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In these critical times, there is no doubt that our city, and nation, needs its libraries more than ever. Libraries represent the best of democratic traditions. They welcome all, provide free books and services to help individuals and communities, and they offer a venue for people from all backgrounds to come together to discuss, debate, and learn from one another.

Indeed, The New York Public Library has been a haven for New Yorkers of all ages and from all walks of life for more than 100 years—providing much-needed free programs and resources that improve lives and strengthen communities. As you will see in the pages ahead, patrons throughout the city rely on the Library for access to the tools and information they need to succeed and thrive in today’s world.

Across our branches, users such as Alina (p. 3) depend on our early literacy services to give their children the best start possible. At Washington Heights Library, a new Teen Center means that María (p. 8) and other local youth have somewhere safe and engaging to go after school. And across the city, readers of all ages—including young Enoch (p. 11)—are finding it easier than ever to access the books they need, both in our branches and online, with our new free e-reader app, SimplyE.

At the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, we reopened our iconic Rose Main Reading Room following a major restoration, allowing scholars and writers such as novelist Álvaro Enrigue (cover), to once again discover our collections within the awe-inspiring space. “Here you can read the whole world. You have a universe of sources,” says Álvaro, a former Cullman Fellow. And at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, we continued work on a large-scale renovation that will feature an updated façade and auditorium, new reading rooms, and other amenities upon its expected completion in summer 2017.

Of course, this work wouldn’t be possible without both public and private support at all levels. As we prepare for the next fiscal year, we encourage our many and diverse supporters to invest in their fellow New Yorkers by investing in libraries, so that we can continue to improve lives and communities across our great city and beyond.

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Evan R. Chesler
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Marx".

Anthony W. Marx
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COVER IMAGE: Álvaro Enrigue, novelist and former Cullman Fellow, rediscovering our collections in our iconic Rose Main Reading Room at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building.

A photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue floral patterned shirt, smiling as she reads a book to a young child. The child, wearing a pink shirt, is looking up at the woman. They are sitting at a table with several books. In the background, there are shelves filled with books.

*We come to the Library for
so many reasons. No age is
too early to start learning.*

— **Alina, early literacy services user**
Mosholu Library, Bronx

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More Library Stories

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

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The Library's iconic Rose Main Reading Room reopened for research in fall 2016. Photo: Max Touhey Photography

The past year has been a time of renewal at The New York Public Library's four research centers. In fall 2016, we celebrated the return of researchers to our celebrated Rose Main Reading Room following a major restoration, while we also strengthened services at our other renowned locations, fulfilling our century-old dedication to scholarship.

Preserving a Masterpiece

One of the year's crowning achievements, the Library's Rose Main Reading Room at our Stephen A. Schwarzman Building reopened to the public in October following a two-year, \$12 million restoration that included reinforcements to the Reading Room's majestic 52-foot-high ceilings and a recreation of the ceiling mural in the Bill Blass Public Catalog Room. The reopening of these historic spaces—which have served

scholars and writers for more than 100 years—has restored full research capacity at our most heavily used center, while heralding other improvements for the many students and scholars who rely on our collections.

In spring 2016, the Library completed construction on the second level of the Milstein Research Stacks beneath Bryant Park. This state-of-the-art storage was made possible by a generous gift from Library

Trustee Abby S. Milstein and her husband Howard P. Milstein and creates the capacity for more than four million volumes at the Schwarzman Building. We also installed a modern conveyor system to efficiently carry materials from storage to the Reading Room. "NYPL is the greatest public research library in the world, precious to all of us who care about the life of the mind," says William P. Kelly, who joined NYPL in early 2016 as the



I love that when I come into the Library looking for something, I know they can help me find it.

— Sara, folk singer
and music historian
Library for the
Performing Arts

Andrew W. Mellon Director, overseeing the Library's four research centers.

Across Our Research Centers

Over the past year, the Library continued to preserve and grow our collections. At 42nd Street, the original Winnie-the-Pooh dolls returned after a year of conservation work, and we added *The New York Review of Books* archive—over 1,200 linear feet of key manuscripts—to our collections. The Library for the Performing Arts also acquired many notable items, from the Dance Division's first hip-hop collection to rare, first-edition music from Handel.

