The New York Public Library 2025 Annual Report

Spotlight: Celebrating 100 Years of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

“Libraries are cornerstones of democracy—where information is free and equally available to everyone.”

— Dr. Carla Hayden, 14th Librarian of Congress

In fall 2025, as part of its yearlong Centennial celebration that kicked off in May, the Schomburg Center presented Dr. Hayden with the inaugural Jean Blackwell Hutson Award (see p. 6).

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Letter from Library Leadership

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Abby S. Milstein has served as Chair of the Board of Trustees since November 2022

Anthony W. Marx has served as NYPL President since 2011

Public libraries are at the heart of our society, providing essential services, lowering barriers to opportunity, and welcoming all through their doors. Today, as inequality, isolation, polarization, and misinformation continue to rise, it's clear that the role of public libraries as beacons of learning and community is increasingly vital.

The New York Public Library has embraced this responsibility to provide free and open access to trustworthy knowledge and connect our communities since our founding in 1895. For 130 years, this has underpinned everything we do, from serving patrons of all ages in our branches to supporting scholarship and discovery at our research centers, and beyond.

In 2025, we continued this work. The Library grew our programs and helped learners of all ages develop important skills. We celebrated major milestones, such as the Schomburg Center's Centennial. And we increased access—thanks to investment by City leaders in the FY26 budget—by opening an additional five libraries on Sundays.

The last year also marked the start of a new, five-year strategy for the Library as we seek to support our current patrons and reach new ones. We are renewing our commitment to the core pillars of our work: championing books and readers, engaging learners of all ages, increasing access for researchers, and investing in our staff, physical locations, and digital infrastructure.

Together, these pillars form the foundation for our ongoing work, ensuring NYPL can continue to support the patrons and communities we serve and invest in our collective potential.

Abby S. Milstein
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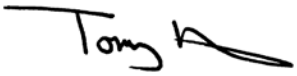

Anthony W. Marx
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Libraries Make Us Stronger

The New York Public Library celebrates 100 years of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and a legacy that also reflects the core values of our work: preserving—and making accessible—our history and creating a space for community and connection.

Discover the Past, Define the Future

In 2025, the Library kicked off a year of celebrations for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture's centennial anniversary. The Schomburg Center's ongoing commitment to collecting and sharing African American, African Diasporic, and African experiences is as vital as ever—and will continue to be so in the years ahead.

The Library celebrated this milestone all year with major programs and exhibitions at the Schomburg Center—and beyond. The May 2025 kickoff included the opening of *100: A Century of Collections, Community, and Creativity*, an exhibition showcasing some of the extraordinary items in the Schomburg Center's collections. June's Centennial Festival brought the Harlem community together for a block party celebrating Black literature and culture. And in September, we honored Dr. Carla Hayden, 14th Librarian of Congress, for her lifetime of work to advance the landscape of Black librarianship.

A Library for the Next 100 Years

This anniversary is an opportunity to not only celebrate the history of the Schomburg Center but also to raise awareness of the work it continues to do.

We marked the moment in communities across the city, from a special-edition library card available at all NYPL branches to free book giveaways for kids and a special display in November 2025 in the Polonsky Exhibition of the Library's Treasures at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building.

Our centennial celebrations will continue through May of 2026, as we honor our ongoing work to ensure that Black history and culture remain accessible and celebrated—today and for the next 100 years.

100 Years of the Schomburg Center

May 1925: The Division of Negro Literature, History and Prints—the forerunner to the Schomburg Center—opens

May 1926: The Library acquires Arturo Schomburg's collection documenting African Diasporic history

Dec 1948: Jean Blackwell Hutson is appointed curator and leads the Schomburg for more than 30 years

May 2025: Celebrations begin for the Schomburg's 100th anniversary

PICTURED ON PREVIOUS PAGE: On May 8, 2025, the Schomburg Center kicked off a year of centennial celebrations with a day of talks and performances, including an opening ceremony atop the Schomburg Center lobby's iconic cosmogram art—*Rivers* by Houston Conwill, with Estella Conwill Majozo and Joseph De Pace—which is also featured on the special-edition centennial library card.

