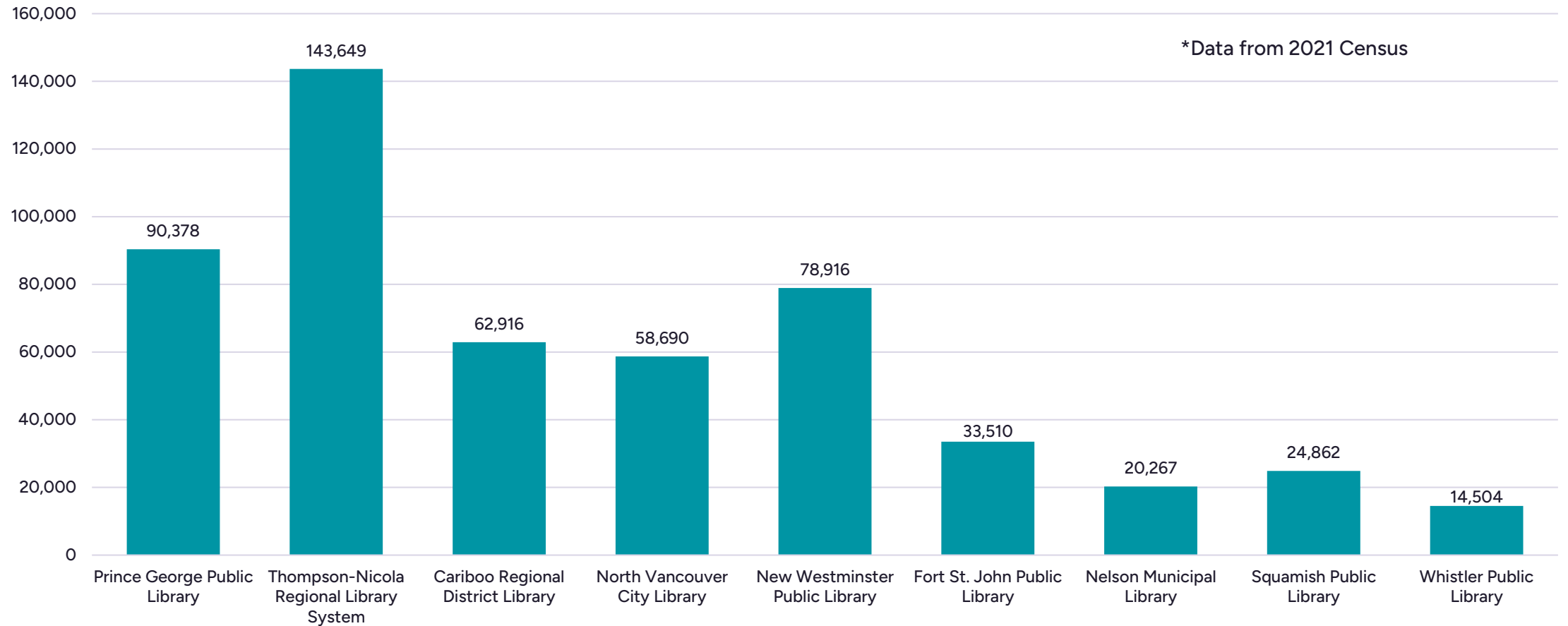
Comparisons to other public library systems are not one-to-one

