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The [Library of Congress](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library_of_Congress) is the largest library in the United States. Above, the Library of Congress' [Thomas Jefferson Building](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Jefferson_Building).

The size of [libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library) in the United States is determined by a number of metrics, including number of holdings (in terms of [volumes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volume_(bibliography)) or titles held), by [circulation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library_circulation) (i.e., library materials checked out or renewed); or by number of library visits.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-ALA-1)

The largest public library in the United States and the second largest library in the world is the [Library of Congress](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library_of_Congress) in [Washington, D.C.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington,_D.C.), which is the *de facto* national library of the United States.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-2) It holds more than 167 million items, including "more than 39 million books and other printed materials, 3.6 million recordings, 14.8 million photographs, 5.5 million maps, 8.1 million pieces of sheet music and 72 million manuscripts."[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-3) The largest research library in the United States is the [Harvard Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvard_Library) in [Cambridge, Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambridge,_Massachusetts).

Comparing the size of [public libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_library) with [research libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Research_library) (such as [academic libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic_library)) is complicated by the different definition of *holdings* or *volumes* used. The [Association of Research Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_of_Research_Libraries) uses the [National Information Standards Organization](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Information_Standards_Organization) definition of *volume*, which is "A single physical unit of any [printed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Printing), [typewritten](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Typewriter), [handwritten](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Handwriting), [mimeographed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mimeograph), or processed work, distinguished from other units by a separate [binding](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bookbinding), encasement, [portfolio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artist%27s_portfolio), or other clear distinction, which has been [cataloged](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library_catalog), classified, and made ready for use, and which is typically the unit used to charge [circulation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library_circulation) transactions."[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-ALA22-4) In contrast, the Public Library Data Service Statistical Report (a publication of the Public Library Association, which is a division of the American Library Association) defines *holdings* as "the number of cataloged items (number of items, number of titles) plus [paperbacks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paperback) and [videocassettes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Videotape) even if uncataloged."[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-ALA22-4)

**Largest public libraries systems by total collections**

The [American Library Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Library_Association) has published data on the size of 25 largest public libraries in the United States. These data are from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Institute_of_Museum_and_Library_Services)'s Public Libraries Survey (PLS) for [fiscal year](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiscal_year) 2016. The largest public libraries in the U.S. are far larger than the median public library in the country; almost four-fifths of U.S. public libraries serve areas with populations of fewer than 25,000.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-ALA-1)

"Total collection" consists of print material, electronic books, audio materials, and video materials, each of which is a particular "data element" defined in the PLS. Print materials include printed books, serial music, and maps, including duplicates; electronic books include digital documents include [e-books](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E-book) and [digitized documents](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digitization), including duplicates; "audio materials" include both physical audio files (such as [cassette tapes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cassette_tapes), [audioreels](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reel-to-reel_audio_tape_recording), [CD-ROMs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CD-ROM), and [talking books](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talking_book)) and downloadable units; and "video materials" similarly includes both physical video materials (such as [videotape](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Videotape) and [DVD](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DVD)) and downloadable video files.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-5)