SPECIAL THANKS: Leadership support for the Schomburg Center's Centennial is provided by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) and Andreas C. Dracopoulos.

Major support for centennial exhibitions is provided by the MetLife Foundation. Additional support is provided by Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Ford Foundation.

The Home to Harlem Initiative is made possible by the Mellon Foundation.

The 2025 Schomburg Center Centennial Festival was powered by Puma. Additional support provided by HarperCollins Publishers.

Inspiring Lifelong Learning

The Library serves as a vital hub of learning and knowledge. By providing access to education programming and resources, we help level the playing field and open doors to new opportunities for New Yorkers of all ages.

Supporting Kids & Teens

NYPL's Tisch Youth Education Programs, led by the Merryl and James Tisch Director of Branch Libraries and Education, support learning in and out of school for kids of all ages—and continue to grow. Early Literacy programs attracted more than 370,000 in attendance, while NYPL After School's kids attendance increased to nearly 50,000—a 30 percent jump over last year. Through school outreach, we strengthened our relationships in the classroom, with visits to MyLibraryNYC schools increasing 48 percent this year, introducing 18,000 students to our resources.

The Library also continued to serve as an essential space for young adults, opening Teen Centers in six newly renovated libraries and attracting nearly 140,000 in attendance at branch programs. Major highlights like Anti-Prom and Teen Voices Festival foster community, creativity, and personal expression, while college and career programs and Teen Ambassador job opportunities help teens chart their future.

A Home for Adult Learners

NYPL also remains a leading resource for adult learners. Our classes—including TechConnect and English for Speakers of Other Languages—drew more than 250,000 in attendance in FY25, and we expanded our We Speak NYC partnership with the City.

The Thomas Yoseloff Business Center at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library (SNFL) connected entrepreneurs and small business owners with a wealth of programs and resources. And Career Services programs—which grew attendance 32 percent—helped job seekers prepare for interviews, improve their resumes, and connect with employers at our career expos.

"Being a Teen Reading Ambassador teaches you how to work as a team, communicate clearly, act professionally, and create fun, engaging activities... skills that can help you in so many different jobs."

—11th grade Teen Reading Ambassador from Manhattan

PICTURED ON PREVIOUS PAGE: At High Bridge Library's Summer Learners Lab, kids get help with summer assignments.

SPECIAL THANKS: These programs and initiatives are part of the Library's Tisch Youth Education Programs, led by the Merryl and James Tisch Director of Branch Libraries and Education. Major support for educational programming is provided by Merryl H. and James S. Tisch.

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Fostering the Next Generation of Researchers

NYPL's research centers offer everyone—from scholars to new researchers—the opportunity to make discoveries, access information, and deepen their understanding of our world.

Welcoming New Audiences

In 2025, the Library embraced numerous opportunities to invite visitors and researchers to discover all our research centers have to offer. Alongside the Schomburg Center Centennial (see p. 5), the Library for the Performing Arts—which received a Tony Honor for Excellence in the Theatre from the Tony Awards in 2025—also marked a milestone anniversary, celebrating 60 years. Festivities spanned a week of programs this summer, including a storytime with ballet dancer Misty Copeland (right), plus reading parties, dance recitals, and more for all ages.

Core offerings such as public programs and exhibitions also drove engagement, with more than 1.6 million in attendance at major exhibitions at our research centers this year. Visitors to the Schwarzman Building in May 2025 experienced the Library in a new way through the Lunch Dances performances, which offered a vibrant perspective on research. Meanwhile, field trips from the Center for Educators and Schools doubled the number of students they brought through our doors and connected to our collections.

A Gateway to Scholarship

NYPL reinforced and expanded its role as a premier destination for research. In February 2025, we opened the Joan Didion and Gregory Dunne archive, generating the most interest of any new archive in our recent history. We also continued to grow our collections with new acquisitions, such as the archives of jazz musician Wayne Shorter and a world-renowned video collection documenting the attacks and aftermath of September 11, 2001. Moreover, in July, Yale University joined the Research Collections and Preservation Consortium and will soon add 2.7 million unique titles to the 18 million items currently available to researchers through this collaboration.

