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

16.3 million

Circulation

21.3 million

Programs Offered

106,439

Public Computers

5,027

Website Visits

29.1 million

Library Cardholders

2.4 million

Program Attendance

2 million

Public Computer Sessions

2.6 million

Items in the Library's Collections

46.8 million

research materials

9.9 million

circulating materials

92 LOCATIONS BRONX • MANHATTAN • STATEN ISLAND

Bronx

Manhattan

Staten Island

Data from FY19

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
Donothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center



Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture



Science, Industry and Business Library

