

Main Library Buildings, Services and Collections of Comparably-Sized Library Systems				
Library	Main library	Building elements	Building amenities	Special services/collections
CLP	in educational district of Pittsburgh, shares a building with museums and music hall	outdoor bamboo deck, remodeled main room and teen space, 11 story stacks,	café, International Poetry Room, PC Center	extensive music collection, Job, Career and Education Center, ESL and foreign language conversation groups, local history collections, district resource center, Oliver Special Collections
Boston	2 buildings,	negative space, craft/activity room for teens		Chinese book clubs, ESL conversation groups at branches with 100s of participants; Green team that encourages recycling/less energy consumption; senior center/food pantry;
Baltimore-Enoch Pratt	state library resource center since 1971	Information Services--first point of contact by staffing an information desk in the central hall of main library, but includes RRU, Ref, PC dept, VR		
Cincinnati	downtown	Main library complex spans an entire city block with a bridge connecting to another building across the street. Gift shop, coffee shop	In 2007, separate subject departments combined to form the Information and Reference Department.	nine special historical collections, along with: Local History and Genealogy, TechCenter, TeenSpot, Homework Central
Cleveland	downtown	Two buildings and a garden take up an entire city block; parking not available	a substantial collection of permanent art in the buildings and garden.	
Denver	downtown	spaces that accommodate variety of activities, nearly eliminated subject depts, nonfic in call # order, except for a few special collections, decreased # of ref service desks, staff 11 service desks 8 on first floor, no stationary ref desks in stacks, librarians = generalists, SCO	children's nooks, architect Michael Graves, ergonomic design, conferencecenter	
District of Columbia		built in 1972 and 8 times the size of building it replaced	free meeting rooms, Teen Space, restrooms and water fountains in children's space	American sign language classes, services for visually impaired, deaf, older adults and veterans, literacy center, local history, Black Studies Center, Childrens Illustrator Collection
Kansas City	Downtown. The façade of the library is a mural of giant spines of classic books, a century-old former bank was remodeled to become library in 2004	dazzling rentable conference rooms including board rooms, a ballroom, an auditorium, a screening room, a rooftop terrace, rentable A/V equipment and A/V support, catering	a coffee shop	local history, H&R Block Business and Career Center, business and investment classes, computer classes
Miami-Dade				
Milwaukee				
Minneapolis/Hennepin	downtown, anchor to Nicollet Mall	inviting, welcoming,	galleria with open stairs and glass elevators that joins 2 sections of library	
Multnomah (Portland)				
Philadelphia				
St. Louis	downtown	larger spaces for groups, atrium, auditorium	gas fireplace, café	4.8 million items in collection
San Diego	downtown			
Seattle	downtown	In 1998 Seattle voted for the largest and most comprehensive library initiative in our country's history, launching a \$290.7 million project to rebuild and renew The Seattle Public Library. 11 stories, including a spiral that houses the bulk of the nonfiction collection in a continuous run, underground parking	a coffee cart, a floor with information desks and librarians, gift shop, welcome desk, 275-seat Microsoft Auditorium, meeting rooms, catering, RFID book handling system	multilingual collections, literacy and language learning center, Starbucks teen center
Tampa-Hillsborough	in the Miami-Dade Cultural Center with the Historical Museum of Southern Florida and the Miami Art Museum. The buildings are grouped around a central plaza where people sit, eat, read and participate in ongoing activities for all ages.			4 bookmobiles, adult literacy program, 2,200 works of art, Urban Affairs department to support informational needs of county and municipal government employees and members of the public, foreign language materials, a branch library on the ground floor of a 76-unit supportive housing complex

<b>Toledo-Lucas</b>	downtown	In August of 2001, a 271,000 square foot, \$45.1 million renovation and expansion to Main Library	free meeting rooms for educational, instructional, or civic programs, not available for private meetings	online historic photos, obituary index, bookmobile, delivery of materials to homebound borrowers, teacher collections
<b>Salt Lake City</b>	downtown	outdoor plaza, flexible spaces, café, glass atrium, inviting & welcoming	garden shop, comicbook store, retailers	
<b>Charlotte/Mecklenberg</b>		teen space,	digital cameras, sound equipment,	
<b>Santa Clara County CA</b>	No main - Seven separate buildings + one branch	Some have teen spaces / five sites have meeting rooms		All sites offer about the same services, 95% self-check-out, Los Altos holds more sci-tech materials/ each site holds a local history collection
<b>Allen County IN</b>	Downtown	Great Hall concept with lots of natural light / contains Circ Desk and Holds area, General Reference Desk, self-check-out, catalog stations, and exhibit area	Dunkin Donuts / Twice Sold Tales Bookstore / outdoor and indoor Parking lots / 280-seat auditorium / meeting rooms	Enormous U.S. Genealogy collection