At the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, we will be wrapping up a large-scale renovation in summer 2017 that will bring an updated façade, new reading rooms, and other amenities when completed. The Schomburg also recently named a new director—award-winning poet and scholar Kevin Young. At our Science, Industry and Business Library, the 2016 StartUP! Competition attracted a record number of business plans. Winners included Noëlle Santos, who aims to open the Bronx's only independent book shop, and an eco-friendly water distribution service, Reefill. ●

PRESERVING OUR AUDIO & MOVING IMAGE COLLECTIONS



The Library's audio and moving image collections are a vast treasure trove housing some of the most important multimedia recordings of the 20th century. Yet, a recent assessment made possible by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation found that—due to their formats—more than 200,000 of these materials are at risk of being lost forever to decay or obsolescence.

The Library has already rescued thousands of these items. But many recordings, primarily found at the Library for the Performing Arts and the Schomburg Center, are still at risk. Over the next year, NYPL seeks to raise \$50 million to preserve and make accessible these historic records so they will continue to inspire future generations.

The Schomburg project is generously supported through capital funding by Mayor Bill de Blasio, City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council Member Inez Dickens, 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 New York StartUP! Business Plan Competition is generously supported by Citi Foundation.

The archive of *The New York Review of Books* was acquired through the generosity of Roger Alcaly and Helen Bodian.



EDUCATION

Our early literacy programs provide young children with the language skills they need to succeed in school.

The New York Public Library is the city's largest provider of free educational services and resources for all ages. From story times and academic support for our younger patrons to English classes, tech training, and job search help for adults, our programs change lives and ensure equal access to opportunities for all New Yorkers.

Literacy for the Whole Family

One area of particular focus for the Library is early literacy. With research showing that half the achievement gap between high- and low-income families starts before kindergarten, the Library is committed to bridging this divide by providing equal access to reading and literacy support to our youngest users.

We are in the midst of a major early literacy expansion that

has brought enhanced services to families in more than 50 branches. As part of this initiative, we have also hired more than 40 new children's librarians, who receive training that combines children's librarian expertise with early childhood education. Overall, we have increased children's program offerings by more than 20 percent to meet the surging demand for services.

In addition to helping budding readers, NYPL's new Family Literacy branches connect parents with additional tools and resources to help them succeed, from English language classes to job search resources and more. "The Library's programs have been great for my whole family," says Asma, above, who visits Mosholu Library in the Bronx every week with her one-year-old, as well as with her husband and older daughter.

EDUCATION

When I first started I didn't like reading. Now I think it's the greatest thing in the world.

— Richard, after-school enrichment student
Port Richmond Library, Staten Island



Expanded Outreach

Bringing our educational services beyond our branches and out to New York City communities is a growing priority. Over the past year, we increased outreach to schools, doubling class visits to more than 12,200. We also provided twice as many teacher sets through MyLibraryNYC, our partnership with the Department of Education that connects schools with library books.

The Library is also seeking new ways to bring our resources to homeless families. We now provide library services to seven local shelters and aim to double that number in the coming months. Through the program, visiting librarians offer read-alouds, after-school STEM classes, and early literacy workshops. ●

ENSURING DIGITAL EQUITY



The Library remains committed to bridging the digital divide through free tech programs and services. In 2016, we doubled seats in our popular Project Code program and added 350 spots in new series courses in graphic design, 3D printing, and coding for kids and teens. “Because of Project Code, I feel confident. I can take on the world now,” says Belinda, above, a Mid-Manhattan Library student.

NYPL also continues to seek new ways to extend technology access beyond its walls. Thanks to renewed investment from Google, the Library's HotSpot program relaunched to provide free home internet to New York's public school students in partnership with the Department of Education.

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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In fall 2016, the Library opened a vibrant new Teen Center at Washington Heights Library in Manhattan using formerly vacant space on the branch's top floor.

Thanks to increased public and private support, The New York Public Library is in the midst of a major reinvestment in its libraries. With many of our branches dating to philanthropist Andrew Carnegie's historic library expansion 100 years ago, the funding will allow us to meet the needs of our users of today and tomorrow—though more is needed.

Keep Investing in Libraries

There is no doubt that the need for our libraries is growing—and changing. More New Yorkers than ever before rely on the Library for a broader range of services than ever, from after-school support for students to training in the computer skills needed for today's workforce. These growing demands require increased capital investment to keep our branches in good repair while addressing chronic maint-

enance needs caused by decades of insufficient funding. It also requires us to find ways to maximize space to accommodate new users, and ensure our branches are equipped with the modern amenities our patrons deserve.