The provincial government has its own standards & definitions for data metrics

Different library systems use different technologies/systems for gathering data

The data represents usage from 2024

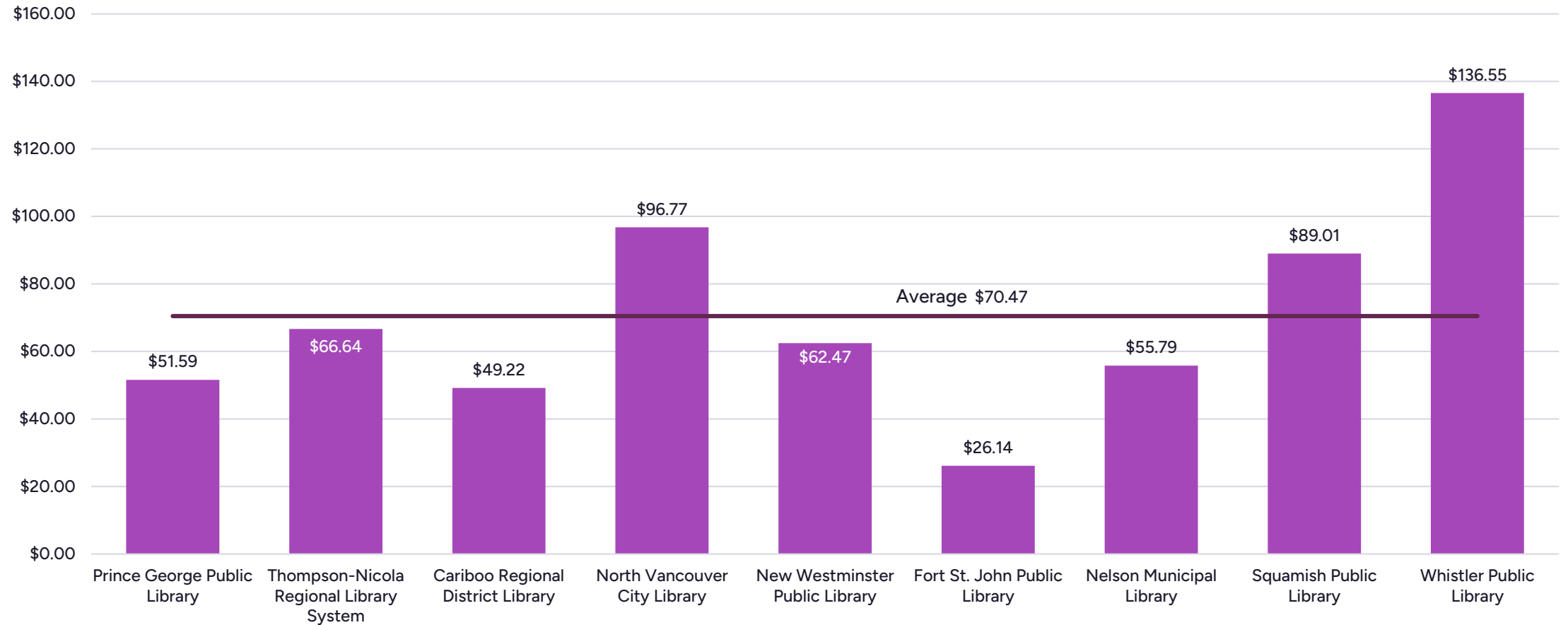
# 2024 Library Data: Grant Population\*



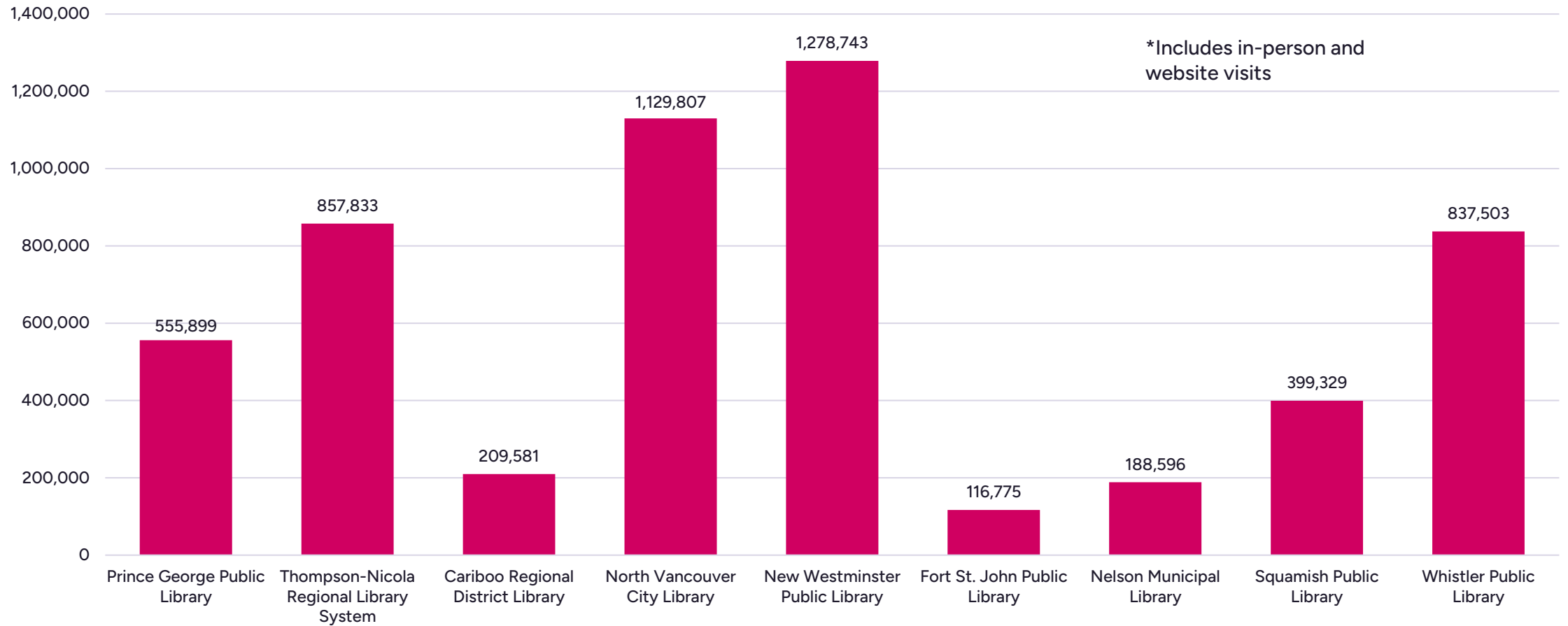
# 2024 Library Data: Total Revenue



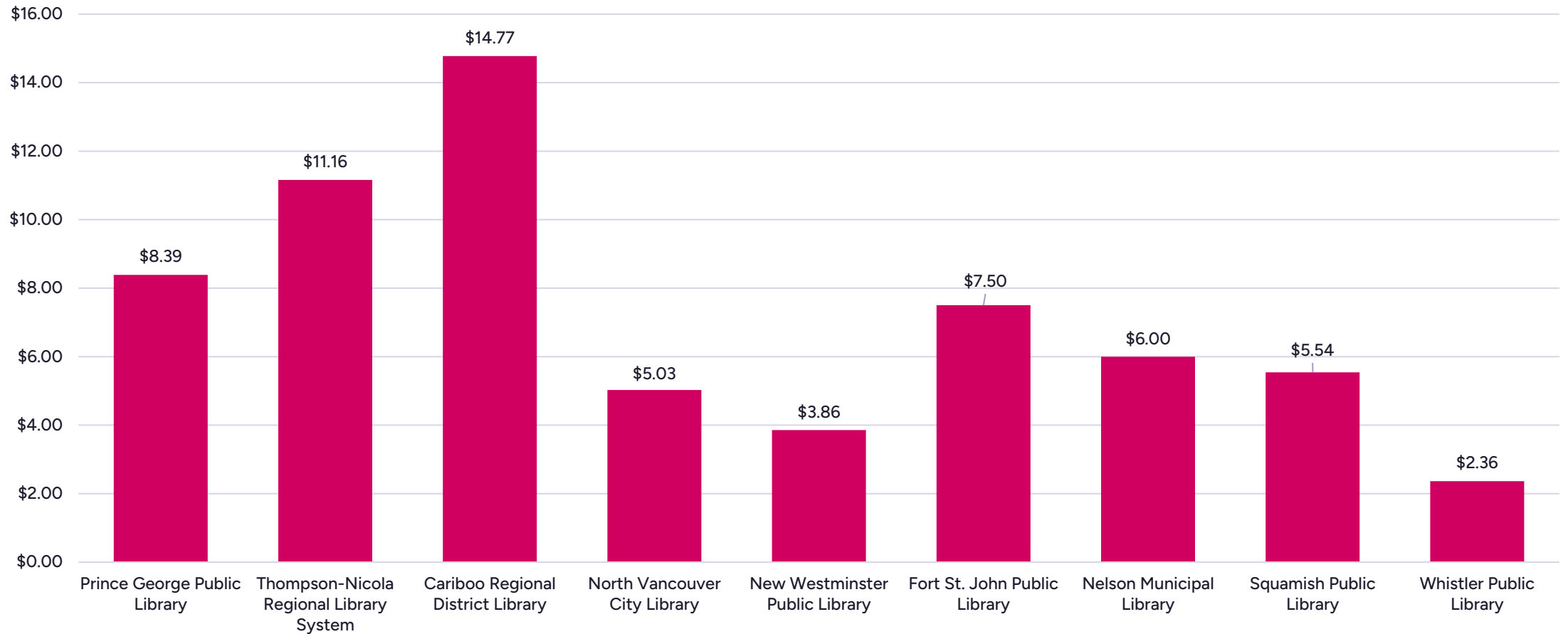
