Annual Report **2017** 

# Libraries Are for Everyone



# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PRESIDENT



Evan R. Chesler

For more than 100 years, The New York Public Library has served as a welcoming place for all who seek knowledge, information, and personal growth. In today's oftenturbulent times, it is more vital than ever to reaffirm our commitment to helping all who seek our services.

# No matter who you are, where you come from, or what you believe, our doors are open to you because libraries truly are for everyone.

The strongest way to demonstrate this unwavering commitment is not through words, but through actions. That is why we're so proud to share with you a closer look at the impact the Library has made across our communities in the last year.



Anthony W. Marx

In 2017, the Library saw momentous growth in core programs and services across our system. We encouraged more people to read more by expanding our early literacy education services and forgiving library fines for kids and teens, which brought thousands of patrons back to our locations. As a result of our investment in early literacy programs, children's material circulation rose 27%. Our free English for Speakers of Other Languages classes, citizenship programming, and technology training continue opening doors for thousands of patrons—including almost 200 new American citizens who took their oath at our main branch. We continued to add to our exceptional research collections with acquisitions such as the personal archive of musician Lou Reed. Through digitization we are not only preserving them for future generations but also expanding access to researchers around the world.

In addition, the Library is cultivating physical locations that are modern, accessible, and inviting to everyone. Investing in renovation projects, such as the \$200 million Mid-Manhattan Library renovation currently underway and the recently completed \$22 million improvements at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, is an important way we build strong communities and continue to serve the diverse and growing needs of all New Yorkers.

None of these remarkable achievements would be possible without the generosity of our supporters. On behalf of all of us at the Library, we thank you for the role you've played in furthering this important work and ensuring that the Library remains an open, welcoming, freely accessible fount of opportunity for generations to come.

Evan R. Chesler

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Anthony W. Marx

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Living in New York as an immigrant is hard... I felt like I had to do something to help others—even if I'm helping just one person learn how to read.

Chantal, high school student & Literacy Leaders mentor Washington Heights Library, Manhattan

# **More Library Stories**

In recent years, we've been collecting stories from our users about what the Library means to them. Explore them all: nypl.org/stories

The New York Public Library

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# We Believe in Literacy for All

The New York Public Library has been a vital center for reading and literacy education for all ages since its founding. Today, we are more committed than ever to ensuring that all students, regardless of age, income, or birthplace, have the same opportunity to achieve their dreams.

# **Helping All Kids Succeed**

Last year, the Library was particularly invested in making sure all young patrons have equal access to the tools they need for school success. In fall 2017, NYPL teamed up with Brooklyn Public Library and Queens Library to forgive all outstanding fines on all kids' and teens' library cards across the city.

This initiative, made possible by The JPB Foundation, enabled us to forgive fines on 400,000 youth NYPL cards. Among them, 75,000 of the youth cards had been blocked due to fines—but can now be used to check out our invaluable free resources once again.

Another critical area of investment has been in our ongoing expansion of early literacy services—both within our branches and beyond. In FY17, the Library attracted more than 747,000 early literacy attendees, more than twice the number of young children and families served over the prior year. In addition, we are

scaling our enhanced programs to 86 locations—nearly every NYPL branch—while expanding our outreach services. This includes story times and workshops at preschools, daycares, and homeless shelters, ensuring free access to school readiness resources for all children.

# More People Reading More

These efforts in early literacy have had a major impact in another key area: circulation. As the Library has expanded its children's initiatives and attracted more schools and families to our programs, we have sparked a surge in children's circulation.

This increase, combined with additional upticks in teen and adult circulation, has contributed to an overall growth in print circulation of nearly 7 percent. The Library is particularly proud of this accomplishment because it reverses a nationwide trend in print circulation at libraries, as e-book circulation continues to grow.



# AN ESSENTIAL EDUCATION PARTNER

The Library's educational programs are poised for even greater impact thanks to a remarkable \$20 million gift from the Honorable Merryl Tisch and her husband, Library Trustee James Tisch. The gift establishes a new leadership position, the Merryl H. and James S. Tisch Director of Education, that will oversee a further expansion of the Library's educational offerings.