At Macomb's Bridge Library in Harlem, our smallest branch, we have secured a new location across the street that will allow us to more than quadruple the size of the much-needed

library, plus create new spaces for classes and programs. Meanwhile, at our Washington Heights Library in Upper Manhattan, built in 1914, we completed a major renovation of the library's unused top floor in late 2016. Originally built as a caretaker's apartment, the long-vacant space is now home to a welcoming Teen Center, finally giving neighborhood youth their own space at the branch. "Now teenagers have somewhere to

BRANCHES



To me, the Library is like a home away from home.

—Juan, artist and formerly homeless patron
125th Street Library, Manhattan

go after school,” says María (p. 8), a junior in high school.

The Library is also preparing for full renovations 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. Currently in design, the upcoming projects were made possible by a \$100 million allocation in the City’s FY16 Ten-Year Capital Strategy—which included funding for libraries for the first time. The increase followed a major advocacy campaign led by library users and supporters across the city that highlighted chronic underfunding for libraries. In all, there are an estimated \$1 billion in capital needs across the three library systems.

A New Mid-Manhattan Library

The Library is preparing for another major project that will improve and increase public space at two of our largest locations—Mid-Manhattan Library and the Schwarzman Building.

At Mid-Manhattan, we are planning for a full-scale renovation that will turn the aging former department store into the state-of-the-art central circulating library that New Yorkers deserve, including an adult education center and separate areas for kids and teens. Within the Schwarzman Building, we have increased storage and made other improvements (see p. 4), and plan to convert vacant and underused spaces to public use. Construction is set to begin at Mid-Manhattan in 2017. ●

WELCOME TO 53RD STREET LIBRARY



The Library’s newest branch, 53rd Street Library, opened in summer 2016, creating a vibrant oasis for reading and learning in Midtown.

Located across from the Museum of Modern Art, the branch features three floors of circulating books and services, more than 70 public computers, and flexible program spaces for the library’s growing array of public author talks and events. Designed by the award-winning architects TEN Arquitectos, the modern building also includes a separate Teen Zone and Children’s Room, allowing the library to host events for different age groups at the same time.

Library Manager Genoveve Stowell says the branch has become the neighborhood’s “living room,” providing much-needed public space, books, and programs to a range of users, from local residents to students. “We bring together a diverse and impassioned community in a space that is at once welcoming and inspiring,” she says.

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



BOOKS & CULTURE

The Library's new free e-reader app, SimplyE, provides easy access to more than 300,000 library e-books.

Along with providing educational opportunities for all ages, the Library is committed to improving lives and communities through free access to books and ideas—especially as the world becomes increasingly digital. We are also continually finding new ways to connect our vast resources and collections to new audiences across the city and beyond.

More Books for Readers

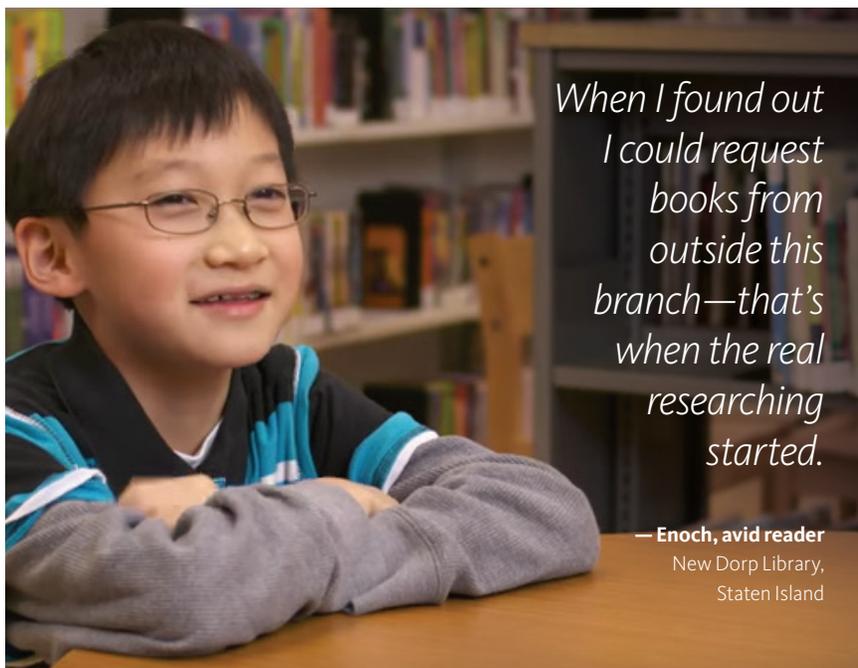
Over the last five years, the Library has become a national leader in the effort to increase e-book access for readers of all ages, working with book publishers and the White House to expand the range of free e-books available to library users both in New York and across the country.