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| **Rank** | **Library** | **Area served** | **Total collection (FY 2016)** |
| 1 | [New York Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Public_Library) | [Manhattan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan), the [Bronx](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bronx), and [Staten Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staten_Island), [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_(state)) | 25,271,223 |
| 2 | [Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cincinnati_and_Hamilton_County_Public_Library) | [Hamilton County, Ohio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamilton_County,_Ohio) | 11,721,430 |
| 3 | [Boston Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Public_Library) | [Boston, Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston,_Massachusetts) | 8,197,010 |
| 4 | [Mid-Continent Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mid-Continent_Public_Library) | [Jackson County, Missouri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackson_County,_Missouri), [Clay County, Missouri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clay_County,_Missouri), [Platte County, Missouri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Platte_County,_Missouri), | 8,970,728 |
| 4 | [Los Angeles Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Public_Library) | [Los Angeles, California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles,_California) | 6,735,561 |
| 5 | [Chicago Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Public_Library) | [Chicago, Illinois](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago,_Illinois) | 5,949,251 |
| 6 | [County of Los Angeles Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County_of_Los_Angeles_Public_Library) | [Los Angeles County, California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_County,_California) | 5,779,843 |
| 7 | [Queens Borough Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queens_Borough_Public_Library) | [Queens, New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queens,_New_York) | 5,670,563 |
| 8 | [San Diego Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Public_Library) | [San Diego, California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego,_California) | 5,272,779 |
| 9 | [Dallas Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dallas_Public_Library) | [Dallas, Texas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dallas,_Texas) | 5,155,647 |
| 10 | [Hennepin County Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hennepin_County_Library) | [Hennepin County, Minnesota](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hennepin_County,_Minnesota) | 4,895,312 |
| 11 | [Dayton Metro Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dayton_Metro_Library) | [Dayton, Ohio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dayton,_Ohio) | 4,719,674 |
| 12 | [Detroit Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Public_Library) | [Detroit, Michigan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit,_Michigan) | 4,394,193 |
| 13 | [King County Library System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_County_Library_System) | [King County, Washington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_County,_Washington) | 3,967,872 |
| 14 | [Cleveland Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleveland_Public_Library) | [Cleveland, Ohio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleveland,_Ohio) | 3,946,416 |
| 15 | [Cuyahoga County Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuyahoga_County_Public_Library) | [Cuyahoga County, Ohio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuyahoga_County,_Ohio) | 3,661,264 |
| 16 | [Brooklyn Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brooklyn_Public_Library) | [Brooklyn, New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brooklyn,_New_York) | 3,660,532 |
| 17 | [Miami-Dade Public Library System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami-Dade_Public_Library_System) | [Miami-Dade County, Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami-Dade_County,_Florida) | 3,626,153 |
| 18 | [Allen County Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allen_County_Public_Library) | [Allen County, Indiana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allen_County,_Indiana) | 2,450,882 |
| 19 | [Hawaii State Public Library System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii_State_Public_Library_System) | [Hawaii](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii) | 3,403,577 |
| 20 | [City of St. Louis Municipal Library District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Public_Library) | [St. Louis, Missouri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis,_Missouri) | 3,281,380 |
| 21 | [Broward County Libraries Division](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broward_County_Library) | [Broward County, Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broward_County,_Florida) | 3,194,345 |
| 22 | [San Francisco Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Public_Library) | [City and County of San Francisco, California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City_and_County_of_San_Francisco,_California) | 3,122,259 |
| 23 | [Houston Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Public_Library) | [Houston, Texas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston,_Texas) | 3,084,633 |
| 24 | [Las Vegas-Clark County Library District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las_Vegas-Clark_County_Library_District) | [Clark County, Nevada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clark_County,_Nevada) | 3,041,019 |
| 25 | [Atlanta Fulton Public Library System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta%E2%80%93Fulton_Public_Library_System) | [Atlanta, Georgia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta) | 2,951,414 |

**Largest research libraries**

The [Association of Research Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_of_Research_Libraries) (ARL), a consortium of U.S. and Canada research libraries, reports statistical data on its 124 members (of which 114 are [academic libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic_libraries) within universities and 10 are non-academic research libraries). The ten non-university institutions in the ARL are the [Boston Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Public_Library), [National Research Council Canada National Science Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Research_Council_Canada_National_Science_Library), [Center for Research Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Center_for_Research_Libraries), [Library of Congress](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library_of_Congress), [National Agricultural Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Agricultural_Library), [National Archives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Archives_and_Records_Administration), [National Library of Medicine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Library_of_Medicine), [New York Public Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Public_Library), [New York State Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_State_Library), and [Smithsonian Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smithsonian_Libraries).