Research by the Numbers

- **4.2M** visitors to our research centers in FY25
- **1.6M** visitors to our exhibitions in FY25
- **2.4M** visitors to the Digital Collections
- **62.1K** items from our special collections consulted
- **1.5K** linear feet of archival collections processed

PICTURED ON PREVIOUS PAGE: In May 2025, Monica Bill Barnes & Company's "Lunch Dances" turned the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building's reading rooms into a stage, using dance to express the discovery, joy, and inspiration of doing research.

SPECIAL THANKS: Support for The New York Public Library's Exhibitions Program has been provided by Celeste Bartos, Sue and Edgar Wachenheim III, Mahnaz Ispahani Bartos and Adam Bartos Exhibitions Fund, Jonathan Altman, and Miriam and Ira D. Wallach.

Additional support for Lunch Dances is provided by Morwin Schmookler.

The Library for the Performing Arts gratefully acknowledges the leadership support of Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman.

The Center for Educators and Schools is supported in part by a generous grant from Hearst Foundations, Inc.

Building for the Future

From revitalizing our physical spaces for future generations to transforming how patrons can access and use our invaluable resources, NYPL is ceaselessly dedicated to ensuring high-quality service and equitable access for all—for years to come.

Libraries Are for Everyone

Throughout 2025, the Library made significant strides to update and improve our physical locations across the system.

In February, with the reopening of Port Richmond Library in Staten Island, NYPL completed a monumental capital initiative to modernize five historic libraries serving under-resourced neighborhoods. These transformational renovations represent a major investment, guaranteeing our libraries remain engines of opportunity for our patrons.

We are also prioritizing our research libraries. At the Library for the Performing Arts, we opened the new Harvey Fierstein Theatre Lab, a creative haven for performing artists, as well as a redesigned first floor, complete with an open lounge space for reading and connecting with others. With critical renovations also set to begin at the Schomburg Center, our investments in our buildings are investments in the communities we serve.

Increasing Digital Access

The Library is also creating and maintaining cutting-edge digital infrastructure. We've further expanded access to our vast research collections, with continued growth in digitization—our Digital Collections passed one million items—and redesigned collections and database interfaces to improve user experience. Furthermore, NYPL is reimagining how we manage digitized collections to make it easier than ever for researchers to discover and access primary sources.

We are also extending digital access beyond our walls—with pilots to provide Wi-Fi to neighboring buildings and programs that bring tech expertise directly into our communities—bridging the digital divide and providing equitable opportunities for all.

"From my earliest days of theater exploration, I've considered the Library for the Performing Arts' priceless collection an irreplaceable resource.

—Harvey Fierstein

Digital Access: At a Glance

- **1M** items available in our Digital Collections
- **275K** audio and moving image items digitized
- **230K** academic e-books available remotely

PICTURED ON PREVIOUS PAGE: In January 2025, the fully renovated Fort Washington Library was reopened, one of five branches—also including 125th Street in Manhattan, Melrose and Hunts Point in the Bronx, and Port Richmond in Staten Island—that were transformed as part of the Library's major Carnegie Renovation Project.

SPECIAL THANKS: NYPL is grateful to receive public funding from our City, State, and Federal elected officials for our capital improvement program.

PICTURED ABOVE: The newly opened Harvey Fierstein Theatre Lab is a flexible theatrical space equipped with technology and resources to support a range of activities, from class visits and table reads to rehearsals and small performances. Photo © Albert Vecerka/ESTO.

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Broadway legend Andre De Shields attended the September opening of the Library for the Performing Arts' new exhibition, *Syncopated Stages: Black Disruptions to the Great White Way*, spotlighting the contributions of Black artists to musical theater.

The Library honored 10 winners of our James Baldwin Teen Creative Contest, which invited teens to take inspiration from Baldwin's work to submit short stories, essays, letters, or narrative/comic art about their world. The winners were published in the Library's Teen Voices magazine.