We are now building on these efforts, and in summer 2016 we released SimplyE, our new

free e-reader app that makes downloading library e-books easier than ever. Available for iOS and Android, the app allows NYPL cardholders of all ages to explore and borrow the more than 300,000 e-books in our collections with just three clicks. The Library is also making the app's code available to other libraries nationwide, as part of our broader efforts to ensure expanded access to library e-books.

The new e-reader, which also helps users find NYPL book recommendations, is an important step in meeting our users' surging demand for e-books.

In FY16, the Library circulated 3.5 million digital materials—a nearly 100 percent increase from three years ago. “I can find so many books I need at the Library,” says Ansar, above, a recent immigrant who attends ESOL classes at Bronx Library



When I found out I could request books from outside this branch—that's when the real researching started.

— Enoch, avid reader
New Dorp Library,
Staten Island

Center and is excited about learning how to download e-books from NYPL.

In addition to SimplyE, the Library now offers more ways than ever to help readers of all ages discover their next book. These range from our popular new podcast on all things bookish—*The Librarian Is In*—to highlighted staff picks in our branches. Readers can also use the interactive book finder on our website, and they can even request personalized librarian recommendations by email or via Twitter.

Exhibitions & Programs

Over the past year, we brought our collections to life through

a range of thought-provoking exhibitions, including *Alexander Hamilton: Striver, Statesman, Scoundrel* at the Schwarzman Building. Meanwhile, the Library for the Performing Arts honored the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death with *Shakespeare's Star Turn in America*, and the Schomburg Center celebrated the American Negro Theatre's 75th anniversary with an exhibition honoring its legacy.

Highlights from our 2016 public programs include luminaries such as Jhumpa Lahiri and Margaret Atwood at LIVE from the NYPL as well as new series, including Art Talks, Scholar Room Talks, and For the Public. ●

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PAYING FORWARD A LOVE OF BOOKS



Children's book author Johanna Hurwitz discovered the power of books on her frequent trips to the library while growing up in the Bronx.

Now, she wants to make sure all children have access to the same opportunity. "I want my books to be in libraries, because a library book can be read by 10, 20, or even 30 people," says Hurwitz, who became a children's librarian and has written 75 books.

With her late husband Uri Hurwitz, she established a charitable gift annuity with NYPL, which provides her with a lifetime fixed annual sum, after which the Library will receive the annuity's balance.

To learn more about making a legacy gift to the Library, please contact the Office of Planned Giving: 212.930.0568 | plannedgifts@nypl.org

nypl.org/support/planned-giving

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During the 2016 Rose Main Reading Room ceiling renovation, classical motifs were restored.

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NYPL's expanded early literacy offerings—including story times for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers—help even the youngest of children develop an early love of books and reading.



In June 2016, NYPL celebrated the opening of the new 53rd Street Library, which features three floors of books and services, and offers a variety of spaces and resources for all ages.

