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Libraries Make Us Stronger





The Library supported me during tough times. It was there to help me feel less lonely after moving to a new country, to help me learn English, to get into college—and now grad school.

Zaira Hernandez, 25 Chatham Square Library, Manhattan



The New York Public Library

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PRESIDENT



Evan R. Chesler



Anthony W. Marx

The New York Public Library has made free and open access to knowledge a cornerstone of our mission since our founding in 1895.

At its core, the Library exists to make ideas and opportunities available to all, improve lives, and strengthen communities.

The unfettered information the Library offers empowers people and communities to reach their full potential. That's why this year we renewed our focus on the strategic goal of getting More People Reading More. The first step in creating a culture of reading is making sure all people have equal access to books and other reading materials. By encouraging New Yorkers to tap into the knowledge within our millions of books and research items, we're helping them expand their minds, access new opportunities, and continue on the path to success.

Beyond our bookshelves, expanding knowledge at the Library takes many forms—classes, exhibitions, hands-on training. Our continued investment in our early literacy programs has made a monumental impact on the lives of our city's children, with attendance more than doubling in the last three years. Meanwhile, our ESOL classes, technology training, and citizenship programs help thousands each year gain the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in our fast-changing world. And at our research centers, new and renovated spaces, expert curators, and expanded collections provide scholars with vital materials and sources for their research.

The Library is also pursuing innovative ways to expand our reach. Launched in 2018, the Culture Pass program opens doors to New York City's premier museums, making them freely accessible to anyone with a library card. In the digital realm, we're engaging with patrons in the palm of their hands, whether they're experiencing classic novels through our popular Insta Novels project on Instagram or reading e-books on our free e-reader app, SimplyE.

No matter how patrons engage with the Library, all who walk through our doors deserve an equal opportunity to grow, learn, and advance. It's thanks to our generous supporters that we're able to best support and strengthen our communities in today's changing world. What could be more powerful than that.

Evan R. Chesler

Chairman

Anthony W. Marx

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ACCESS IS POWER

At a time when misinformation is rampant and inequality is on the rise, the Library aims to provide even more New Yorkers with open access to knowledge and opportunity. This allows them to discover new skills, stay civically engaged, and become more involved with their communities.

WELCOMING NEW PATRONS

Library cards are the key to unlocking the boundless resources The New York Public Library offers. That's why in 2018, the Library made increasing library card signups, particularly among underserved communities, a major pillar of our strategic priority to get More People Reading More.

To accomplish this goal, in fall 2018 we launched a major library card drive that lasted for more than a month and featured two citywide events: back-to-school Open Houses and Voter Registration Day. These initiatives drove patrons to sign up for new cards—they also connected both new and existing library users to the essential resources and materials they need to achieve success and become more involved in their communities.

As part of these efforts, the Library also released a special

edition library card in late
October 2018 featuring the
message "Knowledge Is Power."
During a season of polarizing
public discourse, the limitedrun card aimed to reinforce the
Library's values while attracting
new audiences. And it worked.
Widespread press and social media
attention helped bring in more
than 2,300 online library card
signups on the first day alone,
more than four times the daily
average.

TARGETED OUTREACH

The new card is just one way the Library seeks to bring the power of libraries to communities who need them most—including new immigrants, seniors, and lowincome families.

For immigrants in particular, the Library further expanded its already robust language and citizenship offerings to ensure they could access free legal services if needed in these turbulent times. Through partnerships with the Immigrant Justice Corps and other providers, the Library was able to help connect more than 500 immigrants with free support for citizenship and immigration status issues last year.

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ACCESS IS POWER

Over the past year, the Library has expanded its outreach to and services for new immigrants and other underserved communities.

EDUCATION IS POWER

Since its founding, the Library has been committed to leveling the playing field by providing equal opportunity to all New Yorkers—for free. From literacy workshops for all ages to English classes to tech training and help for job seekers, the path to success starts here.

OPENING DOORS

The Library believes that no matter the circumstances—age, income, birthplace, or background—everyone should have equal access to education. That's why we're holding strong in our commitment to the core educational programs that help our patrons of all ages thrive.

Early literacy programs at the Library are at an all-time high, with attendance growing by 154% over the last three years. Research shows that childhood literacy and reading engagement are leading predictors of future success. That's why the Library continues to expand its educational offerings for children and teens while deepening our ties to the Department of Education to become a primary partner in helping young New

Yorkers achieve reading and literacy success.

The Library's educational programs for adults also remain a priority and are key to ensuring equal access to opportunity. These offerings include hands-on computer training, career readiness, and workforce development, as well as our free English language classes and conversation groups—which together grew last year to 36,000 visits.