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Beginning in February, *A Century of the New Yorker*—a yearlong major exhibition at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building—drew on the magazine archives preserved in NYPL's collections to illuminate the publication's hundred-year history.

The Library's Center for Educators and Schools connects teachers and educators to the Library's renowned collections through a wide array of curricula, events, exhibition field trips, and professional development, such as the Summer Residency, a week-long intensive program that dives deep into the collections.

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The Staten Island edition of Anti-Prom at St. George Library Center in May was one of three celebrations across the NYPL system this year that invited young people of all sexualities and gender identities and expressions to dance, celebrate, and express themselves.

As part of the Schomburg Center's centennial festivities beginning in May, the new sweeping exhibition *100: A Century of Collections, Community, and Creativity* featured major highlights from the Schomburg's renowned collections and celebrated its legacy of preserving Black culture and history.

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Job seekers at the September job fair at Bronx Library Center—one of several hosted throughout the year by NYPL's Career Services team—attended workshops and panels, got resume support, and connected with employers in healthcare fields.

In October, NYPL popped up at New York Comic Con for professional development panels and to engage library lovers from all over NYC (and a galaxy far, far away).

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The Frederick Phineas and Sandra Priest Rose Chief Librarian of the General Research Division Fund

The Susan and Elihu Rose Foundation in Honor of Marshall Rose

The Judy R. and Alfred A. Rosenberg Curator of Exhibitions Fund for The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts

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Muhlenberg Library in Manhattan reopened in August following a full-scale renovation, part of the Library's ongoing commitment to update and modernize our physical locations to create the welcoming spaces our patrons deserve.

Government Support

Throughout the spring of 2025, New York City's public libraries ran a large-scale awareness and engagement campaign to encourage elected officials to invest in libraries in the FY26 budget—leading to sustained and increased library funding that allowed NYPL to add Sunday hours at five additional locations across the system.

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New York State Council on the Arts
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Report of the Treasurer: Fiscal Year 2025

NOVEMBER 2025

Iris Weinshall

Since our founding, The New York Public Library has been dedicated to ensuring free and open access to knowledge for all. As we navigate uncertain times, when division in our society, misinformation, and inequality are rampant, it is clear that access to the services and resources public libraries provide is more important than ever.

In 2025, the Library continued to build on our core values: helping patrons cultivate a lifelong love of reading and books, supporting learners of all ages, fostering new research and scholarship, and providing spaces where all are welcome. This strong foundation will help NYPL bring in new audiences and increase access to our offerings. Some highlights from this year that reflect this work include:

- The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture began a yearlong celebration of its 100th anniversary with a wide array of special offerings, including a limited-edition Schomburg library card, book giveaways, a June festival and block party, exhibitions, centennial programming, presentation of the inaugural Jean Blackwell Hutson award to Dr. Carla Hayden, and much more.
- All five libraries in our Carnegie branch renovation program reopened, following complete renovations that ensure these locations will continue to be engines of opportunity for their neighborhoods.
- Sunday hours expanded to an additional five NYPL branches, thanks to a successful awareness campaign in the spring and negotiations with City leaders for increased investment in public libraries in the FY26 budget.
- The Library for the Performing Arts marked its 60th anniversary this year, celebrating with special programming and receiving a Tony Honor for Excellence in Theatre at the 2025 Tony Awards.

Our fiscal year 2025 financial results were excellent, driven by substantial support from the City for major renovations, strong investment performance, generous private support and better-than balanced operations. As of June 30, 2025, net assets were $2.652 billion (vs. $2.297 billion on June 30, 2024), reflecting an increase of $355 million, or 15%. The increase in net assets over the most recent five-year period is 53%. The market value of our endowment on June 30, 2025, stood at $1.827 billion. Long-term debt of $185 million was outstanding on June 30, 2025.

Maintaining a strong financial position is key to ensuring the Library has the resources it needs to bring books, programs, classes, and more to New Yorkers every day. We also rely on and are grateful for the support of our partners at all levels of government as we work together to make our communities stronger.

Finally, we are grateful for the generosity of our donors and Board of Trustees, and the support of our Library patrons, all of which ensure we can continue to deliver the essential services and resources our communities need and deserve.