Major support for educational programming is provided by Merryl H. and James S. Tisch.

Major support for children's and young adult programming is provided by the Andreas C. Dracopoulos Family Endowment for Young Audiences.

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The Sirus Fund, and an anonymous donor, with additional support through City's First Readers, an initiative made possible with funding from the New York City Council, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council Member Antonio Reynoso and Council Member Stephen Levin.

A New Start is supported by The JPB Foundation.

Programs and services are made possible by the generous support of elected officials at the city, state, and federal levels.

# Libraries Extend Beyond Walls



The Library has long been a welcoming place for newcomers. Especially in these critical times, it is our renewed mission to welcome and provide opportunities to those who need them most—including new immigrants, non-native English speakers, and others who seek the tools they need to contribute to our society.

# **Opening New Doors**

New York City is home to more than 3 million people born outside of the U.S., and half of all New Yorkers speak a language other than English. By supporting New Yorkers from all backgrounds, the Library plays a key role in upholding the ideals of an inclusive, civicminded, and informed society.

In 2017, the Library continued to further the best of these democratic traditions. To meet the growing demand for English language learning, we expanded our English for Speakers of Other Languages courses to offer more than 12,000 seats. Our students came to the Library from over 90 countries, speaking more than 50 native languages, to

help build their language skills over the 10-week intensive ESOL courses. Attendance also increased at the Library's dropin speaking groups, with more than 20,000 English language learners attending in FY17.

Citizenship support is another way the Library has been an essential resource for newcomers. Since 2016, the Library has helped more than 5,200 immigrants on their path to becoming U.S. citizens. Last year, attendance more than quadrupled in our citizenship programs. And in June 2017, NYPL again hosted a United States naturalization ceremony in our iconic Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, where nearly 200 new Americans took their Oath of Allegiance.

historic reinvestment in libraries four years ago, allowing NYPL to expand hours, hire librarians, and increase vital programs both within our branches and beyond. This includes free ESOL and computer training classes as well as outreach to homeless shelters or to the incarcerated.



"I'm very thankful for the opportunity that this library made possible for me. It is my dream."

 Hassan and Zahra, English language and citizenship students
 Tompkins Square Library, Manhattan

# INVESTING IN NEW YORKERS

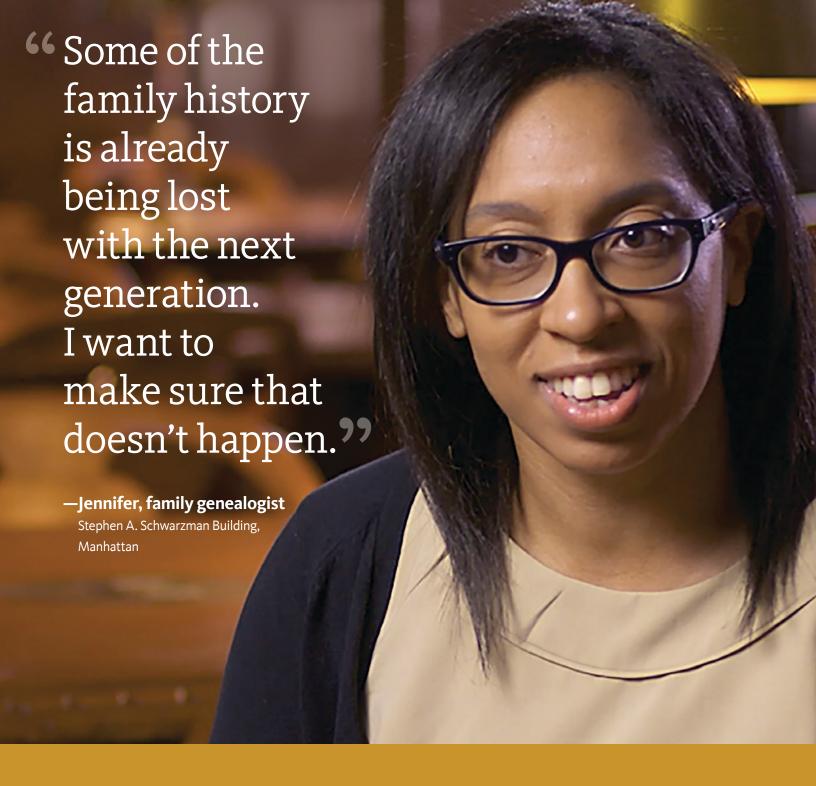
City leaders know how important libraries are to all New Yorkers, especially those most in need. After years of budget cuts following the economic downturn, City leaders began a

Workforce Investment Act, Title II funding administered through the New York State Education Department.