The following volume figures for the largest 20 U.S. and Canada research libraries by volume were reported in *ARL Statistics, 2020*, published in 2022. Some ARL member libraries include the holdings of [law libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_libraries), [medical libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_libraries), and [branch campuses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Branch_campus) in their reported statistics; others do not.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-:0-6)

**25 largest research libraries by volumes held**

The following are the 25 ARL members with the largest number of volumes held. ARL uses the [ANSI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANSI)/[NISO](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Information_Standards_Organization) Z39.7-2004 definition of "volume": "a single physical unit of any printed, typewritten, handwritten, mimeographed, or processed work, distinguished from other units by a separate binding, encasement, portfolio, or other clear distinction, which has been catalogued, classified, and made ready for use."[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-7) Microform, maps, and "electronic serials and other virtual serial volumes" are excluded from the volume count.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-8)

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| **Rank** | **Library** | **Institution** | **Volumes (2020)**[**[6]**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-:0-6)**: 45** |
| 1 | [Harvard Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvard_Library) | [Harvard University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvard_University) | 19,608,349 |
| 2 | [University of Michigan Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Michigan_Library) | [University of Michigan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Michigan) | 16,025,996 |
| 3 | [Yale University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yale_University_Library) | [Yale University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yale_University) | 15,421,200 |
| 4 | [University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Illinois_Urbana-Champaign_University_Library) | [University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Illinois_Urbana-Champaign) | 15,385,227 |
| 5 | [Columbia University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbia_University_Libraries) | [Columbia University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbia_University) | 15,029,945[[a 1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-fn1-9) |
| 6 | [University of California, Berkeley Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Berkeley_Libraries) | [University of California, Berkeley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Berkeley) | 13,890,919 [[1]](https://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Library_Statistics_21-22_v3.pdf) |
| 7 | [University of Chicago Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Chicago_Library) | [University of Chicago](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Chicago) | 12,458,055 |
| 8 | [University of Wisconsin–Madison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Wisconsin%E2%80%93Madison) | [University of Wisconsin System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Wisconsin_System) | 11,995,591 |
| 9 | [University of California, Los Angeles Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Los_Angeles_Library) | [University of California, Los Angeles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Los_Angeles) | 11,421,038  <https://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Library_Statistics_21-22_v3.pdf> |
| 10 | Indiana University Libraries | [Indiana University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indiana_University) | 11,260,449 |
| 11 | [Princeton University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University_Library) | [Princeton University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University) | 10,510,491 |
| 12 | University of Texas Libraries | [University of Texas at Austin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Texas_at_Austin) | 10,102,977 |
| 13 | [Cornell University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University_Library) | [Cornell University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University) | 10,075,313 |
| 14 | Ohio State University Libraries | [Ohio State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio_State_University) | 9,842,514 |
| 15 | University of Iowa Libraries | [University of Iowa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Iowa) | 9,827,159 |
| 16 | [University of Washington Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Washington_Libraries) | [University of Washington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Washington) | 9,772,809 |
| 17 | UNC Chapel Hill Libraries | [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_North_Carolina_at_Chapel_Hill) | 9,555,566 |
| 18 | [Pennsylvania State University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania_State_University_Libraries) | [Pennsylvania State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania_State_University) | 9,481,893 |
| 19 | [Duke University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duke_University_Libraries) | [Duke University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duke_University) | 9,046,010 |
| 20 | [New York University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_University_Libraries) | [New York University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_University) | 8,935,822 |
| 21 | [Penn Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penn_Libraries) | [University of Pennsylvania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Pennsylvania) | 8,880,872 |
| 22 | [Northwestern University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwestern_University_Library) | [Northwestern University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwestern_University) | 8,449,608 |
| 23 | University of Colorado Boulder University Libraries | [University of Colorado Boulder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Colorado_Boulder) | 8,337,273 |
| 24 | Oklahoma State University Libraries | [Oklahoma State University System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oklahoma_State_University_System) | 8,012,463 |
| 25 | [Michigan State University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_State_University_Libraries) | [Michigan State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_State_University) | 7,898,847 |

