

# The New York Public Library

# At a Glance

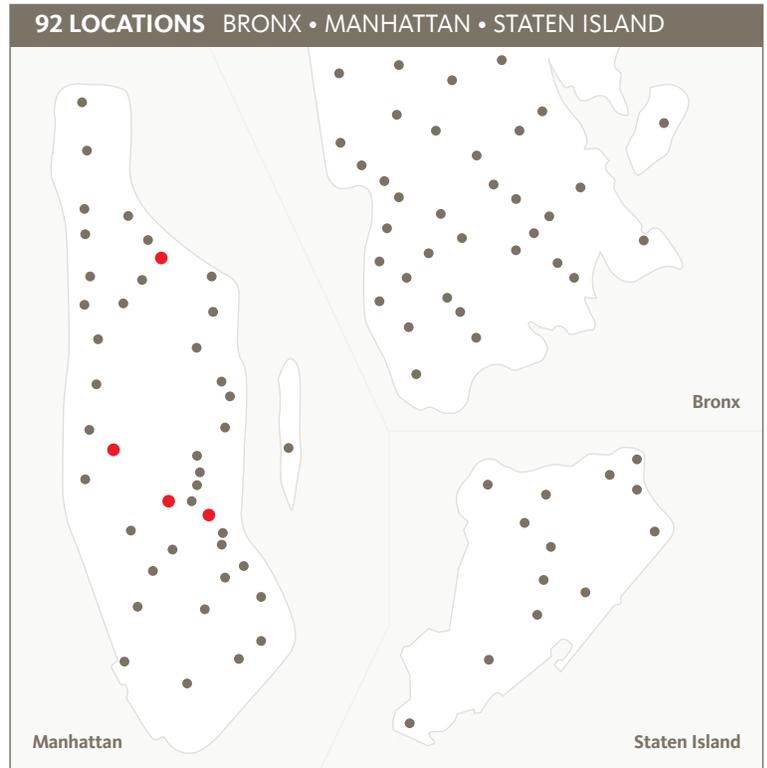
Founded in 1895, The New York Public Library is the nation's largest public library system, featuring 88 neighborhood branches throughout the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island and four scholarly research centers. The Library's world-renowned research collections include millions of treasures, from 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

<b>Visits</b> <b>17.3 million</b>	<b>Website Visits</b> <b>28 million</b>
<b>Circulation</b> <b>23.8 million</b>	<b>Library Cardholders</b> <b>2 million</b>
<b>Programs Offered</b> <b>110,500</b>	<b>Program Attendance</b> <b>2.1 million</b>
<b>Public Computers</b> <b>4,660</b>	<b>Public Computer Sessions</b> <b>3.1 million</b>
<b>Items in the Library's Collections</b>	
<b>46.5 million</b> research materials	<b>8.7 million</b> circulating materials

Data from FY17



<p><b>88 NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES</b></p>  <p>Our neighborhood libraries provide vital access to free books, computers, Wi-Fi, and essential educational programs for all ages.</p>	<p><b>4 RESEARCH CENTERS</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="576 1564 803 1816">  <p><b>Stephen A. Schwarzman Building</b></p> </td> <td data-bbox="820 1564 1047 1837">  <p><b>The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts</b> <small>Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center</small></p> </td> <td data-bbox="1063 1564 1291 1816">  <p><b>Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture</b></p> </td> <td data-bbox="1307 1564 1534 1816">  <p><b>Science, Industry and Business Library</b></p> </td> </tr> </table>	 <p><b>Stephen A. Schwarzman Building</b></p>	 <p><b>The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts</b> <small>Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center</small></p>	 <p><b>Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture</b></p>	 <p><b>Science, Industry and Business Library</b></p>
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## Educational Initiatives



### Early Literacy

More than 28,600 programs in FY17 for children ages 5 and under (including story times, daycare class visits, and more) serving over 747,000 program attendees.

[nypl.org/abc](http://nypl.org/abc)

### Educational Enrichment & Support

More than 2,500 class seats in enrollment-based programs at 19 neighborhood libraries, plus STEM workshops serving more than 15,000 attendees.

[nypl.org/edsupport](http://nypl.org/edsupport)

### English for Speakers of Other Languages

More than 12,800 class seats at 41 neighborhood libraries, and drop-in ESOL groups at 9 branches.

[nypl.org/english](http://nypl.org/english)

### TechConnect Computer Training

Nearly 100 technology classes for all skill levels at 89 locations, serving more than 124,000 attendees.

[nypl.org/techconnect](http://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 meeting spaces and research study rooms such as the Allen Room and Wertheim Study.

[nypl.org/research/collections](http://nypl.org/research/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 short-term research fellowships.

[nypl.org/fellowships](http://nypl.org/fellowships)

## Digital Services

The Library is dedicated to bridging the digital divide and expanding online access to its collections. In addition to free computer access and tech training, our Library HotSpot program allows eligible students to borrow free home internet access. NYPL has also digitized more than 700,000 items from its collections, including 180,000 images that were released into the public domain. The Library's new e-reader app, SimplyE, allows users to borrow from more than 300,000 e-books for free.

[nypl.org/hotspot](http://nypl.org/hotspot) | [nypl.org/digitalcollections](http://nypl.org/digitalcollections) | [nypl.org/ebooks](http://nypl.org/ebooks)

