



2009 IFLA Ranking Report

Library Name in English	Collection per Capita
1,000,000 and over	
1 Free Library Of Philadelphia (US)	6.69
2 Toronto Public Library (CA)	4.43
3 San Diego Public Library (US)	4.34
4 Queens Borough Public Library (US)	3.33
5 Montréal Public Library (CA)	2.42
6 New York Public Library (US)	2.4
7 San Jose Public Library (US)	2.25
8 Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (US)	1.95
9 Budapest, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library (HU)	1.91
10 Prague, The Municipal Library of (CZ)	1.81
11 Brooklyn Public Library (US)	1.79
12 Hong Kong Public Libraries (CN)	1.77
13 Harris County Public Library (US)	1.63
14 Singapore, The National Library Board of (SG)	1.59
15 Los Angeles Public Library (US)	1.55
16 Brisbane City Council Library Services (AU)	1.23
17 Barcelona Libraries Consortium (ES)	1.16
18 Berlin Public Library (DE)	0.99
19 Vienna Public Library (AT)	0.89
20 Bucharest, Metropolitan Library of (RO)	0.65
Average	2.24
Selected Total	44.78
Median	1.80

Library Name in English	Collection per Capita
999,999 – 750,000	
1 San Francisco Public Library (US)	3.89
2 Jacksonville Public Library (US)	3.43
3 Zagreb City Libraries (HR)	2.87
4 Edmonton Public Library (CA)	2.58
5 Columbus Metropolitan Library (US)	2.55
6 Ottawa Public Library (CA)	2.47
7 Stockholm Public Library (SE)	2.42
8 Amsterdam Public Library (NL)	2.29
9 Memphis Public Library and Information Center (US)	2.19
10 Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (US)	2.16
11 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (US)	1.21
Average	2.55
Selected Total	28.06
Median	2.47



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Library Name in English	Collection per Capita
749,000 – 500,000	
1 Boston Public Library (US)	26.18
2 Vancouver Public Library (CA)	4.96
3 Milwaukee Public Library (US)	4.57
4 Seattle Public Library (US)	3.88
5 Copenhagen Public Libraries (DK)	3.78
6 Helsinki City Library (FI)	3.23
7 Dublin City Libraries (IE)	2.90
8 Oslo Public Library (NO)	2.44
9 Hannover Public Library (DE)	2.25
10 Gold Coast City Council Library Services (AU)	1.80
11 Oklahoma Metropolitan Library System (US)	1.63
12 Rotterdam Library (NL)	1.52
13 Dresden Public Libraries (DE)	1.51
14 Düsseldorf Public Libraries (DE)	1.39
15 Riga Central Library (LV)	1.27
16 Vilnius City Library (LT)	1.11
17 Bremen Public Library (DE)	0.97
Average	3.85
Selected Total	65.39
Median	2.25

Library Name in English	Collection per Capita
Under 500,000	
1 Cleveland Public Library (US)	26.76
2 Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (US)	6.16
3 Manchester City Council Libraries (GB)	3.40
4 Halifax Public Libraries (CA)	2.88
5 Toulouse Public Library (FR)	2.63
6 Tallinn Central Library (EE)	2.54
7 Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (AU)	1.37
8 Zurich Pestalozzi Library (CH)	1.09
9 Utrecht Public Library (NL)	0.00
Average	5.20
Selected Total	46.84
Median	2.63

Collection per Capita

Summary values for all population groupings

Average	3.25
Total	185.07
Variance - 25% above average	4.06
Variance - 25% below average	2.44
Median	2.25
Lower Quartile - 25%	3.23
Upper Quartile - 75%	1.52



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Library Name in English	Population
1,000,000 and over	
1 Hong Kong Public Libraries (CN)	7,034,100
2 Singapore, The National Library Board of (SG)	4,987,600
3 Los Angeles Public Library (US)	4,045,873
4 New York Public Library (US)	3,518,071
5 Berlin Public Library (DE)	3,442,700
6 Toronto Public Library (CA)	2,503,281
7 Brooklyn Public Library (US)	2,465,326
8 Queens Borough Public Library (US)	2,306,712
9 Bucharest, Metropolitan Library of (RO)	1,944,451
10 Budapest, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library (HU)	1,712,210
11 Vienna Public Library (AT)	1,680,300
12 Barcelona Libraries Consortium (ES)	1,621,537
13 Montréal Public Library (CA)	1,620,693
14 Free Library Of Philadelphia (US)	1,517,550
15 Harris County Public Library (US)	1,508,949
16 Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (US)	1,400,000
17 San Diego Public Library (US)	1,376,173
18 Prague, The Municipal Library of (CZ)	1,286,008
19 Brisbane City Council Library Services (AU)	1,074,000
20 San Jose Public Library (US)	1,023,083
Average	2,403,431
Selected Total	48,068,617
Median	1,696,255

