

Libraries Bring Us Together





We have inherited this incredible institution because people who came before us cared enough to invest in our collective life and our public life.

Eric Klinenberg, speaking at Jefferson Market Library last year

Klinenberg is the author of Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life.



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PRESIDENT



Evan R. Chesler



Anthony W. Marx

In this increasingly polarized and partisan world, there is no doubt that libraries are more important than ever. Since our founding in 1895—on the radical principle of free and open access to books, knowledge, and opportunity—The New York Public Library has played an essential role in making real our common aspirations.

As we celebrate the Library's 125th anniversary throughout 2020, we are renewing our commitment to ensuring access to learning and opportunity for all and to truth, respect, and civility.

The past year has demonstrated the Library's remarkable role in bringing together New York City's neighborhoods. In 2019, we welcomed even more people into the Library community, increasing new library card sign-ups by more than 20 percent. Two million people attended NYPL programs this year, including everything from toddler storytimes to English language learning classes to research center open houses. And the Library in turn went out into our communities, expanding our reach with more than 14,000 school visits. We also renewed our commitment to our physical spaces: Van Cortlandt Library got a new, modern home with twice as much space for patrons, and we broke ground on a new branch in Charleston on Staten Island.

There is simply no other public institution that does so much for so many—while serving as a cornerstone of our civil society. As author Eric Klinenberg, who spoke at the Library last year, has noted, libraries are an irreplaceable part of our "social infrastructure." Libraries make democracy possible by bringing people together, ensuring open access to information, and fostering strong communities.

That is why we are so thankful for supporters like you, who believe in our work and make possible all that we do for so many. We thank you for the important role you play in ensuring the Library can continue to pursue its mission for another 125 years—and well beyond.

Evan R. Chesler Chairman

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Anthony W. Marx President

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

In today's environment, it has never been more vital to connect people to accurate information and provide them with reliable resources. The Library is proud to support and strengthen our communities, bring people together, and create spaces where everyone feels welcome.

EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS

Providing individuals with unfettered access to information and opportunity is one of the greatest ways to empower and engage them. That's why education for all is the centerpiece of our mission, whether we're getting people career-ready, teaching them tech, or connecting them to other critical skills. In 2019, the Library served more than 141,000 attendees at our English for Speakers of Other Languages classes. We also helped more than 6,000 people on their path to U.S. citizenship and shared free resources and information for many more in our New Americans Corners.

Outreach to underrepresented audiences is another key way we're empowering people across our city. From making hundreds of visits to senior centers and homeless shelters to creating helpful materials in seven languages, the Library connects individuals of all backgrounds to our important resources and to each other.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Throughout the year, we work to inspire our patrons to become civically engaged. That's why every branch participated in National Voter Registration Day in September 2019, a vital step in supporting our democracy. The Library is also playing an important role in the spring of 2020 in promoting the U.S. Census, encouraging New Yorkers to be counted so their neighborhoods receive the support they need. Our libraries are vital for connecting our patrons with the important resources and information they need to support and strengthen their local communities.

During our annual Advocacy campaign last spring, we once again invited patrons to sign

Major support for Adult Education & Programs is provided by the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development; Arthur W. Koenig; The JPB Foundation; the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II funding administered letters to the City in support of their local branch library. The successful 2019 campaign brought in more than 100,000 letters from the community in print and online, which resulted in an additional \$33 million in critical funding for the city's three library systems in FY20.

93%

of New Yorkers agree that libraries are essential to NYC communities, based on a poll conducted last spring

through the New York State Education Department; Stavros Niarchos Foundation; The Pasculano Foundation; and Lisa and Jeff Blau, with additional support from Bank of America and Wiley.

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



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

During our successful Advocacy campaign last spring—which proudly declared "Libraries Make NYC Stronger"—more than 100,000 people signed letters in support of libraries.

EXPANDING LITERACY

Since its founding in 1895, The New York Public Library has been a standard-bearer for reading and literacy. Whether we're supporting our youngest learners or adults just discovering the transformative power of books, we are committed to spreading a love of reading across our city—and the world.