# 2024 Library Data: Funding Per Capita



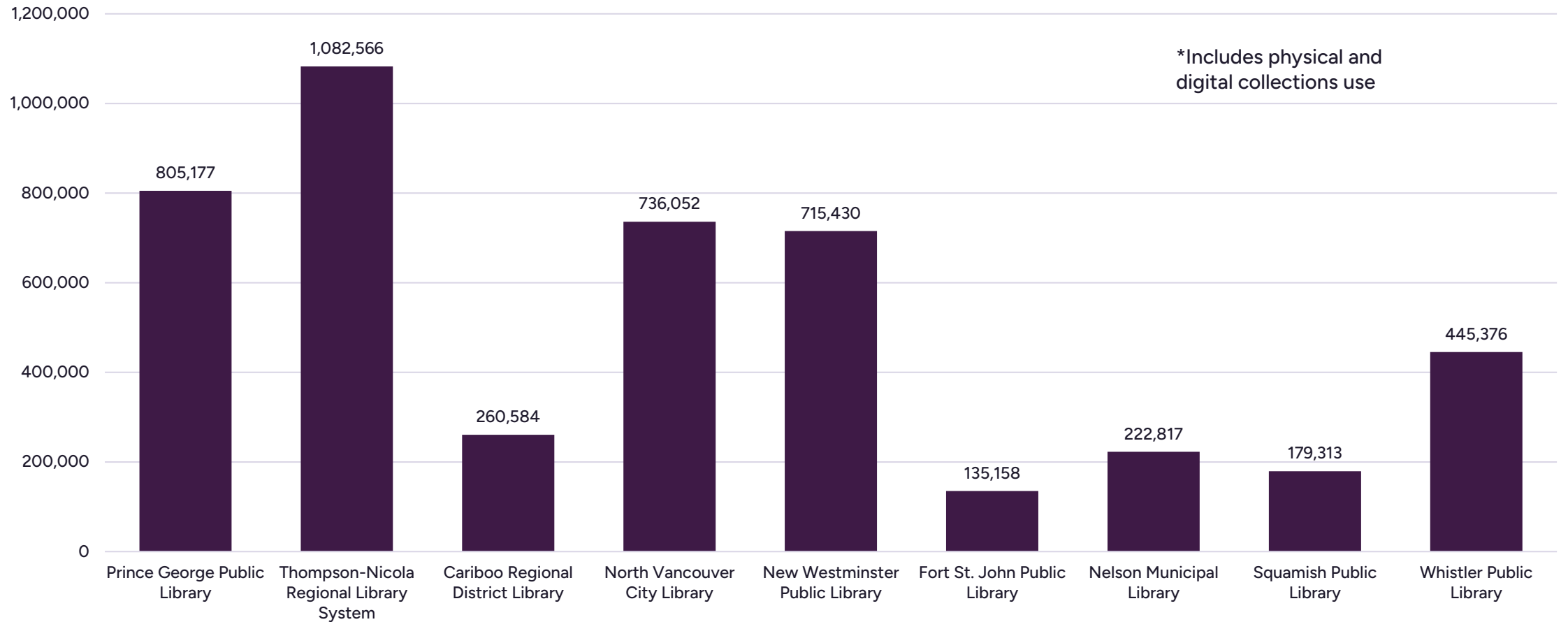
# 2024 Library Data: Total Visits\*



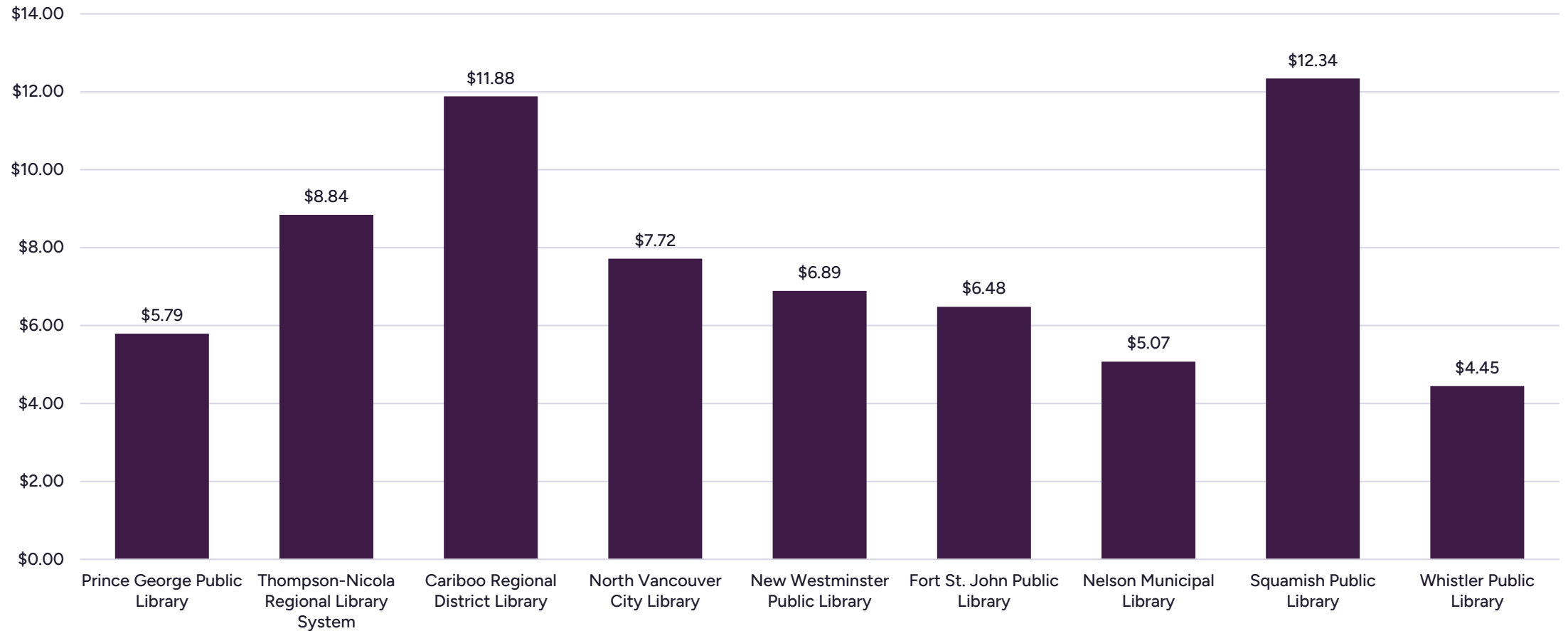