BUILDING BRIDGES

In May of 2018, we further expanded our commitment to access by opening a new library at the Manhattan Detention Center. With more than 1,400 books and magazines, it is the second NYPL library installed in an NYC correctional facility, following the

opening of a library on Rikers Island in 2016.

This is an important milestone in an ongoing partnership with the Department of Corrections—and marks progress toward ensuring that all people, especially those most in need, have equal opportunities.

788K
visits were made to early literacy

programs by kids

& families last year

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

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EDUCATION IS POWER

Educational program attendance at the Library is at an all-time high, helping patrons of all ages learn, grow, and achieve success.

RESEARCH IS POWER

The Library has played a vital role in preservation and the creation of knowledge for nearly 125 years. From major acquisitions to world-class exhibitions, our collections inspire scholars and visitors from around the world—and pave the way for the next generation of researchers.

A FONT OF INSPIRATION

The Library's renowned research collections hold endless discoveries for scholars and researchers, while our exhibitions allow us to engage new audiences from around the world.

Throughout 2018, as part of a citywide celebration of the era, we honored the 1960s through *You Say You Want a Revolution*, a major exhibition at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building that ran through the summer. Featuring photographs, manuscripts, and political ephemera, the exhibition showcased the power of political engagement.

Meanwhile, exhibitions hosted at the Library's Schomburg Center and the Library for the Performing Arts explored the power of artistic engagement. These include a show on the legacy of choreographer Jerome Robbins, on display at the Library for the Performing Arts through March 2019.

EXPANDED ACCESS

The Library extended its reach through key partnerships and new acquisitions, including the manuscript of *The Autobiography* of Malcolm X, which joined the Schomburg Center's archives in July of 2018. Plus in 2017, the Library dramatically expanded its research collections through its Shared Collection Catalog in partnership with Columbia and Princeton. Library patrons can now use their NYPL card to request millions of items from these prestigious libraries and have them delivered for free use within our research libraries.

In the fall of 2018, the Library signed an agreement with the Bibliothèque nationale de France to preserve and make accessible materials related to cultural heritage. This partnership is a step toward better understanding and preserving our shared heritage.

research items from private universities are now available to NYPL cardholders

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

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INNOVATION IS POWER

The New York Public Library is a laboratory for innovation, offering creative new ways to propel New Yorkers into the future. As the world changes, the Library evolves with it, whether transforming how we provide core services or reinventing ways to showcase the power of reading.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

As part of our commitment to getting More People Reading More, the Library has refocused our services and resources to ensure we remain a vibrant catalyst for new ideas.

Alongside traditional circulation, the Library continues to expand digital offerings. This includes Kanopy, the free video streaming service launched in 2017, as well as our ongoing investment in e-books and in SimplyE, the Library's free e-reader app. More than 5 million total e-materials circulated in FY18, with e-audiobooks growing the fastest at a 27% increase.

As the needs of our patrons change in countless ways, the Library strives to meet them. Through our new Culture Pass program, cardholders can now reserve free passes to more

than 40 museums and cultural institutions—which sparked a surge in library card signups when it was announced in July 2018. In addition, through a pilot branch program, young adults can now borrow neckties, briefcases, and more for job interviews—all for free.

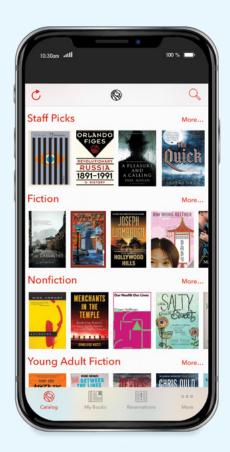
MORE PEOPLE READING MORE

Over the past year, the Library explored new ways to put the power of books and reading in the spotlight. With 1.4 million downloads, our pair of free podcasts—*Library Talks* and *The Librarian Is In*—deliver thoughtful literary content and bring ever more listeners into the Library's community.

In the fall of 2018, we pioneered a new format for telling stories in the social media age. Called New York Public Library Insta Novels, the project features vibrant renditions of full-length classics, such as *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, complete with animated covers and text. Insta Novels garnered worldwide attention and transformed a space known for fleeting interactions into one for immersive reading.

26K

free museum
passes were booked
by NYPL patrons
in the first four
months of Culture
Pass









INNOVATION IS POWER

The New York Public Library spotlights reading and engages patrons in many ways, from e-books and museum passes to podcasts and social media.

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School librarian Roseanna Gulisano, from PS 11 in the Bronx (second from left), received the Brooke Rusell Astor Award at the 2018 Spring Dinner. She was joined by Library President Tony Marx (left), Library Chairman Evan Chesler (right), and New York City Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza (second from right).