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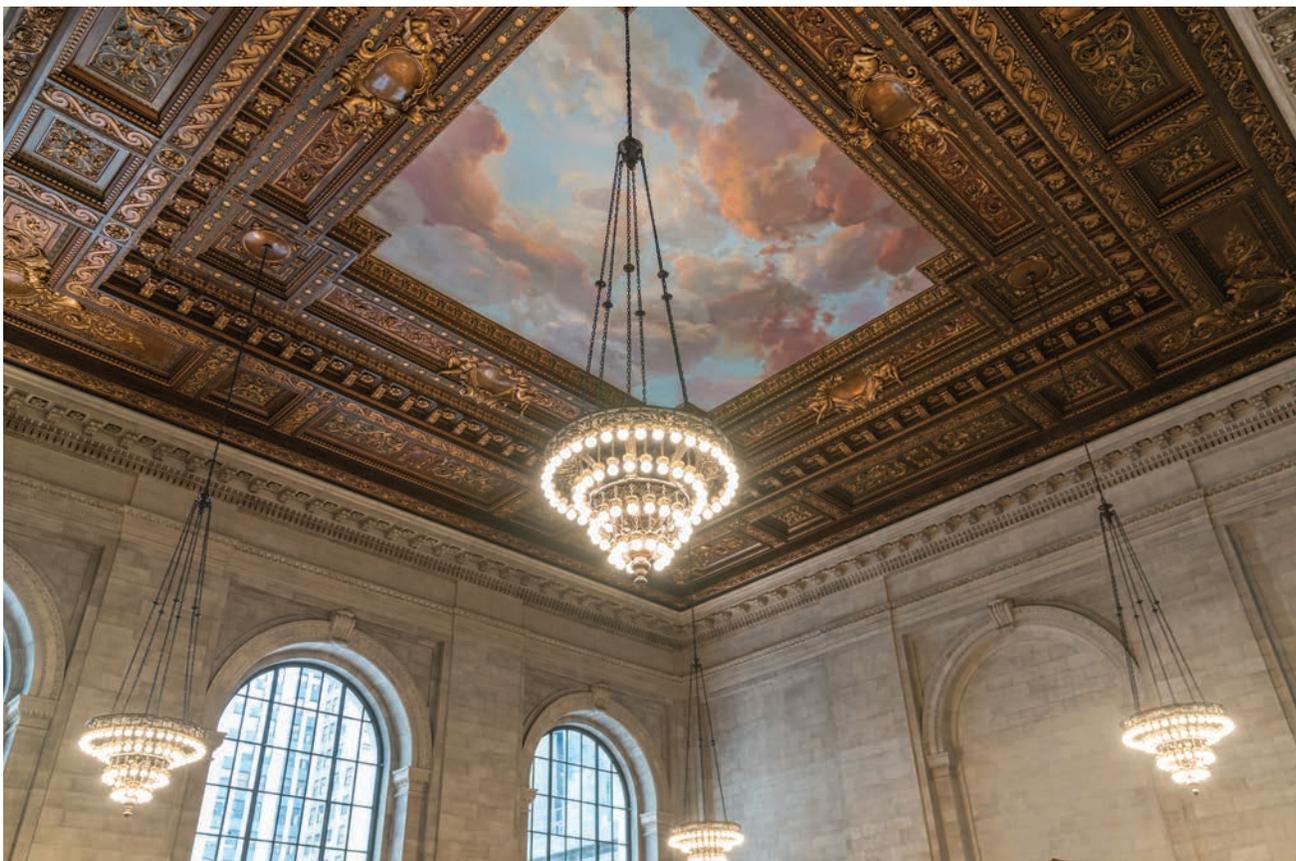
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Visitors got a firsthand look at costumes and designs from shows made famous on Broadway and London's West End in the exhibition *Curtain Up!* at LPA.



Kids of all ages—and their families—enjoyed the diverse selection of new and noteworthy children's books featured in the Library's *Best Books for Kids*, which released in November and is an annual list our expert librarians have been creating for more than a century.

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The Library's premier series, LIVE from the NYPL, welcomed a range of talented guests to its stage, including the award-winning actor Helen Mirren.

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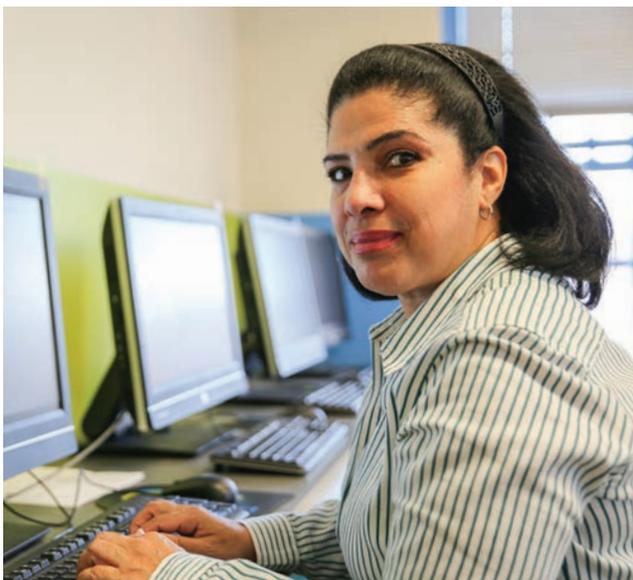
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This year, the Library provided nearly 3,400 seats in its enrollment-based after-school and summer programs for kids and teens. These programs offer services from customized homework help and one-on-one tutoring to preparation for college and career success.



