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Public libraries provide citizens with the resources to expand their opportunities and enrich their lives. Libraries offer learning, knowledge, and enjoyment with a wide array of materials and services. Louisiana public libraries provide services to the citizens of the state in 68 systems, with 333 buildings and 28 bookmobiles. Quick Facts highlights key data about the public libraries that may be found in greater detail online at:

http://www.state.lib.la.us/about-the-state-library/publications

The statistics shown in Quick Facts illustrate the standing of Louisiana’s public libraries and the challenge of achieving service goals. The data in this document are drawn from national and state surveys in uniform format to ensure consistency and accuracy. National data and data for other states are from 2008. The data can be found on the website of the Institute of Museum and Libraries Services (IMLS) with other national and state level data at http://harvester.census.gov/imls/data/pls/index.asp. Louisiana specific data has been extracted from the national report for the year ending December 31, 2009.
National Rankings: Library Holdings and Use

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) ranks states for public library service along with the District of Columbia. According to IMLS, Louisiana ranks as follows:

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<th>LA Averages</th>
<th>National Averages</th>
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<td>Books owned</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>2.5</td>
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<td>Audiotapes owned*</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>92.21</td>
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<td>Video materials*</td>
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<td>Circulation of materials</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>4.22</td>
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<td>Loans from other libraries*</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>24.85</td>
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<td>Periodical subscriptions*</td>
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<td>Reference</td>
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* per thousand population
Library Finances Rankings

According to IMLS, Louisiana public libraries rank as follows in finances:

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<td>Local income</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>$36.23</td>
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<td>State income</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>$1.46</td>
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<td>Total income</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>$39.51</td>
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<td>Wages</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>$15.38</td>
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<td>Total staff expenditures</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>$20.14</td>
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<td>Total collection expenditures</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>$3.87</td>
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<td>Total operating expenditures</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>$33.64</td>
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Library Materials

In 2009, Louisiana public libraries added 1,068,291 items to existing collections. 1,075,840 items were withdrawn from collections in the same year.

Materials owned include:
- 11,651,158 print volumes
- 387,039 audiotapes/CDs
- 662,431 videotapes/DVDs

Cost (2009):
- $38.13 books
- $48.15 audio books
- $20.00 videotapes/DVDs

Source: Library and Book Trade Almanac: The Bowker Annual, 2010

A conservative estimate of the value of the collections in Louisiana public libraries is $476,143,202
# Library Materials (continued)

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<td>Books/capita</td>
<td>2.88</td>
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<td><strong>Audio/1000</strong></td>
<td>92.21</td>
<td>85.02</td>
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<td><strong>Videos/1000</strong></td>
<td>147.12</td>
<td>100.8</td>
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<td><strong>Current Periodicals/1000</strong></td>
<td>5.55</td>
<td>3.38</td>
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*Neighboring states: Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas
**Represents items owned per thousand population
• Louisiana public libraries house a total of 12.9 million items
• Books and serials account for 11.5 million items, or 90% of the collections
• The average Louisianan pays $39.51 for public library service each year while $40 - $50 is the average cost of a ticket to an LSU football game.
• Louisianans made 15,591,805 visits to public libraries in 2009 while only 1.1 million fans attended all LSU athletic events in 2009.

Nationally, Louisiana Ranks:

• 30th in books per capita
• 46th in audios per capita
• 33rd in videos per capita
Library Use

- The total number of items borrowed in 2009 in Louisiana public libraries was 19 million; 4.7 million of these were children’s materials.
- 111,910 items were requested from other libraries.
- 2.5 million of the 4.5 million residents of the state are registered borrowers in Louisiana public libraries.
- 814,575 children attended programs in Louisiana public libraries in 2009.
- 193,827 adults attended programs in Louisiana public libraries in 2009.
- Louisianans asked 6,288,813 reference questions in 2009.
7,765,517 people used Internet computers in Louisiana public libraries in 2008.

Louisiana has an average of 13 public access Internet computers per library building. The national average is 13.

Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school, or work.

America’s public libraries have an average of 3.73 public use Internet computers per 5,000 population.

Louisiana’s public libraries have an average of 4.81 public use Internet computers per 5,000 population.
Staffing

Louisiana public libraries employ a total of 2,296 full time equivalent (FTE) staff of the 2,939 people working in libraries. [FTE is based on a 40-hour week.]

There are 387 FTE employees with a Master’s degree in Library Science (MLS) in Louisiana public libraries.

Louisiana ranks 31st in the nation in the number of MLS librarians per capita.

Annually, Louisiana libraries spend a total of $69.2 million for staff salaries and an additional $21.4 million for employee benefits.
Income

Louisiana public libraries reported a total income of $177,905,003 million in 2009, a decrease of 3.9%.

**Income for public libraries includes:**

- $163.1 million (91.7%) from cities and parishes*
- $6.6 million (3.7%) from state sources
- $337,000 (.2%) from federal sources
- $7.9 million (4.4%) from fines, fees, gifts, and other resources

*Does not include indirect local support
Expenditures

Nationally, 9,221 public libraries spend an average of $36.36 per capita while Louisiana expends an average of $33.64 per capita.

Louisiana public libraries report operating expenditures of $151.4 million in 2009, compared with $142.6 million in 2008.

Louisiana public libraries spend the following amounts:
- $ 90.7 million (59.87%) for staffing
- $ 17.4 million (11.51%) for materials
- $ 43.3 million (28.62%) for other expenses

In addition, Louisiana public libraries expended $23.4 million on capital improvements.
Louisiana Public Libraries

Acadia Parish Library
Allen Parish Library
Ascension Parish Library
Assumption Parish Library
Audubon Regional Library
Avoyelles Parish Library
Beauregard Parish Library
Bienville Parish Library
Bossier Parish Library
Calcasieu Parish Library
Caldwell Parish Library
Cameron Parish Library
Catahoula Parish Library
Claiborne Parish Library
Concordia Parish Library
DeSoto Parish Library
East Baton Rouge Parish Library
East Carroll Parish Library
Evangeline Parish Library
Franklin Parish Library
Grant Parish Library
Iberia Parish Library
Iberville Parish Library
Jackson Parish Library
Jefferson Parish Library
Jefferson Davis Parish Library
Jennings Carnegie Public Library
Krotz Springs Public Library
Lafayette Parish Library
Lafourche Parish Library
LaSalle Parish Library
Lincoln Parish Library
Livingston Parish Library
Madison Parish Library
Morehouse Parish Library
Morgan City Public Library
Natchitoches Public Library
New Orleans Public Library
Opelousas-Eunice Public Library
 Ouachita Parish Library
Plaquemines Parish Library
Pointe Coupee Parish Library
Rapides Parish Library
Red River Parish Library
Richland Parish Library
Sabine Parish Library
Shreve Memorial Library (Caddo)
South St. Landry Community Library
St. Bernard Parish Library
St. Charles Parish Library
St. James Parish Library
St. John Parish Library
St. Martin Parish Library
St. Mary Parish Library
St. Tammany Parish Library
Tangipahoa Parish Library
Tensas Parish Library
Terrebonne Parish Library
Union Parish Library
Vermilion Parish Library
Vernon Parish Library
Washington Municipal Library
Washington Parish Library
Webster Parish Library
West Baton Rouge Parish Library
West Carroll Parish Library
West Feliciana Parish Library
Winn Parish Library
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