# 2024 Library Data: Cost Per Visit



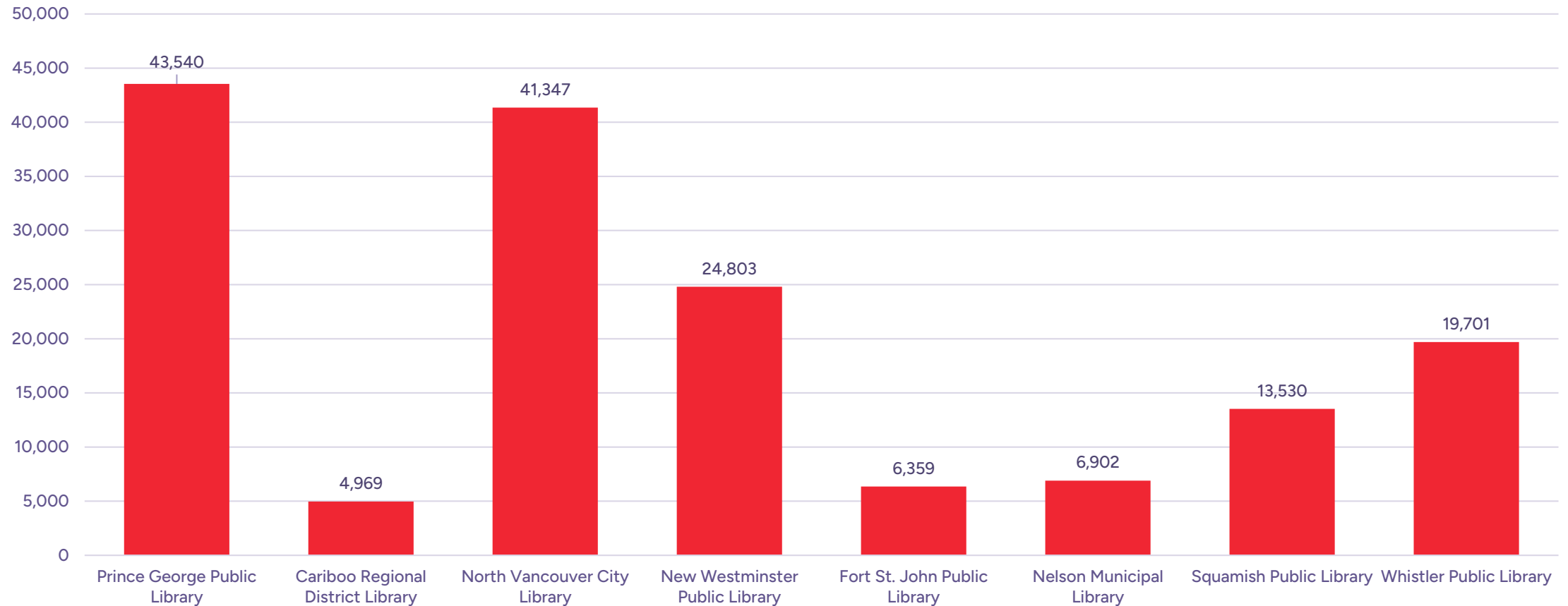
# 2024 Library Data: Total Borrowing\*



# 2024 Library Data: Cost Per Checkout

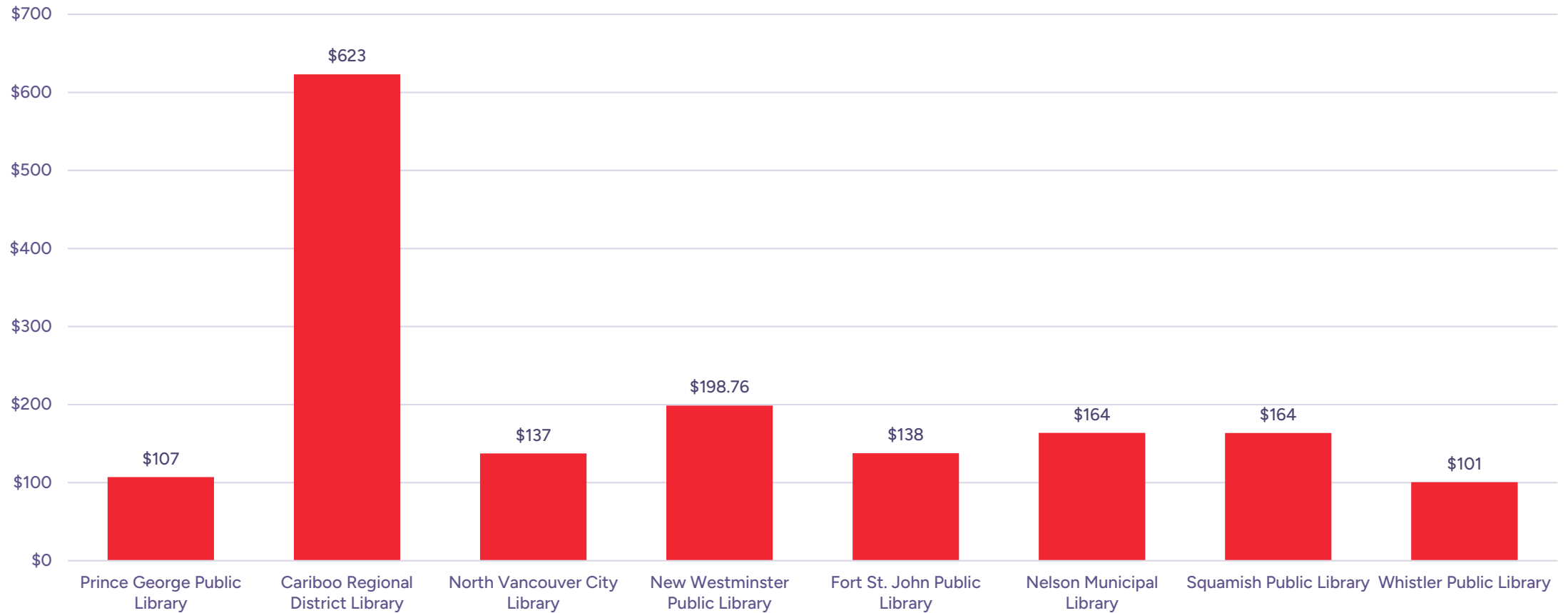