Additional support is provided by the New York City Center for Economic Opportunity; Altman Foundation; Funding from the Mayor's Young Men's Initiative administered through the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development;

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Major support for the Library's adult literacy, English



# We Preserve Knowledge

The New York Public Library's world-renowned collections have served as a deep well of information to all users for more than a century. Today, the Library continues to build upon our ongoing commitment to preserving the past through new important acquisitions and increased digital access.

# **Notable Acquisitions**

Last year, the Library made remarkable additions to its research collections, ensuring their continued prominence and relevance for future generations. In spring 2017, the Library's Music Division acquired the personal archives of music icon Lou Reed, which was celebrated with special pop-up displays and a series of events at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building and the Library for the Performing Arts. The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture acquired the papers of writer

James Baldwin and the archives of jazz legend Sonny Rollins. To celebrate these and other important acquisitions, the Library opened a new exhibition in the fall of 2017 at the Schwarzman Building, What's New? Recent Acquisitions, which ran through February 2018 and featured other highlights, such as the set design for the musical In the Heights.

# **Digital Collections**

Along with broadening our collections, we are also committed to assuring their preservation

and expanding online access to both our research and circulating collections. This year, we completed a major effort to digitize more than 68,000 pages of Early American manuscripts, thanks to support from The Polonsky Foundation, making them available to researchers from around the world. Meanwhile, we continued to reach new audiences with our free e-reader app SimplyE, including through the Subway Library campaign, a major partnership with the MTA that brought free library e-books to commuters.



# ENSURING NEW ACQUISITIONS

The Library's renowned collections will continue to expand for the next generation of researchers thanks to a \$15 million gift in May 2017 from **Library Trustee Kathy Rayner**. The gift establishes the Katharine J. Rayner Fund for Special Collections, allowing the Library to continue to acquire historic archives and rare books.

Support for The New York Public Library's Exhibitions Program has been provided by Celeste Bartos, Sue and Edgar Wachenheim III, Mahnaz Ispahani Bartos and Adam Bartos Exhibitions Fund, Jonathan Altman, and the continuing generosity of Miriam and Ira D. Wallach. The James Baldwin Papers were acquired through the generosity of the Ford Foundation, Katharine J. Rayner, James and Morag Anderson, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and New York Life. Support for processing has been provided by the Arcus Foundation.

Digitization of the Early American Collection was made possible by a lead gift from The Polonsky Foundation.

# Libraries Build Community



Libraries are for everyone—and so are our buildings. To meet the growing and ever-changing need for the Library's services, we must continuously invest in our 92 locations, from research centers to neighborhood branches, to ensure they are modern, accessible, and welcoming spaces for all.

# Strong Libraries, Strong Neighborhoods

Our neighborhood libraries serve as essential community centers and engines of opportunity for an ever-growing array of users. Yet, many of our buildings are more than 100 years old, or have suffered from decades of insufficient public investment, which means that capital improvements must be a top priority.

To that end, the Library is in the midst of an unprecedented capital investment in our branches thanks to both private support and the historic increase in City funding for the city's three library systems in FY16. At NYPL, this reinvestment will bring full renovations in the coming years at five historic "Carnegie" branches—Melrose and Hunts Point in the Bronx, Fort Washington and 125th Street in Manhattan, and Port Richmond in Staten Island.

Other major new renovations include Woodstock Library in the Bronx, which reopened in May 2017 after a multiyear restoration. Improvements to the more

"Now more than ever, our branch is a core community hub thanks to these improvements."