MORE PEOPLE

Throughout 2019, the Library was particularly focused on renewing our commitment to engaging more people by spreading the power of reading. That's because we know libraries and literacy are key to leveling the playing field. To that end, we made library cards a key priority and succeeded in increasing new NYPL cardholders by 23 percent in FY19.

Engaging new patrons also means strengthening connections with our local communities through expanded outreach and increased awareness. For example, in FY19, NYPL librarians brought more than 14,000 school outreach programs to kids and teens in order to ensure all students have access to the Library's resources.

Another new initiative designed to attract new users to the Library

was our first-ever Big Playdate at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building. Held in May 2019, the event brought together more than 600 young kids and their caregivers to learn how the Library can support children's early learning and development.

READING MORE

But bringing people into the Library is only the first step. It is also vital to ensure our patrons develop a lifelong love of reading and learning. We know that literacy begins at birth, and that is why the Library remains committed to offering robust early literacy programming, with nearly 30,000 programs held in FY19.

Meanwhile, our annual Summer Reading program, which promotes the importance of libraries to combat "summer slide" when children are out of school, last

Major support for youth education is provided by Arthur W. Koenig; Stavros Niarchos Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Barakett Endowment for Children's and Young Adult Programs and Services; Lisa and Jeff Blau; The Hearst Foundation, Inc.; the Institute of Museum and Library Services; The Lisa E. Javitch Early Literacy Initiative; The Pinkerton Foundation; the year reached 375,000 attendees at programs across the city. Lastly, adult patrons can access book groups, expert recommendations, and literacy classes, through which the Library connects—and reconnects—them with the power of reading.

14K

Library outreach programs were held in schools in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island last year

Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation; the Gray Foundation; The Joseph H. Flom Foundation; New York Life Foundation; Viking Global Foundation; the E.H.A. Foundation; HBO; and HSBC Bank USA; with additional support through City's First Readers, an initiative made possible with funding from the New York City Council.

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



EXPANDING LITERACY

The Library plays an essential role in supporting children of all ages and their families to help them develop a lifelong love of reading.

FOSTERING **KNOWLEDGE**

In a time when information and facts are paramount, the Library's research centers remain beacons of knowledge and creativity. Our ever-growing collections inspire new and future researchers, while playing a critical role in encouraging open discourse and shared understanding.

EXPANDING ACCESS

As we look toward the Library's 125th anniversary, we are strengthening our long-held commitment to collecting and preserving the past for the next generation of researchers. As shown in our new exhibition Made at NYPL, on view at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, countless works are created using the Library's vast collectionsworks that then go on to inspire even more future creators.

To further support this continuous cycle of inspiration and creation, this past fall the Library opened the Center for Research in the Humanities, also at the Schwarzman Building. This renewed space offers expanded access to our myriad resources, plus programs introducing the

LPA gratefully acknowledges the leadership support of Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman. Additional support for

collections and offering guidance on how to begin doing research.

THE PAST IS PRESENT

Meanwhile, across our research centers, exhibitions displaying highlights from our collections added to contemporary conversations. Visitors were invited to honor world-class Broadway producer Hal Prince at the Library for the Performing Arts, celebrate Harlem at the Schomburg Center, and reflect on Stonewall's 50th anniversary at the Schwarzman Building. We are also marking the centennial of J.D. Salinger's birth with a new exhibition, on view through January 2020, featuring items from his personal archive never before seen by the public.

Looking ahead, the Library continues to lay the foundation

Schomburg Center programs and exhibitions are supported in part by the City of New York; the State of New York; the

for its first-ever permanent exhibition—the Polonsky Exhibition of The New York Public Library's Treasures—which will open in late 2020 in the Schwarzman Building and feature significant highlights from the collections.

1.7M attendees visited

exhibitions at our research locations over the past year

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 Miriam and Ira D. Wallach. Major support of Love & Resistance: Stonewall 50 and related programming is provided by The New York Community Trust, Hermes Mallea and Carey Maloney, and the is provided by Time Warner and the Magnus Hirschfeld Endowment Fund. J.D. Salinger is presented in collaboration with the J.D. Salinger Literary Trust.