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As a part of our dedication to increasing civic engagement, the Library participated in National Voter Registration Day in September 2018, with booths at all 88 branches that helped eligible patrons register to vote.

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NAMED ENDOWMENT FUNDS



This past fall, the Library explored how the legacy of Anna Atkins influenced modern art with a show of 19 contemporary artists who were inspired by Atkins's cyanotypes. This companion exhibition, *Anna Atkins Refracted: Contemporary Works*, appeared at the Schwarzman Building.

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NYPL named radio host Angela Yee (center) a Library Ambassador in 2018 in recognition of her passion for promoting reading and books to young people.

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In 2018, the Schomburg Center acquired the full archive of actor–activists Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, spanning their nearly 60-year relationship.

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In honor of Jerome Robbins' centennial, the fall exhibition *Voice of My City: Jerome Robbins and New York* at the Library for Performing Arts examined his deep relationship with the city and its inhabitants, including how New York City influenced his work as a dancer, choreographer, and artist.

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In October 2018, the Library broke ground on Roosevelt Island for a new library building. The updated Roosevelt Island branch will have more community space, a children's room, and technology upgrades.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER



Iris Weinshall

Here at the Library, all of us recognize the critical nature of our work, whether we're in the branches serving our patrons or working behind the scenes to make their service possible. It's never been more important for New Yorkers to have access to the information, resources, and services The New York Public Library provides. And when the Library meets its financial goals and objectives, that means more opportunities and more gains for all New Yorkers.

FY 2018 was another strong year for Library usage, with more than 16 million visits and 24 million items circulated. We maintained our robust programming, receiving more than 2 million program attendees. Other recent highlights include:

- Launching Culture Pass, which brought new audiences to the Library and opened the doors of New York's other great cultural institutions to library cardholders
- Continuing to grow our adult education programs, particularly in English-language classes and conversation groups, which collectively offered 36,000 seats in FY 2018
- Establishing the Shared Collection Catalog, which provides New Yorkers with access to materials from the libraries of Columbia and Princeton

And underpinning it all is our track record of strong financials, which makes all of the aforementioned possible. As of June 30, 2018, net assets were \$1.545 billion (vs. \$1.449 billion on June 30, 2017), reflecting an increase of \$96 million, or 7%. The increase in net assets over the most recent five-year period is 41%. The market value of our endowment on June 30, 2018, stood at \$1.276 billion. Long-term debt outstanding on June 30, 2018, was \$185 million. NYPL maintains strong credit ratings at Moody's and Standard and Poor's. Also in FY 2018, we welcomed aboard our new Chief Investment Officer Geetanjali Gupta, whose expertise will keep our investment activity going strong.

The continued support of our City, State, and Federal elected officials this year was key to maintaining the Library's important services and making critical capital updates and improvements. The outpouring of community support we received during our 2018 spring advocacy campaign, where we partnered with the Brooklyn and Queens library systems, underscores how important libraries are to New Yorkers.

The New York Public Library remains a beacon of knowledge and opportunity for millions of people across our city. As always, strong management of our financial resources is vital to supporting our mission of providing free and open access to information for everyone. We owe a debt of thanks for the generosity of our donors and Board of Trustees and to our supportive community, all of whom made 2018 one of the strongest years yet at the Library.

Iris Weinshall

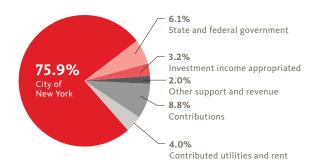
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FINANCIAL FIGURES

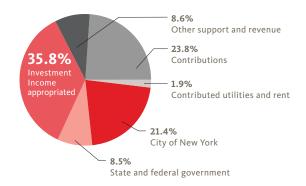
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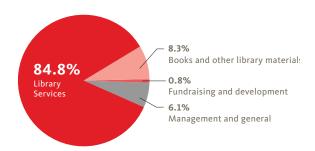
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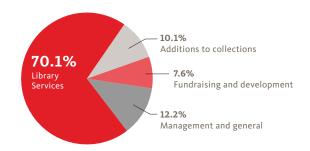
3. BRANCH LIBRARY EXPENSES

(\$197,726,000)



4. RESEARCH AND LIBRARY-WIDE EXPENSES

(\$119,296,000)



5. CHANGE IN ENDOWMENT

(IN MILLIONS)

Market values as of June 30, 2018*



^{*}Excludes real estate investment used in operations

Underlying data for figures 1–5 obtained from Fiscal Year 2018 audited financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2018