—Corey Rodriguez, Library Manager Woodstock Library, Bronx

than 100-year-old library—one of the first Carnegies—included expanded programming space, a larger children's area, and a new teen space, along with technology and accessibility upgrades.

# New Chapter at the Schomburg Center

In October 2017, NYPL proudly announced the completion of a \$22 million renovation at the Schomburg Center in Harlem. With an updated facade, auditorium, and shop, plus a new gallery space and updated reading rooms, the Schomburg is now better equipped than ever to serve as a vital research and community center for future generations.



# A NEW MIDTOWN LIBRARY

NYPL's largest circulating branch, Mid-Manhattan Library, is getting a full renovation—and a new name. In September 2017, the Library announced a \$55 million gift from the **Stavros Niarchos Foundation** that will make possible a major renovation of the busy but aging branch. The location closed for the project in August, with interim services available at the Schwarzman Building. It will reopen in 2020 with a new name: The Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library.

Capital projects at The New York Public Library are made possible by the generous support of elected officials at the city, state, and federal levels. For more information, visit: nypl.org/capitalprojects

The Schomburg Renovation is generously supported through capital funding by Mayor Bill de Blasio, City Council Speaker

Melissa Mark-Viverito, NYS Assembly Member Inez Dickens (former City Council Member), former Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, the New York State Education Department, the Ford Foundation, Citi and Carver Federal Savings Bank.

The renovation of the Mid-Manhattan Library is made possible with generous private and public support from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Mayor Bill de Blasio, The City Council Speaker, The New York City Council, and The Manhattan Borough President.

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In February 2017, the Library launched The Library After Hours, a free monthly event that invites patrons to experience the Schwarzman Building in a new and vibrant way and to explore collection items on the evening's theme.

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Speakers (from left to right) Paul Muldoon, Kevin Young, Jorie Graham, and Robert Pinsky discussed the enduring power of poetry at the 2017 Library Lunch.

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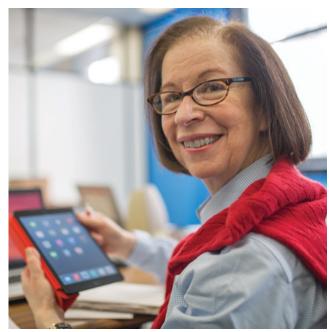
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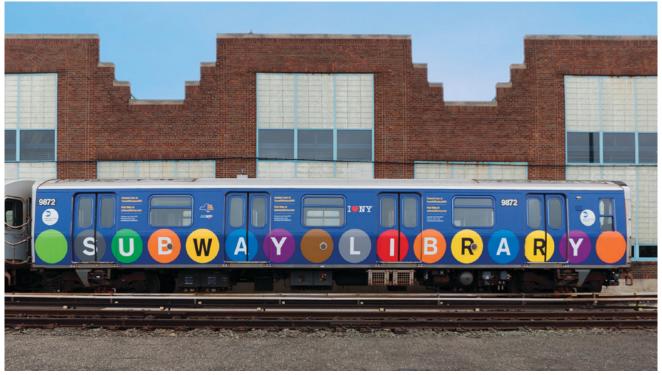
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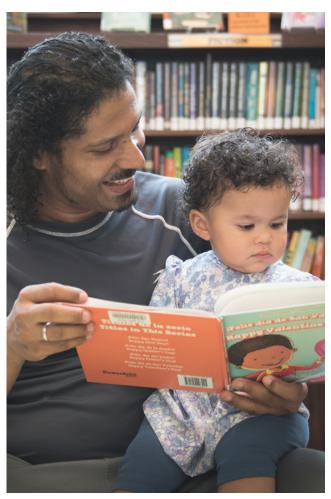
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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER



Iris Weinshall

During the past year The New York Public Library has continued to uphold its commitment to serving the needs of all New Yorkers. Fiscal year 2017 brought with it noteworthy financial milestones, all of which made it possible for the Library to continue to welcome in the millions who rely on our services, programs, and materials in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

In FY17, the Library hosted more than 17 million visits, circulated almost 24 million items, and exceeded 2 million in program attendance. We are thankful for the support of our City, State, and Federal elected officials—whose continued support of capital projects in 2017 made it possible for us to make key upgrades and provide our patrons with the spaces they deserve—and for the outpouring of support we received from the community for our spring advocacy campaign, mounted in collaboration with the Brooklyn and Queens library systems.

