

NEW YORK

New York has 754 public library systems with 1,068 physical locations and nine bookmobiles to serve almost 19 million residents. New York's public libraries are primarily organized as non-profit association or agency libraries (47.6 percent). The rest are organized as municipal government libraries (26.8 percent) and library districts (24.1 percent).*

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EXPENDITURES (library system data)	NEW YORK	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$52.79	\$33.24
CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)		
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	79.1%	71.4%
Average number of computers	9.7	11.1
Always sufficient computers available	18.9%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers		
	<i>Space</i>	84.8%
	<i>Cost</i>	81.3%
Maximum Internet connection speed		
	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	17.9%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	33.7%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	42.1%
Always adequate connection speed	45.3%	39.9%
Wireless availability	85.3%	76.4%
INTERNET SERVICES (library outlet/branch data)		
Internet services critical to role of library		
	<i>Provide education resources & database for K–12 students</i>	78.9%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	56.6%
	<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	41.6%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	54.7%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	46.4%
Internet services available		
	<i>Licensed databases</i>	91.8%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	85.1%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	69.0%
	<i>e-books</i>	60.2%
	<i>Audio content</i>	86.1%
Library offers IT training for patrons	95.6%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	81.7%	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.