



2009 IFLA Ranking Report

Library Name in English	Cost per Use
1,000,000 and over	
1 Harris County Public Library (US)	€0.16
2 Hong Kong Public Libraries (CN)	€0.28
3 Los Angeles Public Library (US)	€0.49
4 Prague, The Municipal Library of (CZ)	€0.79
5 Brisbane City Council Library Services (AU)	€0.90
6 San Jose Public Library (US)	€0.92
7 Budapest, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library (HU)	€0.98
8 Berlin Public Library (DE)	€1.17
9 San Diego Public Library (US)	€1.34
10 Singapore, The National Library Board of (SG)	€1.37
11 Toronto Public Library (CA)	€1.45
12 Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (US)	€1.55
13 Queens Borough Public Library (US)	€1.86
14 New York Public Library (US)	€1.95
15 Bucharest, Metropolitan Library of (RO)	€1.96
16 Free Library Of Philadelphia (US)	€2.00
17 Barcelona Libraries Consortium (ES)	€2.00
18 Brooklyn Public Library (US)	€2.13
19 Vienna Public Library (AT)	€2.16
20 Montréal Public Library (CA)	€2.42
Average	€1.39
Selected Total	€27.89
Median	€1.41

Library Name in English	Cost per Use
999,999 – 750,000	
1 Stockholm Public Library (SE)	€0.00
2 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (US)	€0.28
3 Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (US)	€0.40
4 Edmonton Public Library (CA)	€0.72
5 Columbus Metropolitan Library (US)	€0.94
6 Ottawa Public Library (CA)	€1.03
7 Memphis Public Library and Information Center (US)	€1.17
8 San Francisco Public Library (US)	€1.31
9 Zagreb City Libraries (HR)	€1.94
10 Jacksonville Public Library (US)	€2.49
11 Amsterdam Public Library (NL)	€3.49
Average	€1.25
Selected Total	€13.78
Median	€1.03



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Library Name in English	Cost per Use
749,000 – 500,000	
1 Vilnius City Library (LT)	€0.17
2 Riga Central Library (LV)	€0.85
3 Gold Coast City Council Library Services (AU)	€1.00
4 Dresden Public Libraries (DE)	€1.17
5 Vancouver Public Library (CA)	€1.21
6 Seattle Public Library (US)	€1.39
7 Bremen Public Library (DE)	€1.42
8 Düsseldorf Public Libraries (DE)	€1.53
9 Helsinki City Library (FI)	€1.58
10 Boston Public Library (US)	€1.91
11 Hannover Public Library (DE)	€2.20
12 Milwaukee Public Library (US)	€2.21
13 Oslo Public Library (NO)	€2.22
14 Copenhagen Public Libraries (DK)	€2.45
15 Oklahoma Metropolitan Library System (US)	€2.60
16 Rotterdam Library (NL)	€2.90
17 Dublin City Libraries (IE)	€4.98
Average	€1.87
Selected Total	€31.80
Median	€1.58

Library Name in English	Cost per Use
Under 500,000	
1 Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (AU)	€1.00
2 Tallinn Central Library (EE)	€1.00
3 Halifax Public Libraries (CA)	€1.30
4 Zurich Pestalozzi Library (CH)	€2.05
5 Manchester City Council Libraries (GB)	€2.07
6 Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (US)	€2.20
7 Utrecht Public Library (NL)	€2.99
8 Cleveland Public Library (US)	€4.12
9 Toulouse Public Library (FR)	€4.13
Average	€2.32
Selected Total	€20.87
Median	€2.07

Cost Per Use

Summary values for all population groupings

Average	€1.65
Selected Total	€94.33
Variance - 25% above average	€2.07
Variance - 25% below average	€1.24
Median	€1.45
Lower Quartile - 25%	€2.16
Upper Quartile - 75%	€1.00

** Cost per use is calculated from four output measures: circulation, visits, information requests, virtual visits.



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Library Name in English	Expenditures per Capita
1,000,000 and over	
1 Bucharest, Metropolitan Library of (RO)	€1.93
2 Harris County Public Library (US)	€1.98
3 Budapest, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library (HU)	€5.02
4 Berlin Public Library (DE)	€7.24
5 Prague, The Municipal Library of (CZ)	€7.75
6 Hong Kong Public Libraries (CN)	€10.22
7 Vienna Public Library (AT)	€10.85
8 Barcelona Libraries Consortium (ES)	€15.06
9 San Diego Public Library (US)	€20.93
10 Singapore, The National Library Board of (SG)	€21.10
11 Brisbane City Council Library Services (AU)	€22.32
12 Los Angeles Public Library (US)	€23.98
13 Montréal Public Library (CA)	€26.57
14 San Jose Public Library (US)	€27.05
15 Free Library Of Philadelphia (US)	€27.10
16 Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (US)	€28.81
17 Brooklyn Public Library (US)	€33.32
18 Queens Borough Public Library (US)	€36.82
19 New York Public Library (US)	€39.77
20 Toronto Public Library (CA)	€43.20
	Average €20.55
	Selected Total €411.05
	Median €21.71

Library Name in English	Expenditures per Capita
999,999 – 750,000	
1 Stockholm Public Library (SE)	€0.00
2 Memphis Public Library and Information Center (US)	€15.06
3 Zagreb City Libraries (HR)	€18.43
4 Ottawa Public Library (CA)	€25.66
5 Edmonton Public Library (CA)	€25.76
6 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (US)	€27.48
7 Jacksonville Public Library (US)	€32.41
8 Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (US)	€33.40
9 Columbus Metropolitan Library (US)	€40.15
10 Amsterdam Public Library (NL)	€41.88
11 San Francisco Public Library (US)	€71.86
	Average €30.19
	Selected Total €332.08
	Median €27.48



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749,000 – 500,000	
1 Vilnius City Library (LT)	€0.80
2 Riga Central Library (LV)	€4.49
3 Bremen Public Library (DE)	€17.86
4 Düsseldorf Public Libraries (DE)	€20.04
5 Dresden Public Libraries (DE)	€21.18
6 Gold Coast City Council Library Services (AU)	€22.21
7 Oslo Public Library (NO)	€24.80
8 Hannover Public Library (DE)	€25.07
9 Oklahoma Metropolitan Library System (US)	€26.80
10 Milwaukee Public Library (US)	€31.38
11 Vancouver Public Library (CA)	€41.85
12 Rotterdam Library (NL)	€42.97
13 Boston Public Library (US)	€49.77
14 Dublin City Libraries (IE)	€56.16
15 Helsinki City Library (FI)	€61.26
16 Seattle Public Library (US)	€62.40
17 Copenhagen Public Libraries (DK)	€66.72
Average	€33.87
Selected Total	€575.74
Median	€26.80

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Under 500,000	
1 Tallinn Central Library (EE)	€7.65
2 Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (AU)	€18.30
3 Zurich Pestalozzi Library (CH)	€20.93
4 Halifax Public Libraries (CA)	€32.44
5 Manchester City Council Libraries (GB)	€32.55
6 Toulouse Public Library (FR)	€37.63
7 Utrecht Public Library (NL)	€43.84
8 Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (US)	€55.59
9 Cleveland Public Library (US)	€116.91
Average	€40.65
Selected Total	€365.83
Median	€32.55

Expenditures per Capita

Summary values for all population groupings

Average	€29.56
Total	€1,684.70
Variance - 25% above average	€36.95
Variance - 25% below average	€22.17
Median	€26.57
Lower Quartile - 25%	€39.77
Upper Quartile - 75%	€18.30