

The New York Public Library

General Fact Sheet 2011

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, a network of community libraries, and a range of robust digital resources available through the Internet and its 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 diversity and 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 Marron serves as Chairman of the Library's Board of Trustees. Dr. Paul LeClerc serves as the Library's President.

The research collections, numbering more than 44 million items, and located in four major centers, resemble the holdings of the great national and university libraries. The community circulating libraries offer a wide range of free services, including literacy tutoring, English-language instruction, computer training, and computer access. Online resources include reference databases, digital collections, and downloadable books, audio books, films, and music.

Facts & Figures (as of June 30, 2010)

	Research Centers	Circulating Libraries
Locations <i>90</i>	4, in Manhattan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephen A. Schwarzman Building• The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center• Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture• Science, Industry and Business Library	88, in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bronx: 35• Manhattan: 41• Staten Island: 12
		<small>NOTE: 2 Research Centers are also Circulating Libraries</small>
Staff <i>2,536</i>	812 Employees in the Research Centers 497 Volunteers	1,724 Employees in the Circulating Libraries 1,397 Volunteers
Collections <i>52.95 million</i>	44,507,623 items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes books, maps, manuscripts, recordings, musical scores, posters, prints, clippings, and many other items	8,438,775 items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes books, DVDs, films, videos, CDs, audio tapes, pictures, and materials for the blind
Users <i>17.7 million</i>	2,362,767	15,381,852

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	Research Centers	Circulating Libraries
Programs 43,065	1,041 Lectures and performances by artists, writers, and musicians; technology training and special classes	42,024 Poetry readings, story hours for children, author lectures, films, technology training, and workshops. Includes 12,265 programs for adults; 6,966 for young adults; 17,539 for children; and 5,254 for outreach.
Operating Support \$245,337,000	\$105,518,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of New York: \$25,175,000 • State and federal government: \$9,742,000 • Investment return appropriated for spending: \$31,770,000 • Contributions: \$26,596,000 • Contributed rent and utilities: \$2,634,000 • Other support and revenue: \$9,601,000 	\$139,819,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of New York: \$113,239,000 • State and federal government: \$9,823,000 • Contributions: \$3,134,000 • Contributed rent and utilities: \$8,068,000 • Other support and revenue: \$5,555,000
	Library-wide	
Operating Expenses	\$255,331,000	
Endowment	\$669,681,000	
Cardholders	3,119,677 <small>NOTE: Research Center Access cardholders became Branch Cardholders in FY10</small>	
Digital Facts	Website: nypl.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25,369,015 visits to website • 221 countries accessing website • 3,300,000 hours of computer use by public • 4,884,135 electronic resources accessed • 339 electronic databases for public use 	