Iris Weinshall
Chief Operating Officer &
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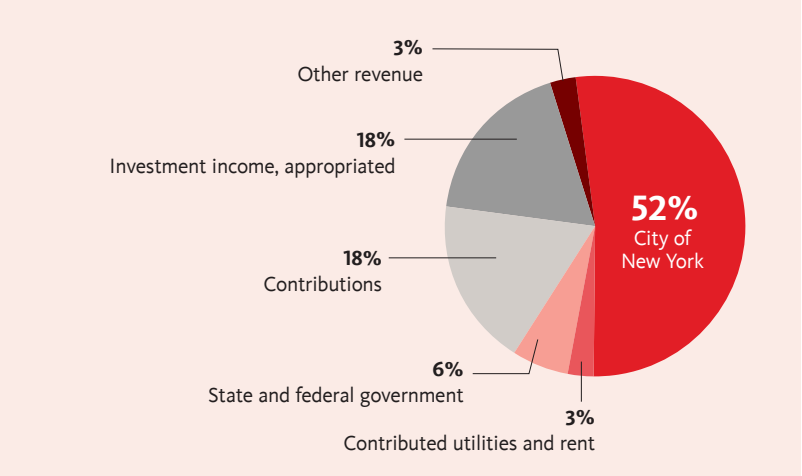
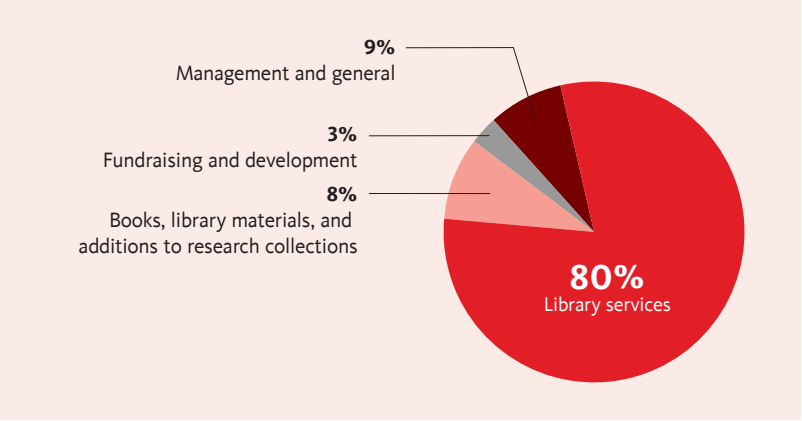
Financial Figures

1. **Operating Revenues** ($432,700,000)

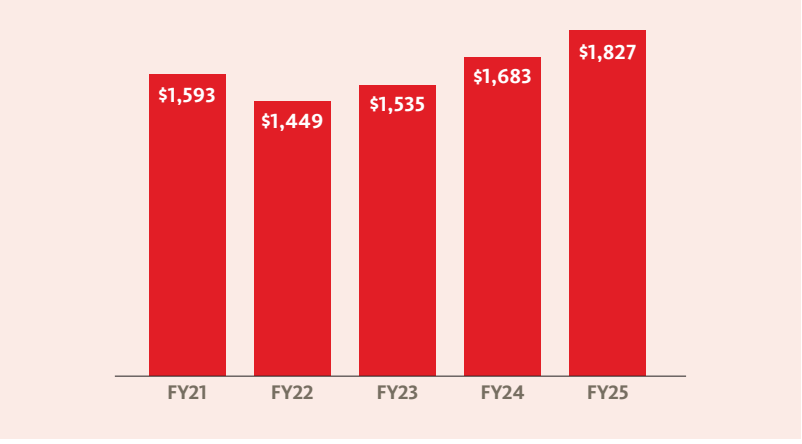


2. **Operating Expenses** ($399,000,000)



3. **Endowment** (in Millions)

