The New York Public Library

At a Glance

Founded in 1895, The New York Public Library is the nation's largest public library system, featuring 88 neighborhood branches throughout the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island and four scholarly research centers. The Library's world-renowned research collections include millions of treasures, from a copy of the Declaration of Independence handwritten by Thomas Jefferson to Virginia Woolf's walking stick and Maya Angelou's archives.

"The New York Public Library has provided essential access to books and information for more than a century. Today, we are building on that legacy by increasing access to our collections physically and online, and by transforming our libraries into proactive centers of education and opportunity for all New Yorkers."

Tony Marx

President, The New York Public Library

Visits

17.6 million

Circulation

22.7 million

Programs Offered

93,300

Public Computers

4,647

Website Visits

29.8 million

Library Cardholders

2.1 million

Program Attendance

1.8 million

Public Computer Sessions

3.2 million

Items in the Library's Collections

46.3 million

research materials

8.1 million

circulating materials

92 LOCATIONS BRONX · MANHATTAN · STATEN ISLAND

Bronx

Staten Island

Data from FY16

88 NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES





Our neighborhood libraries provide vital access to free books, computers, Wi-Fi, and essential educational programs for all ages.

4 RESEARCH CENTERS



Stephen A. Schwarzman Building



The New York
Public Library for
the Performing Arts
Dorothy and Lewis B. Gullman Center



Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture



Science, Industry and Business Library



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Educational Initiatives



Early Literacy

Over 12,400 programs in FY16 for children ages 5 and under (including story times, daycare class visits, and more) serving over 364,000 program attendees.

nypl.org/abc

Educational Enrichment & Support

Nearly 3,400 class seats in FY16 in enrollment-based programs at 25 neighborhood libraries, plus 10,800 seats in STEM and arts workshops.

nypl.org/edsupport

English for Speakers of Other Languages

More than 11,000 class seats at 41 neighborhood libraries. Drop-in ESOL groups now at 14 branches. nypl.org/english

TechConnect Computer Training

Nearly 100 technology classes for all skill levels at over 80 locations, serving 100,000 program attendees.

nypl.org/techconnect

Research Services

Researchers and scholars from across the city and around the globe rely on the Library's celebrated collections. On-site research services include access to historical



collections, one-on-one reference help, and dedicated research study rooms and meeting spaces.

nypl.org/collections

NYPL Research Fellowships and Grants

The Library provides nearly 60 research fellowships and grants a year, including the Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers, the Schomburg Center Scholars-in-Residence Program, and the Allen Room and Wertheim Study.

nypl.org/fellowships

Digital Services

The Library is dedicated to bridging the digital divide and expanding online access to its collections. Our Library HotSpot program allows eligible patrons to borrow free home Internet



access. NYPL has also digitized nearly 1.2 million items from its collections, including 180,000 images that have been released into the public domain. The Library's innovative crowdsourcing projects—such as *What's on the Menu?* and *Building Inspector*—have received more than 3 million public contributions.

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