**25 largest research libraries by titles held**

The following are the 25 ARL members with the largest number of titles held, "including catalogued, locally digitized, and licensed" titles.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-10) ARL follows the [ANSI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANSI)/[NISO](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Information_Standards_Organization) Z39.7-2004 definition of "title": "The designation of a separate bibliographic whole, whether issued in one or several volumes...Titles are defined according to the [Anglo-American Cataloging Rules](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglo-American_Cataloging_Rules). A book or serial title may be distinguished from other titles by its unique [International Standard Book Number](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Standard_Book_Number) (ISBN) or [International Standard Serial Number](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Standard_Serial_Number) (ISSN)."[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-11) Multiple copies of the same work (for example, subscriptions to the same publication) are counted as a single title, but a serial title available in multiple formats (for example, print and online) are counted once for each available format.[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-12)

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| **Rank** | **Library** | **Institution** | **Titles Held (2020)**[**[6]**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-:0-6)**: 46** |
| 1 | [Harvard Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvard_Library) | [Harvard University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvard_University) | 18,711,275 |
| 2 | [University of California, Los Angeles Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Los_Angeles_Library) | [University of California, Los Angeles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Los_Angeles) | 17,679,327 |
| 3 | [Yale University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yale_University_Library) | [Yale University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yale_University) | 12,826,347 |
| 4 | [Columbia University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbia_University_Libraries) | [Columbia University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbia_University) | 10,814,827[[a 1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries_in_the_United_States#cite_note-fn1-9) |
| 5 | [University of Michigan Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Michigan_Library) | [University of Michigan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Michigan) | 10,692,811 |
| 6 | [University of California, Berkeley Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Berkeley_Libraries) | [University of California, Berkeley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Berkeley) | 9,816,654 |
| 7 | [University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Illinois_Urbana-Champaign_University_Library) | [University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Illinois_Urbana-Champaign) | 9,546,739 |
| 8 | University of Wisconsin–Madison Library | [University of Wisconsin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Wisconsin) | 9,211,820 |
| 9 | Princeton University Library | [Princeton University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University) | 9,163,538 |
| 10 | Indiana University Libraries | [Indiana University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indiana_University) | 8,995,411 |
| 11 | [Michigan State University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_State_University_Libraries) | [Michigan State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_State_University) | 8,855,996 |
| 12 | [New York University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_University_Libraries) | [New York University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_University) | 8,544,313 |
| 13 | [Cornell University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University_Library) | [Cornell University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University) | 8,364,927 |
| 14 | [Northwestern University Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwestern_University_Library) | [Northwestern University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwestern_University) | 8,198,268 |
| 15 | [Pennsylvania State University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania_State_University_Libraries) | [Pennsylvania State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania_State_University) | 8,191,408 |
| 16 | University of Texas Libraries | [University of Texas at Austin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Texas_at_Austin) | 8,152,478 |
| 17 | [University of Chicago Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Chicago_Library) | [University of Chicago](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Chicago) | 8,151,994 |
| 18 | [Penn Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penn_Libraries) | [University of Pennsylvania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Pennsylvania) | 7,464,058 |
| 19 | [Duke University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duke_University_Libraries) | [Duke University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duke_University) | 7,106,275 |
| 20 | University of Colorado Boulder University Libraries | [University of Colorado Boulder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Colorado_Boulder) | 7,086,420 |
| 21 | [Duke University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duke_University_Libraries) | [Duke University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duke_University) | 7,037,558 |
| 22 | Ohio State University Libraries | [Ohio State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio_State_University) | 6,855,146 |
| 23 | University of Virginia Library | [University of Virginia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Virginia) | 6,854,203 |
| 24 | [University of Washington Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Washington_Libraries) | [University of Washington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Washington) | 6,831,932 |
| 25 | Louisiana State University Libraries | [Louisiana State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louisiana_State_University) | 6,457,134 |

**See also**

* [Books in the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Books_in_the_United_States)
* [List of largest libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries)
* [University libraries in the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_libraries_in_the_United_States)

**Footnotes**

1. [Columbia University Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbia_University_Libraries) is closely affiliated with the [Jewish Theological Seminary Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_Theological_Seminary_Library), whose collection consists of over 400,000 volumes, but in not included in the [ARL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_of_Research_Libraries) count.

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