# 2024 Library Data: Program Participants



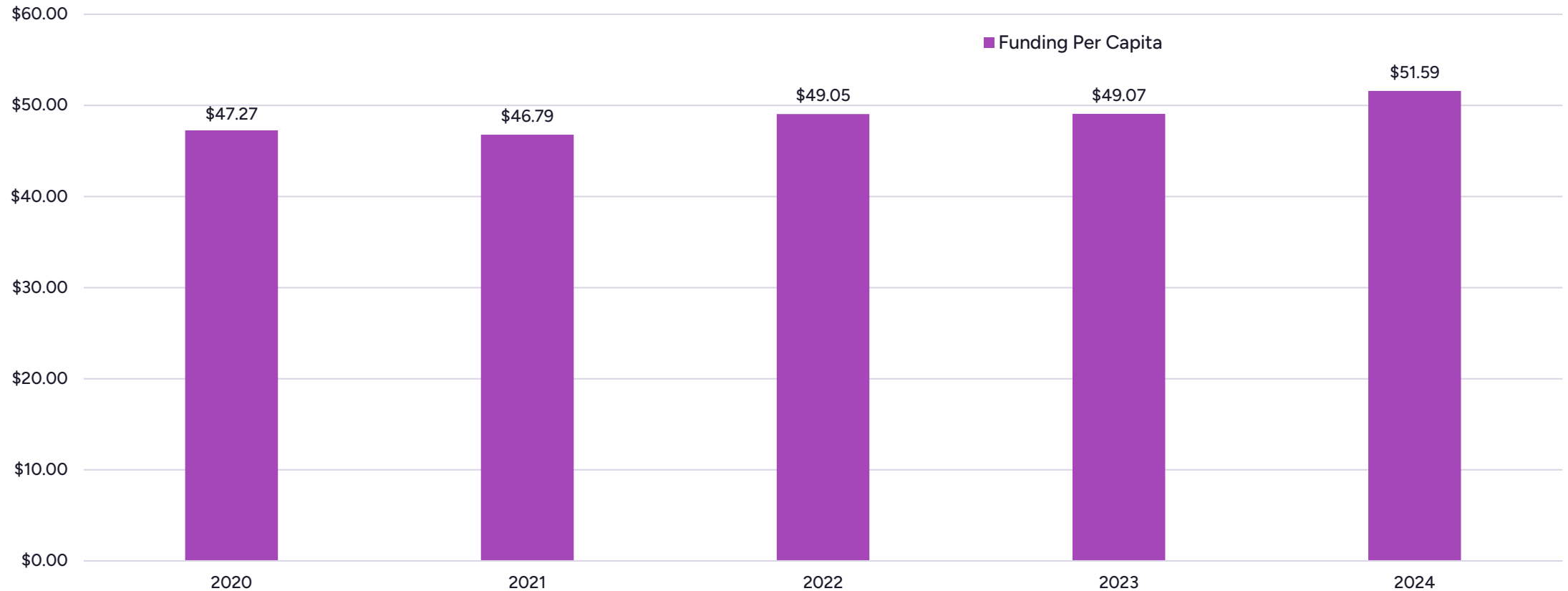
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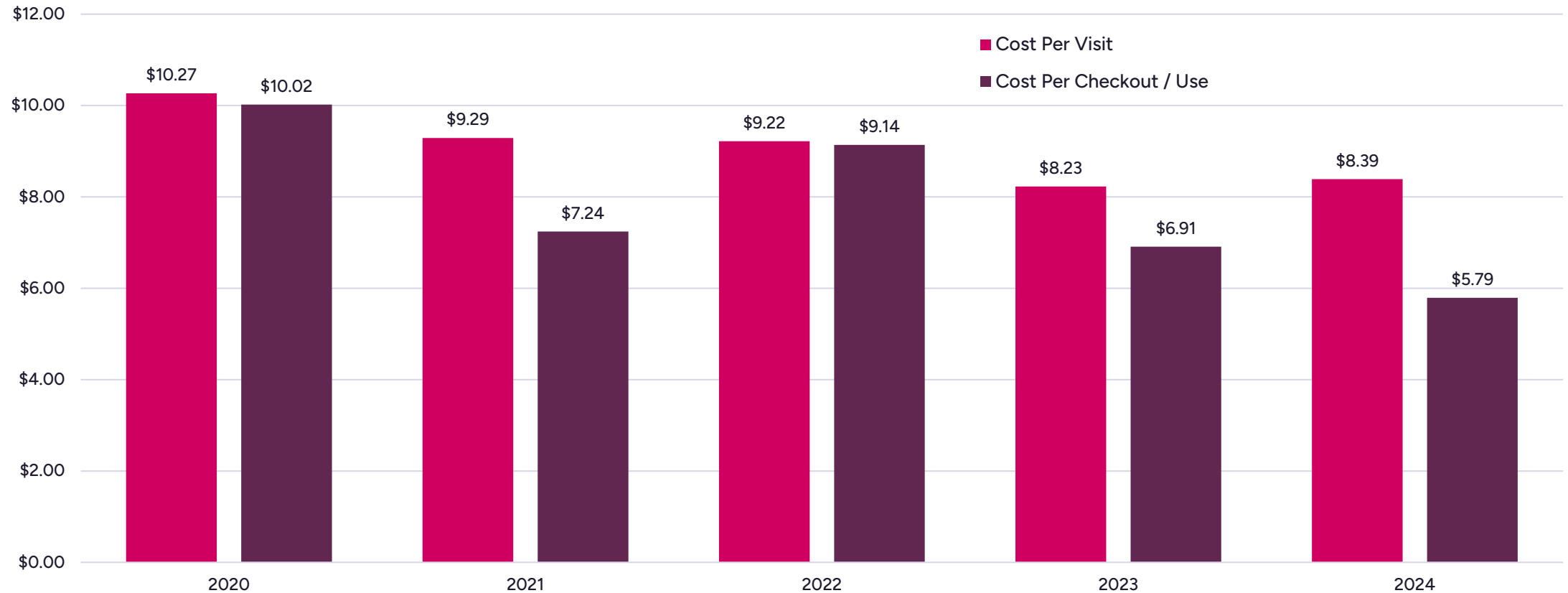


