WHAT IS *BIBLIOSTAT CONNECT?*

- *Bibliostat Connect* is a powerful web-based software program, with on-line tutorials and help screens throughout, that offers access to public library statistics.
- *Bibliostat Connect* makes it easy to find compelling statistics and present them effectively in charts and graphs.
- *Bibliostat Connect: Census* is a new module that adds U.S. Census Bureau data to *Connect* – offering a new way to learn about your community – along with all of the tools necessary to put it to use. It puts statistics for income, education, age, ethnicity and more right at your fingertips.

WHERE IS *BIBLIOSTAT CONNECT?*

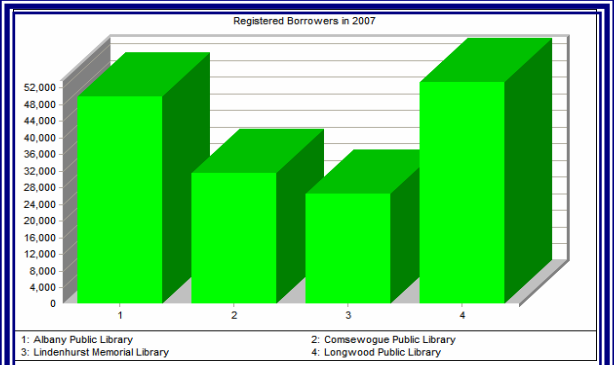
New York's public library data are available via the New York State Library web site at:

www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/

WHAT DOES *BIBLIOSTAT CONNECT* OFFER?

Bibliostat Connect offers library staff and trustees:

- Easy access and manipulation of multiple years of New York's public library data from 1991 on.
- Quick creation of rank order tables and colorful graphs, viewing of averages and percentiles, and organization of the results into a report or presentation.
- Free access to the latest national data from the Public Library Association's Public Library Data Service (PLDS), and the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Public Library Statistics Cooperative (PLSC).
- Free access to comparative statistics about libraries in nearby regions and across the country though a module that utilizes U.S. Census Bureau data. This includes statistics for income, education, age, ethnicity and more.



THERE'S MORE…

- *Bibliostat Connect* permits users to select and compare public library statistics in three different ways:
  - Alphabetically - If you already know the libraries you would like to compare, this option allows you to choose libraries by name.
  - By Peers - Selecting libraries by peers is one of the most powerful features of *Connect*. Using this feature, you can quickly create a list of all libraries that meet criteria you define.
  - By Benchmarks - Benchmarks are statistical calculations based on groups of libraries that you define. An example of a benchmark would be the state average for the data element.
- *Bibliostat Connect* allows libraries to identify peer libraries and compare public libraries within New York and across the country on hundreds of different measures, including:
  - Circulation, attendance and registered borrowers
  - Library collections and services
  - Income, expenditures, staffing, salaries and benefits
- *Bibliostat Connect* also offers online tutorials and help screens throughout the program to assist the user in navigating the software.

Bibliostat Connect allows you to quickly create rank order tables and colorful charts and graphs.

"Accurate information about local library services and funding is critical. With the addition of the Census module, public library staff and trustees can use this important data to benchmark the local library's progress in keeping up with trends and clearly show how the library compares with other libraries of similar size and demographic characteristics. Especially in these difficult times when resources are at a premium, accurate information about local library services, community demographics and funding is critical."

Bernard A. Margolis
State Librarian & Assistant Commissioner for Libraries

Comprehensive data about New York State's 755 public libraries and their 314 branches is available via the New York State Library website.

WHAT DATA ARE AVAILABLE?

Bibliostat Connect allows users to access hundreds of statistical data elements including:

- Expenditures
- Income
- Staff
- Holdings
- Circulation
- Interlibrary loans
- Demographics
- And more…

For more information on *Bibliostat Connect* and the New York State Library:

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