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A Ballad for Harlem is part of the Schomburg Center's Home to Harlem initiative, highlighting materials and collections that tell the stories of those for whom the neighborhood has both personal and cultural significance. The exhibition is sponsored in part by the New York State Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus, and with exhibition and corresponding public programs sponsored in part by Gucci, and the publication, Dapper Dan's Harlem



FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE

In July, visitors flocked to the Schwarzman Building to view the Library's original copy of the Declaration of Independence, written in Thomas Jefferson's hand.

PUSHING BOUNDARIES

The New York Public Library continues to bring our mission, core services, and collections to new audiences in creative and innovative ways—whether we're popping up in Times Square, changing the way people see books and e-books, or rolling down a block near you.

INNOVATION

Throughout the year, the Library continued to seek new ways to expand awareness and attract new audiences. During Library Card Sign-Up Month in September, we partnered with Morgan Stanley to bring our message to the heart of Times Square by using their oversized digital screens to invite millions of passersby to discover the power of their local public library.

We also garnered widespread attention around the world last year through a major Black Friday campaign, both online and in *The New York Times*, that announced "All Books Are Free." Meanwhile, our successful fivepart Insta Novels project, which launchedin 2018 and reached millions of viewers on Instagram, went onto win in three categories of the Webby Awards in 2019.

EXPANSION

Across our service area, the Library continually invests in our physical infrastructure to expand our reach and impact. In July, we opened the new Van Cortlandt Library in the Bronx, more than doubling the branch's size. We've also broken ground on two new library buildings: Roosevelt Island and Charleston on Staten Island.

Our new central circulating branch—the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library—will open in spring 2020 and feature eight stories of offerings for all ages, including a rooftop terrace and event space. In the digital realm, we've also launched a major digital infrastructure initiative to ensure we can continue to collect, preserve, and support our growing online collections. We also grew our presence in our communities by rolling out the first of three new Bookmobiles. These mobile libraries create a new model for reaching our audiences and offering continuous service during branch renovations.

100K

web users visited nypl.org during the first three days of our Black Friday library card campaign

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



PUSHING BOUDARIES

From Times Square to the pages of *The New York Times*, the Library popped up in many unexpected places this year as a way to build awareness and attract new audiences.

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At the Library's 19th annual Young Lions Fiction Award, (from left) Laura van den Berg, Akwaeke Emezi, Nana Kwame Adjeh-Brenyah, Pooch Hall, Ali Ewoldt, Ling Ma, wo won for her book *Severance*, Delissa Reynolds, Anna Chlumsky, Isaac Fitzgerald, and Jelani Alladin all participated in the June 2019 celebration.

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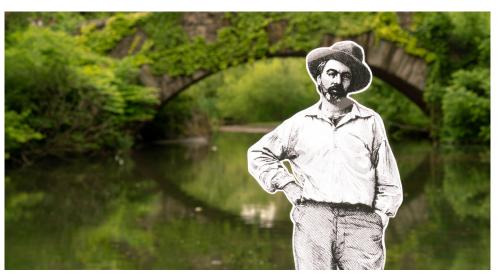
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The Library mounted a major exhibition at the Schwarzman Building in spring 2019, Love & Resistance: Stonewall 50, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots of 1969, which launched a new era of LGBTQ activism. The exhibition's theme extended to programs, events, and talks throughout the season.

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The Library remains committed to ensuring all students have access to the Library's resources, which is why in FY19, our librarians brought more than 14,000 outreach programs to schools in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island.



In July 2019, the Library opened a new, larger Van Cortlandt Library—more than twice the size of the former building, including dedicated areas for kids and teens.

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As part of our renewed commitment to engaging more people, the Library succeeded in increasing new NYPL cardholders by 23 percent in FY19.



Beginning in October and on view through January 2020, the Library's new exhibition J.D. Salinger presents a rare glimpse into the life and work of the author, featuring never-before-seen manuscripts, letters, photographs, books, and personal effects drawn exclusively from Salinger's archive.