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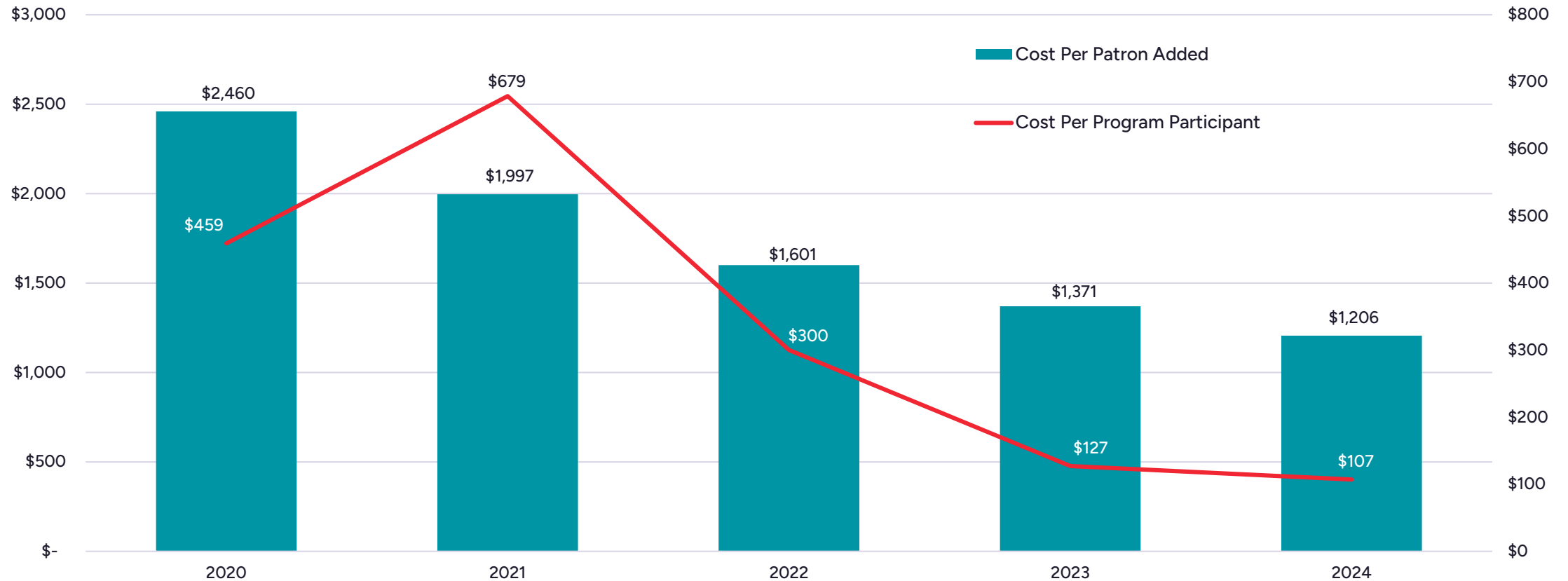
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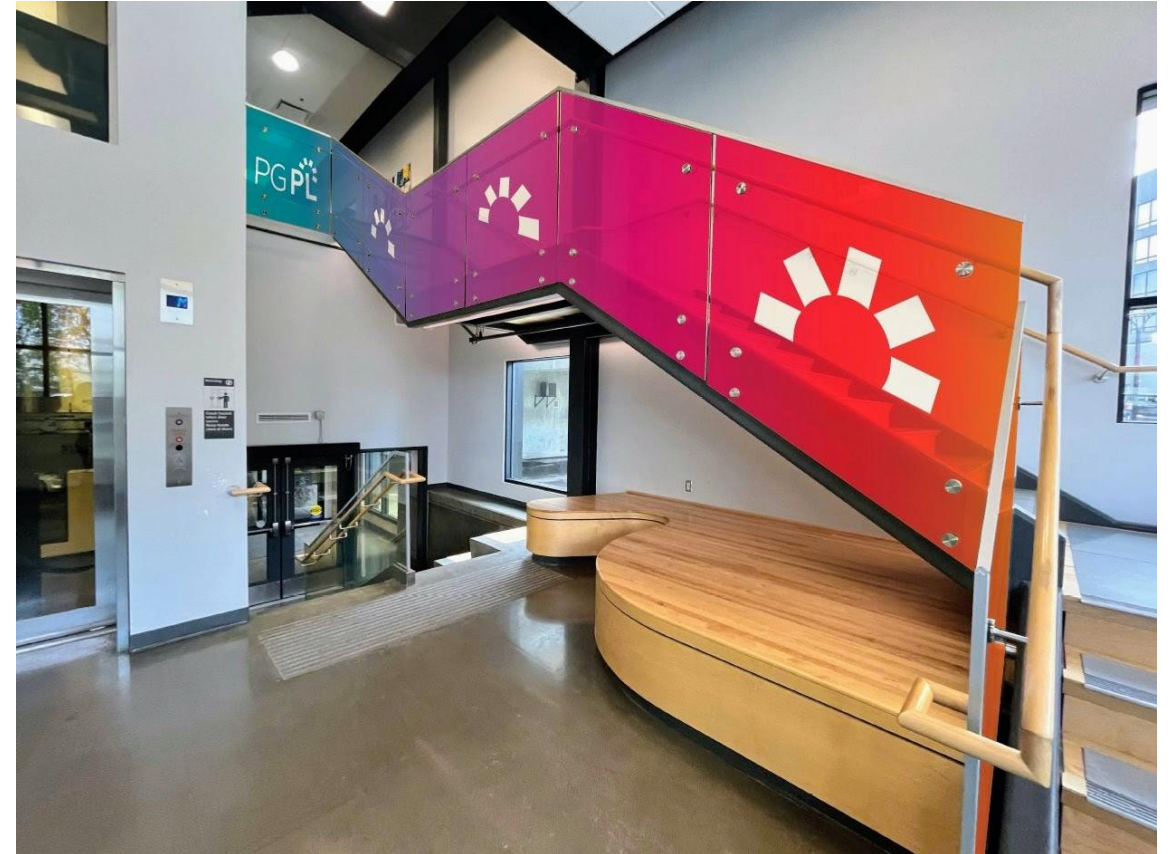
Prince George Public Library Budget 2026	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	Total Change 2026 From 2025	2027	2028	2029	2030
				3.85%	3.85%	3.85%	3.85%
<b>Revenue</b>							
Municipal Funding Sources*	4,599,460	4,900,433	300,973	5,089,100	5,285,030	5,488,504	5,699,811
Provincial Funding Sources	214,000	214,000	0	222,239	230,795	239,681	248,909
Internally Generated Sources	33,050	36,157	3,107	37,549	38,995	40,496	42,055
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,846,510</b>	<b>\$5,150,590</b>	<b>\$304,080</b>	<b>\$5,348,888</b>	<b>\$5,554,820</b>	<b>\$5,768,681</b>	<b>\$5,990,775</b>

\*includes amount paid to the City of Prince George by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George estimated at \$593,480

