

# The New York Public Library

*The Research Libraries • The Branch Libraries*

## General Fact Sheet 2006

### Background

Created in 1895 when the private libraries of John Jacob Astor and James Lenox were consolidated with the Samuel Jones Tilden Trust, The New York Public Library (NYPL) comprises simultaneously a set of scholarly research collections and a network of community libraries. NYPL's intellectual and cultural range is global and attuned to local New York City issues. That combination lends to the Library an extraordinary richness.

The Library is a privately managed, nonprofit corporation with a public mission, operating with both private and public financing in a century-old, still evolving partnership. Catherine

C. Marron serves as Chairman of the Library's Board of Trustees. Dr. Paul LeClerc serves as the Library's President.

The research collections (for reference only, and organized as The Research Libraries, with four major centers) resemble the holdings of the great national and university libraries, with holdings numbering more than 43 million items. The community circulating libraries (organized as The Branch Libraries, with 85 neighborhood branches) offer a wide range of free services, including literacy tutoring, English-language instruction, computer training, and computer access.

### Facts & Figures (as of June 30, 2005)

	The Research Libraries	The Branch Libraries
<b>Locations</b> <i>89</i>	4, IN MANHATTAN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Humanities and Social Sciences Library</li><li>• The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center</li><li>• Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture</li><li>• Science, Industry and Business Library</li></ul>	85, IN THE BRONX, MANHATTAN, AND STATEN ISLAND: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bronx: 34</li><li>• Manhattan: 39</li><li>• Staten Island: 12</li></ul>
<b>Staff</b> <i>3,206</i>	845 full time 241 hourly	1,516 full time 604 hourly
<b>Collections</b> <i>50.6 million</i>	43,583,505 ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15,634,320 books; the remainder includes maps, manuscripts, recordings, musical scores, posters, prints, clippings, and many other items</li></ul>	7,026,679 ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4,404,750 books; the remainder includes films, DVDs, videos, CDs, audio tapes, pictures, and materials for the blind</li></ul>
<b>Users in FY05</b> <i>13.6 million</i>	1,759,693	11,925,600
<b>Cardholders</b> <i>2.21 million</i>	79,317	2,136,671

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## The Research Libraries

## The Branch Libraries

**Programs** 1,972  
*27,790* Lectures and performances by artists, writers, musicians; tours; technology training and special classes

25,818  
 Poetry readings, story hours for children, author lectures, films, technology training, workshops. Includes 5,697 programs for adults; 3,158 for young adults; 12,921 for children.

**Operating Support** \$142,116,000  
 (as of 6/30/05) *\$310,111,000*

- City of New York: \$20,252,000
- State and federal government: \$11,407,000
- Investment return used for operations: \$29,516,000
- Contributions: \$41,810,000
- Contributed rent, energy, and other services: \$30,551,000
- Other support and revenue: \$8,580,000

\$167,995,000

- City of New York: \$121,052,000
- State and federal government: \$12,395,000
- Investment return used for operations: \$914,000
- Contributions: \$4,642,000
- Contributed rent, energy and other services: \$22,662,000
- Other support and revenue: \$6,330,000

## Library-wide

**Operating Expenses** \$294,246,000  
 (as of 6/30/05)

**Endowment** \$577,000,000  
 (as of 9/30/05)

**Cyberfacts** WEBSITE: WWW.NYPL.ORG

- 15,100,000 visits to website
- 243 countries accessing website
- 27,001 web pages
- 2,500,000 web images
- 2,328 computers for public use
- 370 electronic databases for public use