Library Name in English	Population
999,999 – 750,000	
1 Ottawa Public Library (CA)	908,390
2 Jacksonville Public Library (US)	891,192
3 Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (US)	890,879
4 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (US)	890,515
5 San Francisco Public Library (US)	856,095
6 Columbus Metropolitan Library (US)	847,376
7 Stockholm Public Library (SE)	829,417
8 Memphis Public Library and Information Center (US)	814,322
9 Zagreb City Libraries (HR)	802,270
10 Amsterdam Public Library (NL)	793,485
11 Edmonton Public Library (CA)	782,439
Average	846,035
Selected Total	9,306,380
Median	847,376



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Library Name in English	Population
749,000 – 500,000	
1 Oklahoma Metropolitan Library System (US)	716,704
2 Riga Central Library (LV)	706,413
3 Boston Public Library (US)	620,535
4 Vancouver Public Library (CA)	616,844
5 Milwaukee Public Library (US)	602,782
6 Seattle Public Library (US)	602,000
7 Rotterdam Library (NL)	587,134
8 Düsseldorf Public Libraries (DE)	586,850
9 Helsinki City Library (FI)	583,350
10 Oslo Public Library (NO)	575,475
11 Vilnius City Library (LT)	560,192
12 Bremen Public Library (DE)	547,685
13 Copenhagen Public Libraries (DK)	528,270
14 Hannover Public Library (DE)	519,453
15 Gold Coast City Council Library Services (AU)	514,685
16 Dresden Public Libraries (DE)	511,138
17 Dublin City Libraries (IE)	506,211
Average	581,513
Selected Total	9,885,721
Median	583,350

Library Name in English	Population
Under 500,000	
1 Manchester City Council Libraries (GB)	483,800
2 Toulouse Public Library (FR)	455,000
3 Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (US)	440,454
4 Cleveland Public Library (US)	427,393
5 Tallinn Central Library (EE)	403,491
6 Zurich Pestalozzi Library (CH)	380,000
7 Halifax Public Libraries (CA)	372,858
8 Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (AU)	333,480
9 Utrecht Public Library (NL)	305,000
Average	400,164
Selected Total	3,601,476
Median	403,491

Population

Summary values for all population groupings

Average	1,243,196
Total	70,862,194
Variance - 25% above average	1,553,995
Variance - 25% below average	932,397
Median	802,270
Lower Quartile - 25%	1,508,949
Upper Quartile - 75%	547,685



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Library Name in English	Collections
1,000,000 and over	
1 Hong Kong Public Libraries (CN)	12,476,640
2 Toronto Public Library (CA)	11,078,040
3 Free Library Of Philadelphia (US)	10,156,610
4 New York Public Library (US)	8,438,775
5 Singapore, The National Library Board of (SG)	7,924,110
6 Queens Borough Public Library (US)	7,681,388
7 Los Angeles Public Library (US)	6,275,388
8 San Diego Public Library (US)	5,966,584
9 Brooklyn Public Library (US)	4,407,847
10 Montréal Public Library (CA)	3,922,573
11 Berlin Public Library (DE)	3,417,370
12 Budapest, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library (HU)	3,265,576
13 Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (US)	2,732,577
14 Harris County Public Library (US)	2,454,350
15 Prague, The Municipal Library of (CZ)	2,333,963
16 San Jose Public Library (US)	2,298,116
17 Barcelona Libraries Consortium (ES)	1,884,463
18 Vienna Public Library (AT)	1,491,108
19 Brisbane City Council Library Services (AU)	1,325,306
20 Bucharest, Metropolitan Library of (RO)	1,273,510
Average	5,040,215
Selected Total	100,804,294
Median	3,669,972

Library Name in English	Collections
999,999 – 750,000	
1 San Francisco Public Library (US)	3,329,325
2 Jacksonville Public Library (US)	3,059,616
3 Zagreb City Libraries (HR)	2,306,348
4 Ottawa Public Library (CA)	2,245,266
5 Columbus Metropolitan Library (US)	2,159,505
6 Edmonton Public Library (CA)	2,020,998
7 Stockholm Public Library (SE)	2,003,966
8 Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (US)	1,921,901
9 Amsterdam Public Library (NL)	1,814,191
10 Memphis Public Library and Information Center(US)	1,781,721
11 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (US)	1,077,238
Average	2,156,370
Selected Total	23,720,075
Median	2,020,998



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Library Name in English	Collections
749,000 – 500,000	
1 Boston Public Library (US)	16,248,000
2 Vancouver Public Library (CA)	3,060,414
3 Milwaukee Public Library (US)	2,756,141
4 Seattle Public Library (US)	2,337,645
5 Copenhagen Public Libraries (DK)	1,999,358
6 Helsinki City Library (FI)	1,885,944
7 Dublin City Libraries (IE)	1,466,984
8 Oslo Public Library (NO)	1,402,065
9 Oklahoma Metropolitan Library System (US)	1,167,624
10 Hannover Public Library (DE)	1,166,467
11 Gold Coast City Council Library Services (AU)	928,215
12 Riga Central Library (LV)	895,900
13 Rotterdam Library (NL)	891,000
14 Düsseldorf Public Libraries (DE)	813,685
15 Dresden Public Libraries (DE)	769,589
16 Vilnius City Library (LT)	621,108
17 Bremen Public Library (DE)	533,527
Average	2,290,804
Selected Total	38,943,666
Median	1,167,624

