

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The District of Columbia has one public library system with 23 physical library locations and one bookmobile to serve about 582,000 residents. It is organized as a municipal government system.\*

More state tables are available online at [www.ala.org/plinternetfunding](http://www.ala.org/plinternetfunding).

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	D.C.	U.S.
<b>Total operating expenditures per capita*</b>	\$55.56	\$33.24
<b>CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)</b>		
<b>Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities</b>	100.0%	71.4%
<b>Average number of computers</b>	11.8	11.1
<b>Always sufficient computers available</b>	0%	18.9%
<b>Factors limiting library adding computers</b>		
	<i>Space</i>	18.2%
	<i>Cost</i>	0%
<b>Maximum Internet connection speed</b>		
	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	41.7%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	0%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	58.3%
<b>Always adequate connection speed</b>	8.3%	39.9%
<b>Wireless availability</b>	100.0%	76.4%
<b>INTERNET SERVICES (library outlet/branch data)</b>		
<b>Internet services critical to role of library</b>		
	<i>Provide education resources &amp; database for K–12 students</i>	100.0%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	0%
	<i>Provide computer &amp; Internet skills training</i>	100.0%
	<i>Provide education resources &amp; databases for adult/CE students</i>	0%
	<i>Provide education resources &amp; databases for students in higher ed</i>	100.0%
<b>Internet services available</b>		
	<i>Licensed databases</i>	100.0%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	100.0%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	0%
	<i>e-books</i>	100.0%
	<i>Audio content</i>	100.0%
<b>Library offers IT training for patrons</b>	100.0%	90.3%
<b>Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed</b>	100.0%	80.5%

\* Institute of Museum and Library Services. *Public Libraries Survey: Fiscal Year 2006*. Washington, DC: IMLS, 2008.  
[http://harvester.census.gov/imls/pubs/pls/pub\\_detail.asp?id=121](http://harvester.census.gov/imls/pubs/pls/pub_detail.asp?id=121).