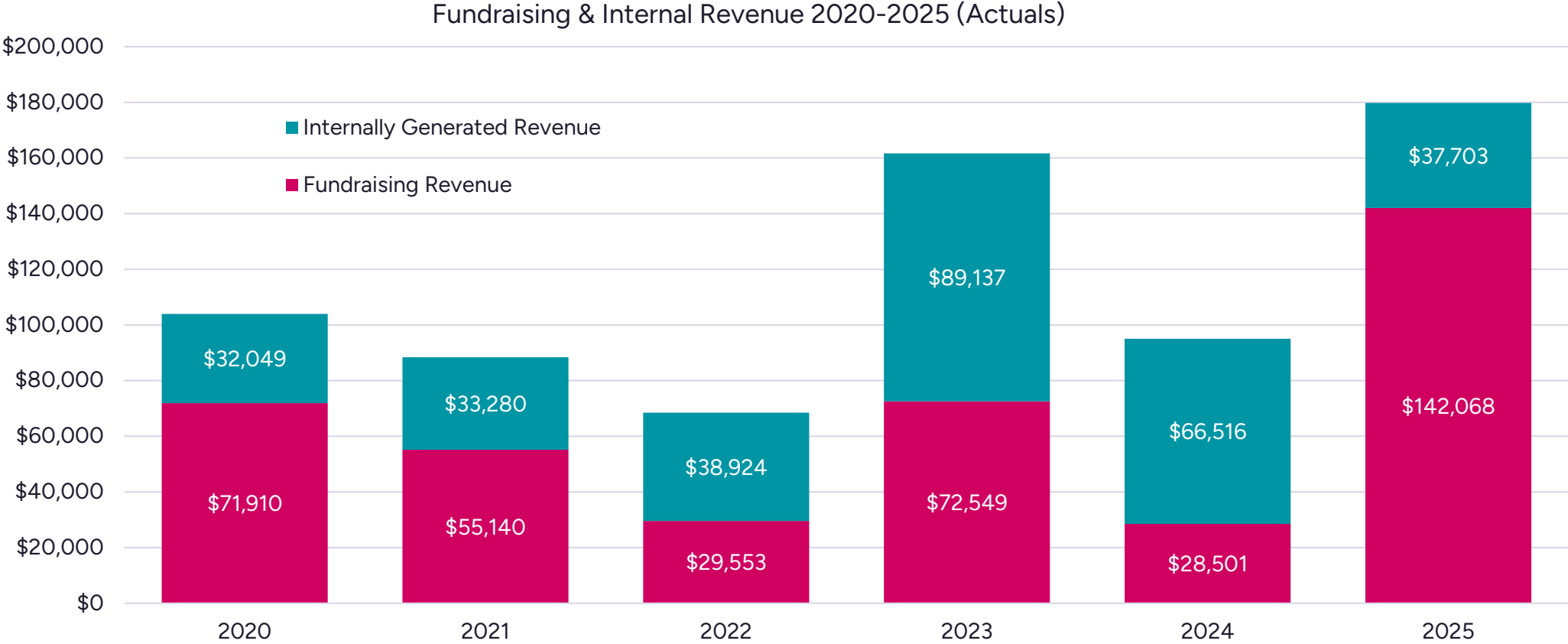
# Revenue Sources

## In-Kind Donations in 2025

- \$2,500 from Signtek to upgrade branding signage
- \$5,000 from Chinook Scaffold for branding in stairwell
- \$6,000 for audio-visual tech for Jeanne Clarke Awards
- \$1,500 from Pattison Media for advertising
- \$2,500 for promotional campaign at PG Airport
- More than \$17,500 in value from local partners



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## ALL HANDS ON DECK

### All Hands on Deck Campaign

- Fundraising Target of \$100,000
- Project to enhance the deck at the Bob Harkins Branch following engineering upgrades performed by City of PG
- Engagement Survey in Spring 2025 gathered community input
- Multi-use space that will support library events/programs, comfortable seating for community members, and bookable space for private functions & additional revenue generation

# Revenue Sources



## All Hands on Deck Campaign

- \$10,000 donation from Friends of the Prince George Public Library
- \$100,000 donation from Prince George Community Foundation
- \$5,000 donation from Canadian Tire
- Total donated so far: \$130,000+

# Wages & Related Expenses

Prince George Public Library Budget 2026	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	Total Change 2026 From 2025	2027	2028	2029	2030
				3.85%	3.85%	3.85%	3.85%
<b>Wages &amp; Related Expenses</b>							
Wages	2,952,727	3,060,481	107,754	3,178,310	3,300,675	3,427,751	3,559,719
Benefits	617,563	662,740	45,177	688,256	714,753	742,271	770,849
Education & Professional Development	23,500	23,500	0	24,405	25,344	26,320	27,333
Other Staff Associated Costs	14,000	15,500	1,500	16,097	16,716	17,360	18,028
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,607,790</b>	<b>\$3,762,221</b>	<b>\$154,431</b>	<b>\$3,907,067</b>	<b>\$4,057,489</b>	<b>\$4,213,702</b>	<b>\$4,375,930</b>

# Operational Expenses

## Prince George Public Library Budget 2026

	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	Total Change 2026 From 2025	2027	2028	2029	2030
				3.85%	3.85%	3.85%	3.85%
<b>Operational Expenses</b>							
Supplies	25,467	25,408	(59)	26,386	27,402	28,457	29,553
Materials Costs	324,245	339,023	14,778	352,075	365,630	379,707	394,325
General & Administrative	227,150	254,679	27,529	264,484	274,666	285,241	296,223
Information Technology	152,888	161,297	8,409	167,507	173,956	180,653	187,608
Rent	76,500	115,653	39,153	120,105	124,729	129,531	134,518
Repairs & Maintenance	137,950	115,956	(21,994)	120,421	125,057	129,871	134,871
Amortization	376,354	376,354	0	390,844	405,891	421,518	437,746
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,320,554</b>	<b>\$1,388,369</b>	<b>\$67,815</b>	<b>\$1,441,821</b>	<b>\$1,497,331</b>	<b>\$1,554,979</b>	<b>\$1,614,845</b>

# Cost Increases in 2026

- 50% increase in Lease amount for the Nechako Branch, which hasn't changed since 1994
- Expiry of Collective Agreement in 2026
- Additional Security staff member added to ensure adequate coverage
- Updating of budget process to include amortization costs



# Public Library Services are Free



## BC Library Act Legislation

### Free Basic Public Library Service

46 (1) A library board must not charge for:

- a) admission to any part of a building used for public library purposes, or
- b) using library materials on library premises.

(2) A library board must allow residents and electors of any area served by the library board to do the following free of charge:

- a) borrow library materials that are normally lent by the library and that belong to prescribed categories of library materials;
- b) Use reference and information services as the library board considers practicable.

# Welcome!

"We welcome all who wish to read, connect, and share--with others, with their community, in a free and safe space."





# Thank You

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