Market values as of June 30



Balance Sheet

JUNE 30, 2025

IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

Assets	FY25	FY24
Cash and cash equivalents	$181,203	$172,038
Government and other receivables, net	29,952	27,518
Contributions receivable, net	101,031	43,167
Other assets	15,061	14,984
Funds held by others	4,171	4,677
Investments	1,831,459	1,688,634
Fixed assets, net	850,092	702,326
Right-of-use assets	80,760	85,218
Collections		
Total assets	$3,093,729	$2,738,562
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$65,686	$65,486
Deferred revenue	5,251	5,266
Finance lease liability	26,662	26,892
Operating lease liabilities	91,125	95,533
Bonds payable, net	184,049	184,002
Accrued postretirement benefits	68,783	63,942
Total liabilities	$441,556	$441,121
Net Assets		
Net assets without donor restrictions	$1,338,130	$1,132,454
Net assets with donor restrictions	1,314,043	1,164,987
Total net assets	$2,652,173	$2,297,441
Total liabilities and net assets	$3,093,729	$2,738,562

Per Fiscal Year 2025 audited financial statements.

Financial Activities

JUNE 30, 2025

IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

Operating Revenues	FY25	FY24
City of New York	$226,772	$207,374
State of New York	23,530	21,390
Federal government	1,134	1,540
Contributed utilities and rent	11,624	10,091
Private contributions and grants	76,224	57,053
Investment return appropriated for spending	78,482	77,751
Other revenue	14,963	14,410
Total operating revenues	$432,729	$389,609
Operating Expenses		
Branch library services	$223,835	$205,500
Research library services and library-wide programs	115,568	104,886
Total program services	$339,403	$310,386
Fundraising and membership development	11,869	10,685
Management and general	34,060	31,272
Total operating expenses	$385,332	$352,343
Additions to research collections	13,625	13,298
Total operating expenses and additions to research collections	$398,957	$365,641
Change in net assets from operating activities	$33,772	$23,968
Nonoperating Activities		
Endowment contributions and funds designated for long-term investment, net	$56,636	$18,774
Appropriations and contributions for capital	9,177	25,329
Contributed property and capital for use	160,993	7,477
Depreciation and amortization	(33,700)	(30,201)
Investment return, net of amounts appropriated	134,359	130,515
Changes in postretirement benefits obligation other than net periodic benefit cost	(6,442)	(1,863)
Net periodic benefit credit other than service cost	(533)	281
Other	470	–
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	$320,960	$150,312
Change in net assets	$354,732	$174,280
Net assets at beginning of year	2,297,441	2,123,161
Net assets at end of year	$2,652,173	$2,297,441

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Directory of Locations

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Allerton • 2740 Barnes Avenue • 718-881-4240
Baychester • 2049 Asch Loop North • 718-379-6700
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City Island • 320 City Island Avenue • 718-885-1703
Clason's Point • 1215 Morrison Avenue • 718-842-1235
Eastchester • 1385 East Gun Hill Road • 718-653-3292
Edenwald • 1255 East 233rd Street • 718-798-3355
Francis Martin • 2150 University Avenue • 718-295-5287
Grand Concourse • 155 East 173rd Street • 718-583-6611
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Kingsbridge • 291 West 231st Street • 718-548-5656
Melrose • 910 Morris Avenue • 718-588-0110
Morris Park • 985 Morris Park Avenue • 718-931-0636
Morrisania • 610 East 169th Street • 718-589-9268
Mosholu • 285 East 205th Street • 718-882-8239
Mott Haven • 321 East 140th Street • 718-665-4878
Parkchester • 1985 Westchester Avenue • 718-829-7830
Pelham Bay • 3060 Middletown Road • 718-792-6744
Pelham Parkway–Van Nest • 2147 Barnes Avenue • 718-829-5864
Riverdale • 5540 Mosholu Avenue • 718-549-1212
Sedgwick • 1701 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd • 718-731-2074
Soundview • 660 Soundview Avenue • 718-589-0880
Spuyten Duyvil • 650 West 235th Street • 718-796-1202
Throg's Neck • 3025 Cross Bronx Expy Ext • 718-792-2612
Tremont • 1866 Washington Avenue • 718-299-5177
Van Cortlandt • 3882 Cannon Place • 718-543-5150
Wakefield • 4100 Lowerre Place • 718-652-4663
Westchester Square • 2521 Glebe Avenue • 718-863-0436
West Farms • 2085 Honeywell Avenue • 718-367-5376
Woodlawn Heights • 4355 Katonah Avenue • 718-519-9627
Woodstock • 761 East 160th Street • 718-665-6255

