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Yours Sincerely QPLA Executive Board.

- +SLQ's Qld Public Libraries Statistical Bulletin 2022/23
- *National Welfare & Economic Contributions of Public Libraries, March 2013, SGS Economic and Planning



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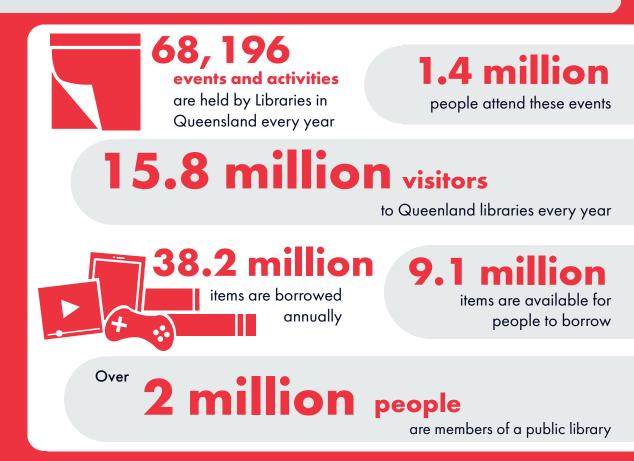
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