To celebrate the Library's 2016 Summer Reading Challenge, kids and their families at Baychester Library in the Bronx welcomed *Sesame Street*'s Cookie Monster for a fun-filled story time.

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Library supporters of all ages filled the steps of City Hall during a budget hearing in May 2016. Thanks in part to such demonstrations of support, not only was last year's historic budget increase renewed, but it will also be the new baseline from which future budgets will be reviewed.

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In fall 2016, the Library opened a dedicated teen center on the third floor of Washington Heights Library in Upper Manhattan as part of a \$4.4 million renovation.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER



Iris Weinshall

The New York Public Library is proud of its impact across New York City and beyond this year. Over the past fiscal year, the Library hosted 18 million visits and circulated 23 million items. We also welcomed a record-breaking number of program attendees—more than 1.8 million, a 28% increase from the previous year.

The Library's financial position entering FY16 helped us to better serve our patrons. We began the fiscal year with a City funding increase of \$16.4 million—the largest operating funds increase in the Library's history. In this fiscal year, net assets were \$1.263 billion on June 30, 2016 (vs. \$1.357 billion on June 30, 2015), reflecting a decrease of \$93 million, or 7%. This decrease is predominantly attributed to the decline of \$86 million in the endowment market value from the prior year. The increase in net assets over the most recent five-year period was 36%, and the market value of our endowment on June 30, 2016, stood at \$1.043 billion. The total long-term debt outstanding on June 30, 2016, was \$185 million, which is repayable as a 30-year bullet. The strength of NYPL's financials was validated by both Moody's and Standard and Poor's recent affirmations of the Library's credit rating.

The increased City funding has allowed the Library to continue strengthening our essential services across our 92 locations. In FY16, we created 140 new positions across our neighborhood branches, research libraries, and educational program areas; expanded operating hours; and continued to expand innovative new programs that were piloted in recent years.

This year, we launched our e-reader app, SimplyE, expanding and simplifying the public's access to the Library's growing e-collections, with more than 300,000 e-books available to download for free. Since FY15, we've increased early literacy program attendance nearly 32%, to 364,000 attendees. Program offerings include family literacy workshops, such as our monthly Bilingual Family Literacy Breakfast Program at PS 98, where one of our children's librarians from the Inwood branch gives parents of local Pre-K students tools to support their children's early learning skills. Seats in the Library's Out-of-School Time program increased 7%, to nearly 3,400. Our ESOL enrollment also grew nearly 27% from the year prior, with a total of 12,360 enrollees. And in three neighborhood branches, we launched the pilot program "Coder Games," which teaches teens the basics of computer programming and coding, allowing them to create their own computer games. This successful program will expand to approximately 20 branches in FY17.

We are thankful to the Mayor, Speaker, and the entire City Council—as well as for the outpouring of support for our spring advocacy campaign, mounted in collaboration with the Brooklyn and Queens library systems. As the Library continues with expanded hours, days, and access to informational resources, we will also continue to grow our educational programs in the coming years. All of this will require continued strong management of our financial resources and even more public support and philanthropic generosity from our donors and Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "I. Weinshall".

Iris Weinshall
Treasurer, The New York Public Library
May 2017

FIGURE 1

BRANCH LIBRARY REVENUES (\$175,536,000)

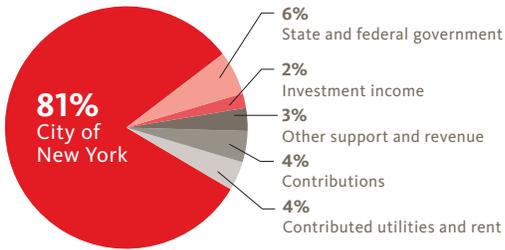


FIGURE 2

RESEARCH LIBRARY REVENUES (\$124,963,000)

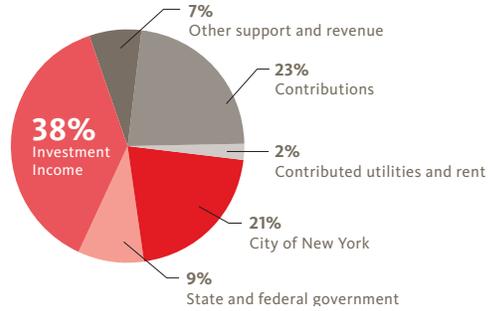


FIGURE 3

BRANCH LIBRARY EXPENSES (\$185,350,000)