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Charleston • 225 Bricktown Way • 929-284-3660
Dongan Hills • 1617 Richmond Road • 718-351-1444
Great Kills • 56 Giffords Lane • 718-984-6670
Huguenot Park • 830 Huguenot Avenue • 718-984-4636
Mariners Harbor • 206 South Avenue • 212-621-0690
New Dorp • 309 New Dorp Lane • 718-351-2977
Port Richmond • 75 Bennett Street • 718-442-0158
Richmondtown • 200 Clarke Avenue • 718-668-0413
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Stapleton • 132 Canal Street • 718-727-0427
St. George Library Center • 5 Central Avenue • 718-442-8560
Todt Hill–Westerleigh • 2550 Victory Boulevard • 718-494-1642
Tottenville • 7430 Amboy Road • 718-984-0945
West New Brighton • 976 Castleton Avenue • 718-442-1416

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67th Street • 328 East 67th Street • 212-734-1717
96th Street • 112 East 96th Street • 212-289-0908
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Aguilar • 174 East 110th Street • 212-534-2930
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Battery Park City • 175 North End Avenue • 212-790-3499
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Chatham Square • 33 East Broadway • 212-964-6598
Columbus • 742 Tenth Avenue • 212-586-5098
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Fort Washington • 535 West 179th Street • 212-927-3533
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Hamilton Fish Park • 415 East Houston Street • 212-673-2290
Hamilton Grange • 503 West 145th Street • 212-926-2147
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Harry Belafonte–115th Street • 203 West 115th Street • 212-666-9393
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Muhlenberg • 209 West 23rd Street • 212-924-1585
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The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts • 40 Lincoln Center Plaza (at 65th Street) • 917-275-6975
Ottendorfer • 135 Second Avenue • 212-674-0947
Riverside • 127 Amsterdam Avenue • 212-870-1810
Roosevelt Island • 504 Main Street • 212-308-6243
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture • 515 Malcolm X Boulevard (at 135th Street) • 212-491-2200
Seward Park • 192 East Broadway • 212-477-6770
St. Agnes • 444 Amsterdam Avenue • 212-877-4380
Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library (SNFL) • 455 Fifth Avenue • 212-340-0863
Stephen A. Schwarzman Building • Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street • 917-275-6975
Terence Cardinal Cooke–Cathedral • 560 Lexington Avenue • 212-752-3824
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Tompkins Square • 331 East 10th Street • 212-228-4747
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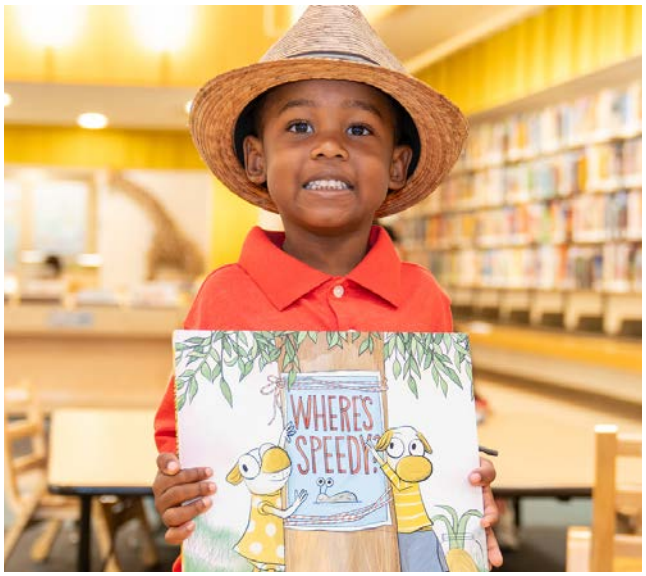

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