OUSANDS OF DOLLARS	FY18	FY17
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$134,790	\$150,895
Government and other receivables	95,337	71,799
Contributions receivable, net	60,043	57,850
Other assets	7,290	7,878
Funds held by others	4,195	4,970
Investments	1,312,477	1,223,665
Real estate investment used in operations	1,084	1,084
Fixed assets, net	419,238	395,062
Collections		
Total assets	\$2,034,454	\$1,913,203
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$88,652	\$90,067
Deferred revenue	31,274	4,184
Note payable, net	7,099	6,560
Financing obligation	97,808	93,252
Bonds payable, net	183,717	183,669
Accrued postretirement benefits	81,061	86,633
Total liabilities	489,611	464,365
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	648,839	606,021
Temporarily restricted	432,943	392,993
Permanently restricted	463,061	449,824
Total net assets	1,544,843	1,448,838
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,034,454	\$1,913,203

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

JUNE 30, 2018

OUSANDS OF DOLLARS	FY18	FY17
OPERATING REVENUES		
City of New York	\$175,356	\$172,702
State of New York	21,312	20,739
Federal government	1,344	2,013
Contributed utilities and rent	10,266	10,624
Private contributions and grants	47,388	69,376
Investment return appropriated for spending	51,884	51,726
Fines, royalties, and other revenue	14,740	13,836
Total operating revenues	322,290	341,016
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Library services	267,740	265,678
Fundraising and membership development	10,698	10,215
Management and general	26,450	26,315
Total operating expenses	304,888	302,208
Additions to research collections	12,134	16,621
Total operating expenses and additions to research collections	317,022	318,829
Transfers of designated nonoperating funds	1,985	2,826
Change in net assets from operating activities	7,253	25,013
NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Endowment contributions and funds designated for long-term investment	17,480	12,159
Appropriations and contributions for capital	27,664	38,898
Depreciation and amortization	(22,189)	(23,399)
Investment return, net of amounts appropriated	60,758	127,312
Postretirement benefits changes other than net periodic benefit cost	7,024	7,950
Transfers of designated nonoperating funds	(1,985)	(2,826)
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	88,752	160,094
Change in net assets	96,005	185,107
Net assets at beginning of year	1,448,838	1,263,731
Net assets at end of year	\$1,544,843	\$1,448,838

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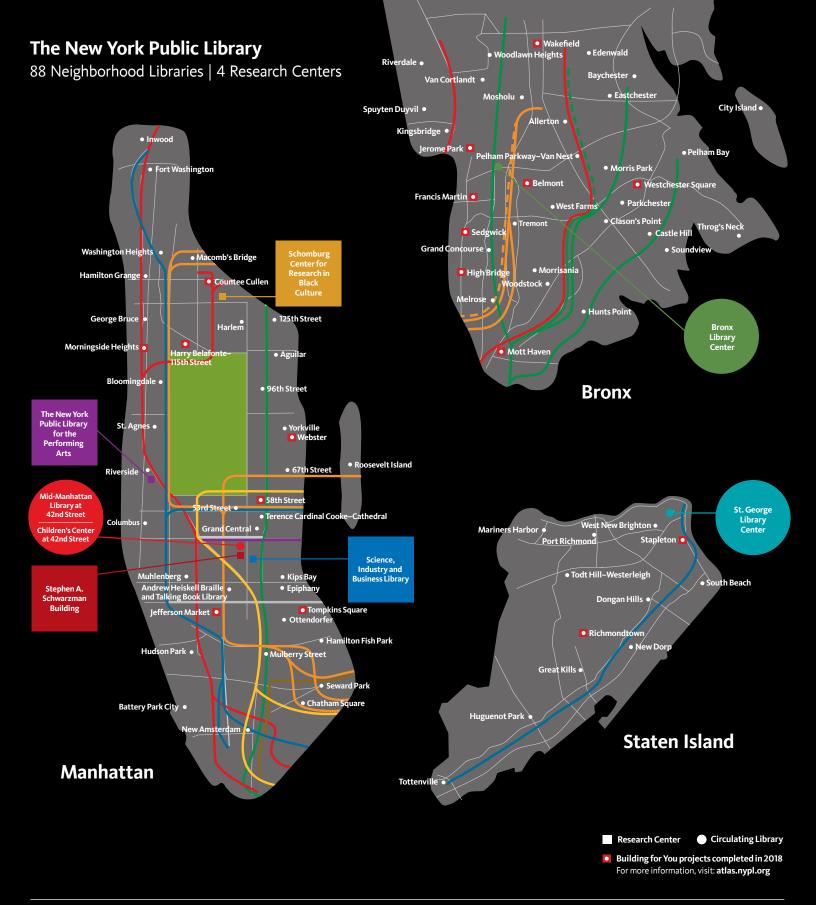
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