

The New York Public Library

At a Glance

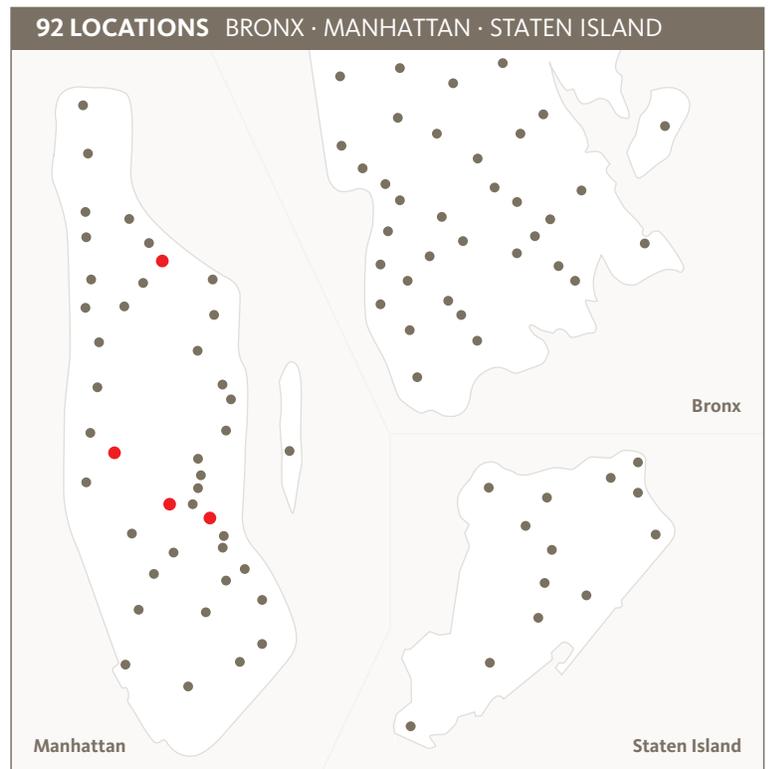
Founded in 1895, The New York Public Library is the nation's largest public library system, featuring 88 neighborhood branches throughout the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island and four scholarly research centers. The Library's world-renowned research collections include millions of treasures, from 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 17.7 million	Website Visits 30.8 million
Circulation 23.3 million	Library Cardholders 2.2 million
Programs Offered 80,000	Program Attendance 1.5 million
Public Computers 4,530	Public Computer Sessions 3.3 million
Items in the Library's Collections	
45.2 million research materials	6.6 million circulating materials

Data from FY15



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
Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center



Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture



Science, Industry and Business Library

Educational Initiatives



Early Literacy

Over 8,000 programs a year for children ages 5 and under (including story times, daycare class visits, and more) serving over 276,000 program attendees.

nypl.org/abc

Out-of-School Time

Now offering more than 3,300 class seats a year in 4 programs for different ages at 28 neighborhood libraries.

nypl.org/ost

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

11,000 class seats at 34 neighborhood libraries. New drop-in ESOL groups now at 7 branches and growing.

nypl.org/english

TechConnect Computer Training

More than 80 technology classes for all skill levels at over 80 locations, serving 100,000 program attendees.

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 research study rooms and meeting spaces.

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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 the Allen Room and Wertheim Study.

nypl.org/fellowships

Digital Services

The Library is dedicated to bridging the digital divide and expanding online access to its collections. Our Library HotSpot program allows eligible patrons to borrow free home Internet access. NYPL has also digitized nearly 1.2 million items from its collections, including 180,000 images that have been released into the public domain. The Library's innovative crowdsourcing projects—such as *What's on the Menu?* and *Building Inspector*—have received more than 3 million public contributions.

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