In pursuit of our mission to support the needs of all who call our city home, here are just a few examples of programs and collections that we expanded this year:

- Early literacy program attendance grew nearly 105% over the year prior. This came as the result of strengthening the Library's priorities and expanding early literacy programming to nearly every branch in the city.
- Technology training attendance rose to 124,274 attendees, a 27% increase over the prior year.
- We are now the third largest provider in the city of ESOL classes and have seen a 500% increase in enrollment since fiscal year 2013.
- The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture acquired the personal archive of author James Baldwin, including handwritten letters and unpublished works.

It is because of the Library's strong financial standing in FY17 that these programs and acquisitions are possible. As of June 30, 2017, net assets were \$1.448 billion (vs. \$1.263 billion on June 30, 2016), reflecting an increase of \$185 million, or 15%. The increase in net assets over the most recent five-year period is 51%. The market value of our endowment on June 30, 2017, stood at \$1.181 billion. Long-term debt outstanding on June 30, 2017, was \$185 million, repayable as a 30-year bullet. Both Moody's and Standard and Poor's have recently affirmed the strength of the Library's credit rating.

As The New York Public Library continues to welcome all New Yorkers with open arms, we will also continue to grow our educational programs and reinforce our role as a source of opportunity for all. As always, strong management of our financial resources is vital to ensure we can continue to serve our patrons. We are grateful for the generosity of our donors and Board of Trustees, and for the support of our community, all of whom helped make 2017 a year of unparalleled impact at the Library.

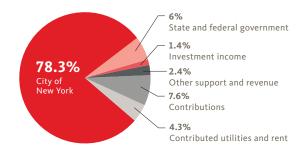
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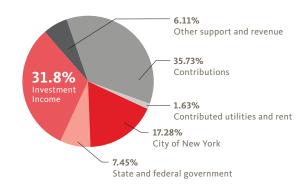
#### 1. BRANCH LIBRARY REVENUES

(\$186,318,000)



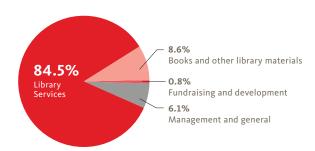
#### 2. RESEARCH LIBRARY REVENUES

(\$154,698,000)



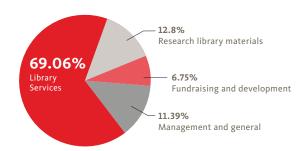
#### 3. BRANCH LIBRARY EXPENSES

(\$189,350,000)



#### 4. RESEARCH LIBRARY EXPENSES

(\$129,822,000)



#### **5. CHANGE IN ENDOWMENT**

(IN MILLIONS)

Market values as of June 30, 2017\*



<sup>\*</sup>Excludes real estate investment used in operations

## **BALANCE SHEET**

JUNE 30, 2017

OUSANDS OF DOLLARS	FY17	FY16
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$150,895	\$35,553
Government and other receivables	71,799	53,119
Contributions receivable, net	57,850	25,977
Other assets	7,878	6,888
Funds held by others	4,970	10,326
Investments	1,223,665	1,126,644
Real estate investment used in operations	1,084	1,084
Fixed assets, net	395,062	377,187
Collections		-
Total assets	\$1,913,203	\$1,636,778
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$90,067	\$86,496
Deferred revenue	4,184	4,309
Note payable, net	6,560	6,495
Financing obligation	93,252	-
Bonds payable, net	183,669	183,622
Accrued postretirement benefits	86,633	92,125
Total liabilities	464,365	373,047
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	606,021	533,336
Temporarily restricted	392,993	285,344
Permanently restricted	449,824	445,051
Total net assets	1,448,838	1,263,731
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,913,203	\$1,636,778

