Oviatt Library Valuation Study
2008/09

The mission of the Oviatt Library at California State University, Northridge is to meet the information needs of our academic community; to provide effective, caring, and responsive service; to collaborate with faculty in the education of our students; to develop the information competence skills of our students; and to foster a love of reading and learning.

If our users had to purchase these resources and services, in FY 2008/09, they would have paid at least $66,187,774

The breakdown is as follows:

- 241,084 books were borrowed, which would have cost users $6,027,100
- 18,237 DVDs and videos were borrowed, which would have cost users $144,192
- 170,291 books were used in the Library, which would have cost users $76,631
- 13,917 magazines, journals, and newspapers were used in the Library, which would have cost users $416,352
- 124,361 uses of 2,864 items in the e-reserves system, if photocopied, would have cost users $397,955
- 2,374,773 articles were downloaded from 30 full text databases Jan-Jul ‘09, which would have cost users $55,807,166
- 64,885 reference questions were answered at Library service points, which would have cost users $389,310
- 4,349 research consultations provided by librarians would have cost users $52,188
- 994 library and information competence instruction sessions were presented, which would have cost users $43,736
- 37,944 computer assistance and media equipment support were provided, which would have cost users $50,466
- 340,442 logins of Library workstations would have cost users $2,318,410
- 8,796 laptops were borrowed, which would have cost users $167,124
- 10,971 filled inter library borrowing and lending requests would have cost users $329,130
- 105 uses of the Library Presentation Room were made by non-library groups, which would have cost users $18,480