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Thanks to support from Library users of all ages, the City invested an additional \$33 million in expense funding for all three public library systems, allowing us to continue to provide essential services amid rising costs.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER



Iris Weinshall

It has never been more important for all people to have access to information and knowledge, and libraries have never been more necessary. The New York Public Library is a uniting force in our communities, as people from all walks of life come together across our 92 locations to borrow books, attend free programs, conduct research, and learn new things.

With over 16 million visitors and circulation passing 21 million, the Library's FY19 usage remained strong. Our robust calendar of events across the system included over 100,000 programs attended by a total of 2 million people. This year saw many other exciting developments at the Library, including:

- An increase in the number of new library cardholders in FY19 who are already enthusiastically borrowing materials and using our resources
- Capital improvements completed at several branches, including Van Cortlandt Library, which opened in its new, larger location in July 2019
- A system-wide celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, which encompassed a large exhibition at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, community events, and engaging programs at branches

Our continuing track record of strong financials is what makes this remarkable work possible. As of June 30, 2019, net assets were \$1.597 billion (vs. \$1.545 billion on June 30, 2018), reflecting an increase of \$52 million, or 3%. The increase in net assets over the most recent five-year period is 33%. The market value of our endowment on June 30, 2019, stood at \$1.281 billion. Long-term debt outstanding on June 30, 2019, was \$185 million. Additionally NYPL received an upgraded rating from Moody's and maintains a strong credit rating with Standard and Poor's. We also welcomed our new Chief Financial Officer Shannon Sharp, under whose stewardship the Library is maintaining our strong financial performance.

But financials are only one part of the story. Our successful 2019 spring Advocacy campaign with the Brooklyn and Queens library systems demonstrated the importance of our libraries to the city, with thousands of New Yorkers voicing their support through letters and online notes. The support of our City, State, and Federal elected officials this year ensured the Library can continue to offer our important services to our communities and maintain our physical locations.

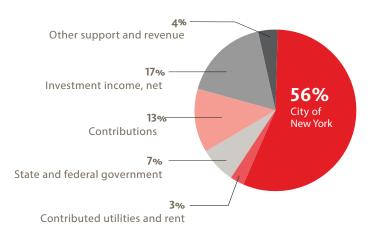
By maintaining our strong financial position, we maintain the Library as a beacon of community, hub of civic engagement, and bastion of knowledge openly available to all. We are grateful for the generosity of our donors and Board of Trustees and the support of our worldwide community as we look forward to 2020 and beyond.

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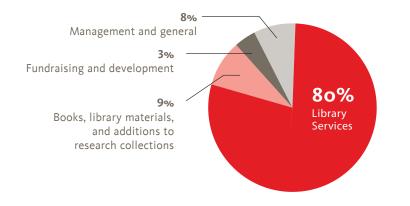
Iris Weinshall Treasurer, The New York Public Library

FINANCIAL FIGURES

1. OPERATING REVENUES (\$325,440,000)



2. OPERATING EXPENSES (\$312,842,000)



3. CHANGE IN ENDOWMENT (IN MILLIONS)

Market values as of June 30*



*Excludes real estate investment used in operations

Underlying data for figures 1–3 obtained from audited financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2019

OUSANDS OF DOLLARS	FY19	FY18
ACCETC		
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$115,263	\$134,790
Government and other receivables	153,632	95,337
Contributions receivable, net	47,881	60,043
Other assets	8,475	7,290
Funds held by others	4,151	4,195
Investments	1,300,403	1,312,477
Fixed assets, net	493,127	420,322
Collections		
Total assets	\$2,122,932	\$2,034,454
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$97,719	\$88,652
Deferred revenue	42,796	31,274
Notes payable, net	7,163	7,099
Financing obligation	102,364	97,808
Bonds payable, net	183,764	183,717
Accrued postretirement benefits	92,582	81,061
Total liabilities	526,388	489,611
NET ASSETS		
Net assets without donor restrictions	629,883	648,927
Net assets with donor restrictions	966,661	895,916
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Total net assets	1,596,544	1,544,843
Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,122,932	\$2,034,454