Library Name in English	Collections
Under 500,000	
1 Cleveland Public Library (US)	11,435,178
2 Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (US)	2,713,210
3 Manchester City Council Libraries (GB)	1,646,741
4 Toulouse Public Library (FR)	1,197,819
5 Halifax Public Libraries (CA)	1,073,633
6 Tallinn Central Library (EE)	1,026,516
7 Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (AU)	457,464
8 Zurich Pestalozzi Library (CH)	415,382
9 Utrecht Public Library (NL)	--
Average	2,495,743
Selected Total	19,965,943
Median	1,135,726

Collections

Summary values for all population groupings

Average	3,275,607
Total	183,433,978
Variance - 25% above average	4,094,508
Variance - 25% below average	2,456,705
Median	2,012,482
Lower Quartile - 25%	3,265,576
Upper Quartile - 75%	1,167,624



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Library Name in English	Weekly hours per capita
1,000,000 and over	
1 Toronto Public Library (CA)	0.00205
2 Montréal Public Library (CA)	0.00149
3 Free Library Of Philadelphia (US)	0.00125
4 New York Public Library (US)	0.00124
5 Brisbane City Council Library Services (AU)	0.00121
6 Queens Borough Public Library (US)	0.00118
7 Prague, The Municipal Library of (CZ)	0.00111
8 San Diego Public Library (US)	0.00111
9 Brooklyn Public Library (US)	0.00109
10 Budapest, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library (HU)	0.00097
11 Barcelona Libraries Consortium (ES)	0.00094
12 San Jose Public Library (US)	0.00091
13 Harris County Public Library (US)	0.00082
14 Bucharest, Metropolitan Library of (RO)	0.00063
15 Hong Kong Public Libraries (CN)	0.00056
16 Vienna Public Library (AT)	0.00056
17 Singapore, The National Library Board of (SG)	0.00035
18 Berlin Public Library (DE)	0.00005
19 Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (US)	0.00005
20 Los Angeles Public Library (US)	0.00001
Average	0.00088
Selected Total	0.01756
Median	0.00096

Library Name in English	Weekly hours per capita
999,999 – 750,000	
1 San Francisco Public Library (US)	0.06278
2 Edmonton Public Library (CA)	0.00509
3 Zagreb City Libraries (HR)	0.00359
4 Stockholm Public Library (SE)	0.00189
5 Ottawa Public Library (CA)	0.00174
6 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (US)	0.00173
7 Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (US)	0.00159
8 Columbus Metropolitan Library (US)	0.00148
9 Jacksonville Public Library (US)	0.00130
10 Memphis Public Library and Information Center (US)	0.00116
11 Amsterdam Public Library (NL)	0.00100
Average	0.00758
Selected Total	0.08335
Median	0.00173



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Library Name in English	Weekly hours per capita
749,000 – 500,000	
1 Helsinki City Library (FI)	0.00313
2 Riga Central Library (LV)	0.00260
3 Seattle Public Library (US)	0.00239
4 Dublin City Libraries (IE)	0.00215
5 Vancouver Public Library (CA)	0.00190
6 Copenhagen Public Libraries (DK)	0.00161
7 Oklahoma Metropolitan Library System (US)	0.00136
8 Dresden Public Libraries (DE)	0.00128
9 Oslo Public Library (NO)	0.00121
10 Gold Coast City Council Library Services (AU)	0.00118
11 Hannover Public Library (DE)	0.00116
12 Rotterdam Library (NL)	0.00091
13 Milwaukee Public Library (US)	0.00079
14 Düsseldorf Public Libraries (DE)	0.00057
15 Bremen Public Library (DE)	0.00041
16 Boston Public Library (US)	0.00011
17 Vilnius City Library (LT)	0.00010
Average	0.00134
Selected Total	0.02286
Median	0.00121

Library Name in English	Weekly hours per capita
Under 500,000	
1 Cleveland Public Library (US)	0.00363
2 Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (US)	0.00287
3 Manchester City Council Libraries (GB)	0.00222
4 Tallinn Central Library (EE)	0.00195
5 Halifax Public Libraries (CA)	0.00164
6 Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (AU)	0.00116
7 Zurich Pestalozzi Library (CH)	0.00102
8 Toulouse Public Library (FR)	0.00011
9 Utrecht Public Library (NL)	0.00000
Average	0.00162
Selected Total	0.01459
Median	0.00164

Weekly hours per Capita

Summary values for all population groupings

Average	0.00243
Total	0.13836
Variance - 25% above average	0.00303
Variance - 25% below average	0.00182
Median	0.00118
Lower Quartile - 25%	0.00174
Upper Quartile - 75%	0.00082