## **FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

JUNE 30, 2017

IOUSANDS OF DOLLARS		FY16
OPERATING REVENUES		
City of New York	\$172,702	\$168,016
State of New York	20,739	20,278
Federal government	2,013	1,935
Contributed utilities and rent	10,624	9,787
Private contributions and grants	69,376	36,435
Investment return appropriated for spending	51,726	49,683
Fines, royalties, and other revenue	13,836	14,365
Total operating revenues	341,016	300,499
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Library services	265,678	260,150
Fundraising and membership development	10,215	10,700
Management and general	26,315	26,832
Total operating expenses	302,208	297,682
Additions to research collections	16,621	15,053
Total operating expenses and additions to research collections	318,829	312,735
Transfers of designated nonoperating funds	2,826	3,751
Change in net assets from operating activities, before loss on disposal of fixed assets	25,013	(8,485)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets, net	-	(2,012)
Change in net assets from operating activities	25,013	(10,497)
NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES		
	12.150	0.750
Endowment contributions and funds designated for long-term investment	12,159	9,750
Appropriations and contributions for capital  Depreciation and amortization	38,898	22,407
Investment return, net of amounts appropriated	(23,399) (127,312)	(23,028) (100,384)
Postretirement benefits changes other than net periodic benefit cost	7,950	12,366
Transfers of designated nonoperating funds	(2,826)	(3,751)
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	160,094	(82,640)
Change in net assets  Change in net assets	185,107	(93,137)
Change in net assets	105,107	(121,127)
Net assets at beginning of year	1,263,731	1,356,868
Net assets at end of year	\$1,448,838	\$1,263,731

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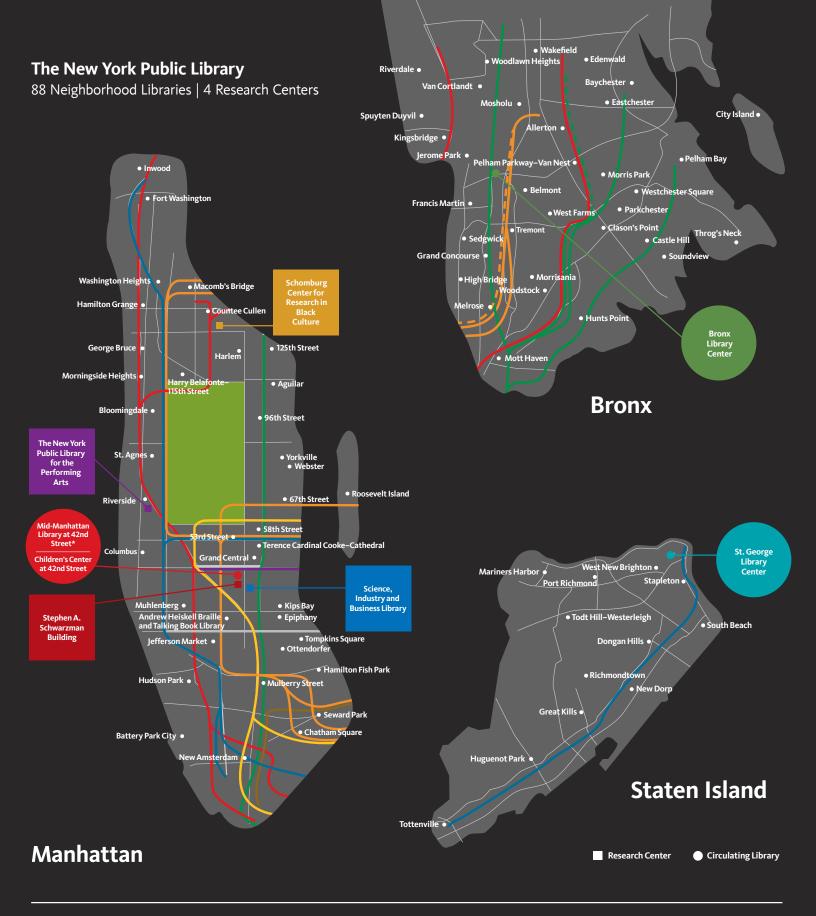
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