

Libraries as Economic Engines

Library expenditures:

- Estimated annual New York State library expenditures: **\$1.9 billion**
(Does not include nonpublic school library expenditures)
- Estimated annual U. S. library expenditures: **\$15 billion**

New York State's libraries account for about **12.5% of the \$15 billion** spent annually by libraries nationwide.



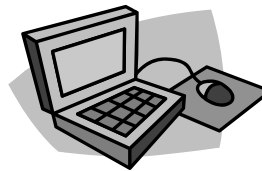
Value of library services:

- State Aid to New York State's public library systems: **\$80 million**
- Estimated value of services provided by New York State's public library systems: **\$1 billion**

For every **\$1 of State Aid** that New York State's public library systems receive, public library users receive approximately **\$13 in services**.

Value of NOVEL_{NY}:

- For every **\$1** spent in temporary Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVEL_{NY}) pilot project provides **\$35** in NOVEL information resources.
- NOVEL_{NY} saves libraries more than **\$87 million** through centralized licensing.
- NOVEL_{NY}, available to all New Yorkers, contains approximately **6,000 information resources**. New Yorkers can access magazines, newspapers, journals, photos, maps and more via the NOVEL_{NY} databases.



Libraries as Information Suppliers

More than 7,000 libraries in New York:

- Public libraries: 754
- Academic libraries: 271
- School libraries: 5,726
- Institution libraries: 200
- New York State Library: 1

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

- More than **27 million reference questions** are asked by customers each year in New York State's public libraries.
- More than **12,570 public computers** connected to the Internet are available in New York State's public libraries.

Value of library books:

New York's libraries hold more than **245 million volumes** statewide – that's more than **12 items** for each person living in New York State.

- Public library volumes: **\$3.5 billion**
(\$50 avg. cost of book)
- Academic library volumes: **\$6.9 billion**
(\$62 avg. cost of academic book)
- School library volumes: **\$1.2 billion**
(\$21 avg. cost of juvenile book)

At an average price of \$50 per book, the statewide library book inventory is worth about **\$12 billion**.

Number of items circulated:

- Public libraries in New York circulate **143.6 million** items per year.
- Academic libraries in New York circulate **11.3 million** items per year.



New York State's academic and public libraries circulate **155 million items** per year.

Libraries as Valued Destinations

Number of library users:

- Registered public library users: **10.3 million**
- Population of New York State: **19 million**

More than 50% of New Yorkers are registered public library users.



Library visit comparison:

- New York State public library visits: **110 million**
- New York State professional sports attendance: **10 million**
(Based on regular season ticket sales)



11 times more people visit New York State's public libraries each year than attend New York State's professional baseball, basketball, football and hockey games.

Libraries Vs. Wal-Marts:

- Public libraries in New York State: **754**
- Wal-Marts in New York State: **93**

Library Volumes Vs. Registered Vehicles:

- Volumes in New York State Libraries: **212 million**
- Vehicles registered in New York State: **10.5 Million**

New York has **20 times** more library volumes than registered cars, trucks, motorcycles and mopeds.

Libraries as Home to a Vibrant & Sizeable Profession

Number of librarians:

- Total number of librarians in New York State: **12,790**

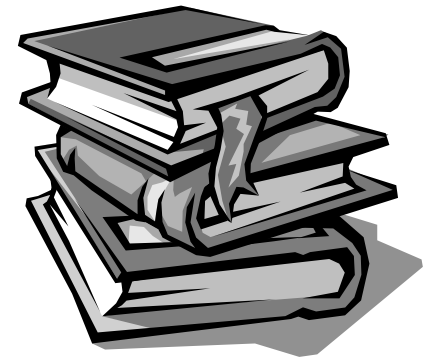
Librarians in New York State deliver nearly **26 million hours of service** each year.

(12,790 librarians x 40 hours per week x 52 weeks)

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