

## Library Funding/User fee proposal

A User fee agreement has been in place with Nibley and Wellsville cities since 1996. This agreement allows residents to obtain a library card at the Hyrum Library with no restrictions. In 2018 the User fee for both of these two cities increased from \$35.00 to \$40.00 with \$1.00 increase per year after. Currently both cities have been billed \$44.00 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Outlying county residents are currently charged \$41.00 annually with an increase of \$5.00 every five years. This is set to increase to \$45.00 in the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Below is a break down for the library's operating budget for active users of the Hyrum Library:

<b>ACTIVE LIBRARY CARD USERS</b>	<b>2024/2025 BUDGET YEAR – CITY COST</b>	<b>COST PER ACTIVE CARD</b>
<b>HYRUM – 1816</b>	\$361,247.00	\$199.00
<b>NIBLEY – 911</b>	\$40,084.00	\$44.00
<b>WELLSVILLE – 458</b>	\$20,152.00	\$44.00
<b>COUNTY – 337</b>	\$13,817.00	\$41.00

As can be seen above the cost for Hyrum residents is significantly higher than that of Nibley, Wellsville, or those who reside in the outlying county.

Cache Valley consists of eight other libraries, including the Cache County library located in Providence, which is open to every resident in Cache County. Each library, with the exception of Cache County, charges a user fee for non-resident patrons. This fee varies from \$5.00 (Newton) to \$163.00 (Logan).

### **Recommendation:**

As prices for books, audio, eBooks, eAudio books, along with materials for programming increase, it is time to increase the User fee for non-resident patrons, below are three possible proposals for this increase.

### **Non-resident increase:**

Because Hyrum City owns the asset for the library users, increasing the user fee for non-residents would still have Hyrum residents paying more for the use of the library, however increasing user fees would help offset the increase in the overall operating cost for the library. Hyrum residents would still pay the \$199.00 however non-resident patrons would increase to \$100.00 per active user (including county residents).

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**Split equally:**

Split the user fee equally per active user. This would increase the user fee for non-resident users and decrease the user fee for Hyrum residents. The cost per active user would be: \$123.59. This price would include County residents as well.

**Based on population:**

Similar to the emergency services charged to Nibley and Millville, Hyrum city would charge a fee of \$12.00 based on population of Nibley and Wellsville cities. This fee would be charged annually to Nibley and Wellsville, with an increase of \$.50 per year going forward.

<b>POPULATION BY CITY</b>	<b>COST PER RESIDENT</b>
NIBLEY – 8,582	<b>\$102,984</b>
WELLSVILLE – 4194	<b>\$50,328</b>

With this recommendation non-residents living in the county would pay an annual user fee of \$100.00.