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

JUNE 30, 2019

OUSANDS OF DOLLARS	FY19	FY18
OPERATING REVENUES		
City of New York	\$181,934	\$175,356
State of New York	21,018	21,312
Federal government	716	1,344
Contributed utilities and rent	9,395	10,266
Private contributions and grants	41,718	47,388
Investment return appropriated for spending	54,999	51,884
Fines, royalties, and other revenue	15,660	14,740
Total operating revenues	325,440	322,290
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Branch library services	174,603	183,163
Research library services and library-wide programs	87,670	83,069
Total program services	262,273	266,232
Fundraising and membership development	10,895	10,637
Management and general	25,372	26,258
Total operating expenses	298,540	303,127
Additions to research collections	14,302	12,134
Total operating expenses and additions to research collections	312,842	315,261
Change in net assets from operating activities	12,598	7,029
Endowment contributions and funds designated for long-term investment	7,600	17,480
Appropriations and contributions for capital	81,504	27,664
Depreciation	(22,401)	(22,189)
Investment return, net of amounts appropriated	(15,523)	60,758
Postretirement benefits changes other than net periodic benefit cost	(11,085)	7,024
Net periodic benefit cost other than service cost	(992)	(1,761)
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	39,103	88,976
Change in net assets	51,701	96,005
Net assets at beginning of year	1,544,843	1,448,838
Net assets at end of year	\$1,596,544	\$1,544,843

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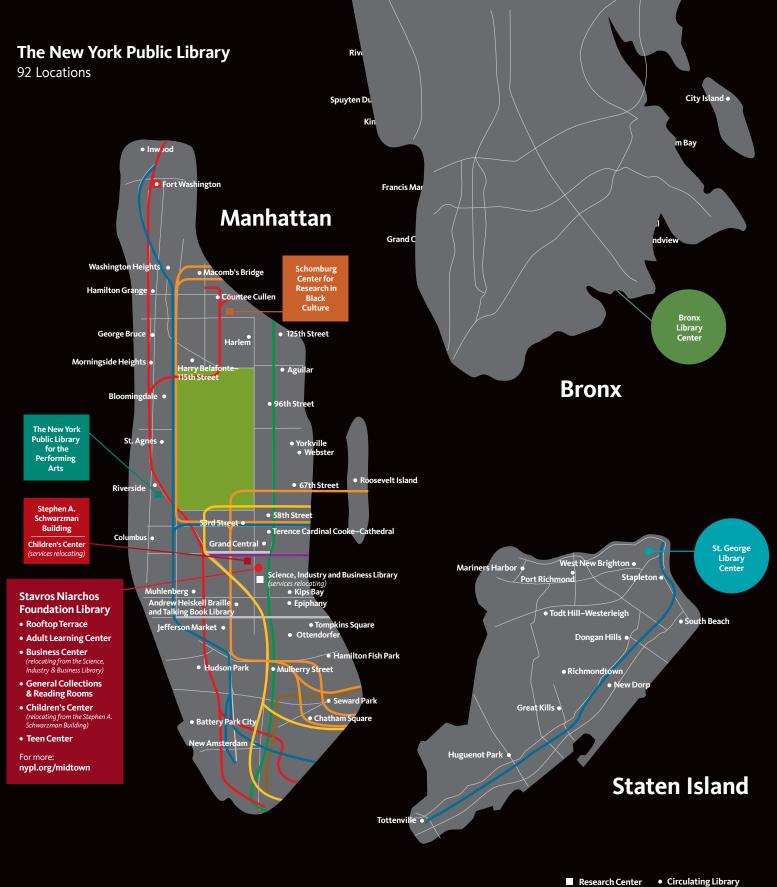
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"If at any time in the judgment of the Trustees of the Library, the designated purpose of this bequest proves to be impracticable or impossible, I authorize the Trustees to use the income and principal of this bequest for any purpose they deem to be consistent with the general intent and purpose set forth herein."

Should you decide to leave a bequest to the Library in your will, you will become a member of the Library's honorary legacy society, created to recognize the generosity of those individuals who include this institution in their estate plans. The Library expresses its gratitude to members during their lifetime by inviting them to special events and by listing their names on donor publications, unless they prefer to remain anonymous.

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