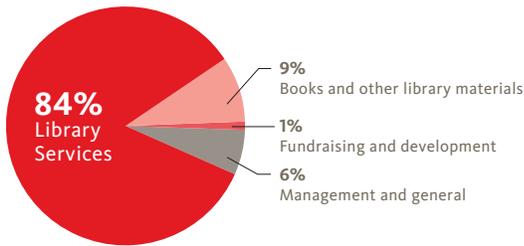


FIGURE 4

RESEARCH LIBRARY EXPENSES (\$127,385,000)

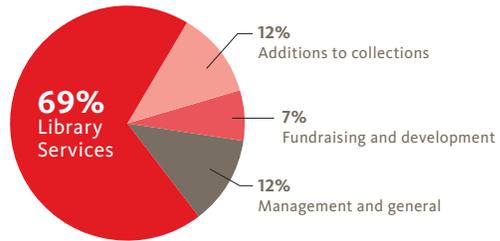
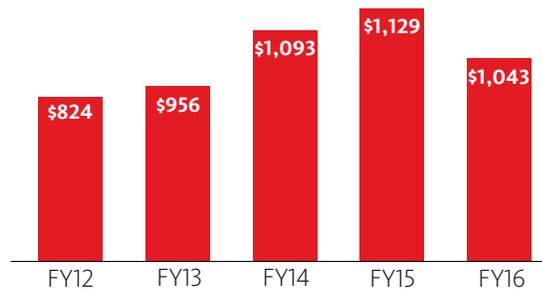


FIGURE 5

CHANGE IN ENDOWMENT (in millions)

Market values as of June 30, 2016*



*Excludes real estate investment used in operations

Underlying data for figures 1–5 obtained from Fiscal Year 2016 audited financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2016

IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

	FY16	FY15
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$35,553	\$45,336
Government and other receivables	53,119	45,583
Contributions receivable, net	25,977	35,017
Other assets	6,888	4,111
Funds held by others	10,326	3,713
Investments	1,126,644	1,249,918
Real estate investment used in operations	1,084	1,084
Fixed assets, net	377,187	345,070
Collections	-	-
Total assets	\$1,636,778	\$1,729,832
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$86,496	\$84,831
Deferred revenue	4,309	2,342
Note payable, net	6,495	630
Bonds payable, net	183,622	183,574
Accrued postretirement benefits	92,125	101,587
Total liabilities	373,047	372,964
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	533,336	557,297
Temporarily restricted	285,344	356,543
Permanently restricted	445,051	443,028
Total net assets	1,263,731	1,356,858
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,636,778	\$1,729,832

Per Fiscal Year 2016 audited financial statements.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

JUNE 30, 2016

IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

	FY16	FY15
OPERATING REVENUES		
City of New York	\$168,016	\$150,957
State of New York	20,278	19,058
Federal government	1,935	1,081
Contributed utilities and rent	9,787	11,487
Private contributions and grants	36,435	36,039
Investment return appropriated for spending	49,683	47,541
Fines, royalties, and other revenue	14,365	11,154
Total operating revenues	300,499	277,317
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Library services	260,150	244,065
Fundraising and membership development	10,700	9,661
Management and general	26,832	23,563
Total operating expenses	297,682	277,289
Additions to research collections	15,053	11,216
Total operating expenses and additions to research collections	312,735	288,505
Transfers of designated nonoperating funds	3,751	4,270
Change in net assets from operating activities, before gain on sale of real estate	(8,485)	(6,918)
Loss on disposal/sale of fixed assets, net	(2,012)	-
Gain on sale of real estate, net	-	88,728
Change in net assets from operating activities	10,497	
NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Endowment contributions and funds designated for long-term investment	9,750	10,661
Appropriations and contributions for capital	22,407	4,534
Depreciation and amortization	(23,028)	(26,685)
Investment return, net of amounts appropriated	(100,384)	16,065
Postretirement benefits changes other than net periodic benefit cost	12,366	(15,152)
Gain on interest rate agreement, net	-	1,026
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	(438)
Transfers of designated nonoperating funds	(3,751)	(4,270)
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	(82,640)	(11,259)
Change in net assets	(93,137)	70,551
Net assets at beginning of year, as adjusted	1,356,868	1,286,317
Net assets at end of year	\$1,263,731	\$1,356,868

Per Fiscal Year 2016 audited financial statements.

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