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.

- **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**