

# Public Libraries as Valued Destinations

## Library Users

Registered public library users:  
10.02 million

State Population: 19.4 million

**53%** of New Yorkers are registered public library users!

**2011 Library Visits**  
**159.4 million**

Vs.

New York Yankee and  
New York Mets Home Game  
Attendance: **6 million**

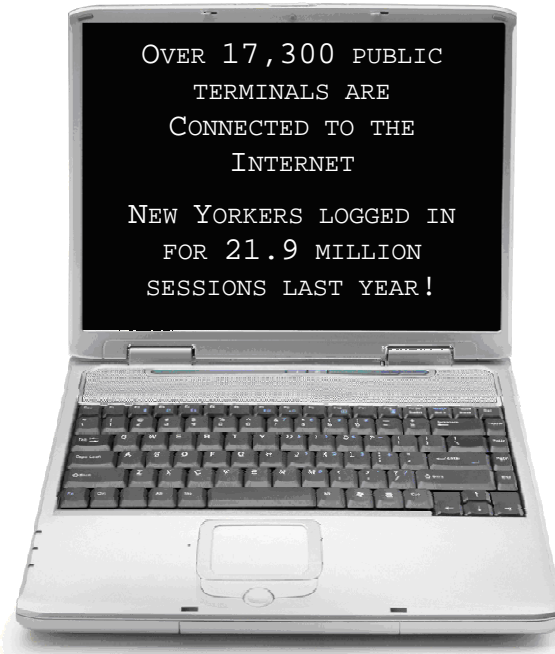
Buffalo Bills, New York Jets and  
2011 Super Bowl Champions  
New York Giants Total Game  
Attendance: **3.4 million**

## Libraries vs. Other Valued Destinations

New York Barnes and Noble: 43  
New York Walmart Supercenters: 70  
New York public library outlets: **1,100**

There are many more public libraries in New York than Barnes & Noble and Walmarts combined!

# Libraries as Public Computing Centers



## Public Libraries

## NYS

## US

Have wireless availability **98.4%** **90.5%**

Offer technology training to patrons **98.4%** **82.7%**

Report helping patrons complete online job applications **81.8%** **76.0%**

Offer E-Books **96.8%** **76.3%**

**63.6%** of New York public libraries are the **ONLY** free access to computers/Internet in their communities

# Libraries as Information Suppliers



<http://novelnewyork.org/>

Saves more than **\$87 million** through centralized licensing.

Provides approximately \$35 in information resources for every \$1 spent at the state level.

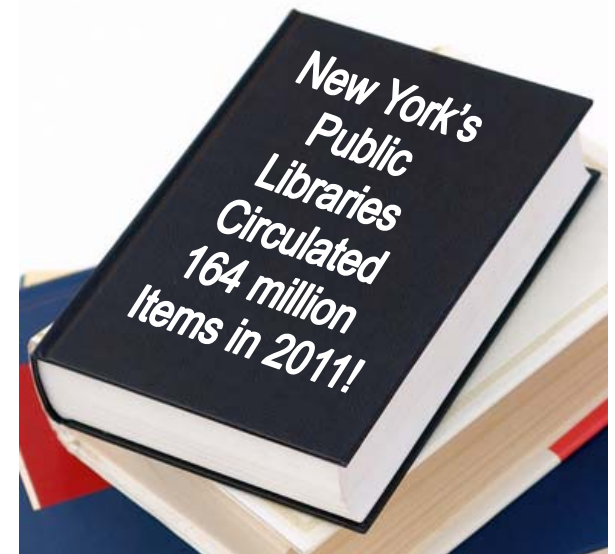
Contains approximately **17,000** information resources, including online magazines, newspapers and journals!

## Library Volumes

The average hardcover book costs \$90.50

The average paperback costs \$36.98

New York public libraries 68.7 million books circulated 92.6 million times in 2011, saving New Yorkers over **\$7.1 billion**



## Libraries as Economic Engines

For every \$1 invested in public libraries throughout the US, patrons receive \$4 to \$10 worth of services in return!

### **Library Expenditures**

Estimated US public library Expenditures: \$10.77 billion

Estimated NY public library Expenditures: \$1.1 billion

New York's public libraries account for about **10.2%** of the \$10.77 billion spent on public libraries nationwide!

### **Library Programs Save New Yorkers Money!**

7.7 million New Yorkers attended over 407,000 free public library programs in 2011.

Early Literacy:  
1.6 million attendees

English for Speakers of Other Languages:  
328,000 attendees

Summer Reading at New York Libraries:  
1.74 million participants



There are more than  
**7,000**  
Libraries in New York State!

Public Libraries: **756**

Academic Libraries: **270**

School Libraries: **5,403**

Institution Libraries: **200**

New York State Library: **1**

(Does not include more than 1,000 special libraries)

## Libraries as Home to a Vibrant and Sizeable Profession

There are some **4,273** librarians in New York State public libraries, delivering about **8.9 million** hours of service each year!



Over **28 million** Reference Questions are asked each year!



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# HOW THEY STACK UP!

A look at how  
New York's  
Public Libraries  
are good for the  
economy

