

Library Hours

User oriented hours, both in frequency and scheduling, are a key element in guaranteeing public library accessibility. Changes in library hours should not be made frequently.

- 14 Regularly scheduled library hours shall be fixed, posted and include morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend hours based on users and potential users' available time, not staff convenience.

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- 15 During open hours all library services shall be offered to all individuals. Hours of the children's, young adult, and other special departments should be the same as the adult department.

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- 16 Minimum days and hours of service shall be as follows:

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Population

Under 5,000
5,000-10,000
10,001-25,000
25,001-50,000
50,001-75,000
Over 75,000

Not less than

5 days/25 hrs.
5 days/48 hrs.
6 days/56 hrs.
6 days/67 hrs.
7 days/71 hrs.
7 days/72 hrs.

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