

Urban Library System Comparisons – 2000

(Source: PLA Public Library Data Service: Statistical Report 2001)

Library Name	Population	Annual Per Capita System Measures					Main							System Materials Budget
		Circulation	Room Use	Reference Questions	Visits	Holdings	Square Feet	Circulation	Room Use	Reference Questions	Visits	Program Attendance	Age of Main	
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	1,336,449	2,609,348	1,004,747	2,029,707	2,045,297	6,188,697	150,000	720,255	649,034	895,842	344,442	22,952	1895+	\$ 3,106,000
	653,106	2.0	0.8	1.5	1.5	4.6								
	334,563	3.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	9.4								
		7.8	3.0	6.1	6.1	18.5								
Atlanta-Fulton	786,100 416,474	3.6	5.6	2.4	3.4	2,443,570	255,000	208,664	602,753	541,401	470,357	5,752	1980+	\$ 3,567,000
Austin~	626,667	4.6	-	0.7	2.2	1,745,406	-	573,874	-	207,647	491,255	3,667	1979	\$ 1,695,000
Baltimore (Enoch Pratt)	644,500	2.1	0.8	1.4	2.3	3,451,508	100,000	323,365	159,753	443,365	389,396	9,524	1933+	\$ 3,574,000
Boston	574,283	3.9	2.1	2.3	3.9	7,713,240	900,000	1,009,335	944,250	1,040,030	1,780,240	131,975	1894/74+	\$ 6,198,000
Brooklyn	2,300,664	4.7	23.9	2.3	3.9	6,970,900	300,000	1,268,151	2,353,884	766,636	1,314,180	12,553	1941	\$ 9,775,000
Buffalo-Erie~~	968,532	8.3	3.6	1.0	4.5	3,356,266	403,000	654,196	756,378	154,879	452,231	10,208	1964/??	\$ 4,326,000
Cincinnati	840,443	15.9	2.7	1.5	-	9,686,841	542,527	2,987,147	1,470,579	835,811	1,177,964	-	1955/97	\$ 8,104,000
Cleveland	505,616	10.0	-	3.6	7.0	-	529,204	2,123,171	-	1,111,406	772,475	11,007	1925/99	\$10,749,000
Columbus*2-1	790,770	15.5	-	1.7	8.3	2,918,193	255,400	2,290,680	-	592,393	1,102,594	45,195	1904/91	\$ 7,891,000
Dallas	1,068,800	3.5	1.9	1.4	2.3	5,345,887	646,733	550,263	1,106,003	579,591	636,311	51,127	/01	\$ 3,290,000
Denver*1-1~	508,900	21.6	-	2.6	-	2,159,758	538,350	3,269,999	-	668,876	-	21,103	1956/95	\$ 6,536,000
District of Columbia	572,059	1.9	-	-	-	2,764,721	440,000	1,071,807	-	-	-	-	1971/??	\$ 3,184,000
Houston~~ (open floor plan)	1,919,390	3.2	1.6	1.8	2.7	4,476,593	322,300	1,198,216	1,187,317	1,358,885	1,047,950	16,250	1976/??	\$ 2,383,000
Indianapolis-Marion County*3-1	785,487	12.4	3.0	1.6	5.1	1,852,490	120,000	822,460	428,263	551,594	674,251	14,649	1917/05	\$ 5,623,000
Jacksonville~~	753,823	5.3	-	1.0	3.1	2,330,583	299,725	-	-	-	-	-	1965/04	\$ 3,229,000
Kansas City~	257,940	9.1	11.3	2.3	8.1	2,373,768	142,544	615,037	928,590	277,319	388,960	-	1966	\$ 2,242,000
Miami-Dade	1,790,391 362,470	2.6	1.7	1.9	3.1	3,550,332	200,000	264,903	319,315	646,725	553,162	87,035	1985	\$ 8,245,000
Milwaukee	610,654	5.0	2.3	2.6	4.1	2,907,165	457,919	715,460	420,322	589,636	579,984	26,549	1898+	\$ 2,748,000
Minneapolis	358,610	7.4	6.5	3.6	2.9	3,255,936	-	899,452	1,382,078	527,073	716,968	13,659	1961/06	\$ 2,505,000
Multnomah (Portland)*9-1	645,950 529,121	18.8	3.8	6.2	1.2	1,739,059	358,610	3,324,089	1,158,664	327,912	1,225,692	-	1913/97	\$ 4,499,000
Philadelphia	1,585,577	4.0	-	1.9	3.1	9,216,869	236,626	2,020,276	-	655,451	742,363	28,139	1927 /??	\$ 9,587,000
Phoenix~**	1,263,895	5.4	-	-	2.6	1,797,247	280,000	1,897,303	-	-	-	81,756	1995	\$ 3,256,000
Queens	1,951,598	8.8	1.4	1.5	8.7	9,143,990	217,000	1,936,218	289,195	612,820	1,739,893	21,841	1966/89??	\$11,869,000
Sacramento~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1918/92	
Saint Louis*5-1	396,685	5.9	2.0	1.4	4.7	2,220,699	190,870	416,488	327,619	276,572	349,066	266,536	1959/89?	\$ 4,407,000
San Antonio~	1,432,700	3.0	-	0.7	2.2	1,859,921	238,000	897,237	-	426,233	703,535	32,212	1995	\$ 3,483,000
San Diego	1,285,100	5.0	1.2	1.5	5.1	3,000,653	144,524	598,840	468,830	711,115	708,127	19,882	1954/98	\$ 3,300,000
San Jose~	923,600	8.5	-	0.6	-	1,885,312	113,800	962,390	-	138,772	-	5,894	1970/90	\$ 3,645,000
Seattle	539,700	9.2	2.6	2.4	8.6	2,044,164	206,000	821,658	784,876	661,497	1,206,766	11,718	1960/79	\$ 5,029,000
Tampa-Hillsborough	1,001,910 303,447	4.0	1.7	2.2	3.0	2,252,285	142,560	263,643	371,616	641,808	404,719	8,265	1967ish	\$ 3,513,000
Toledo/Lucas County*7-2	462,361	13.2	3.3	1.2	7.2	2,567,101	262,000	839,230	231,816	163,488	526,048	2,186	1940/01	\$ 3,776,000
Tulsa City-County~	525,100	6.3	-	1.1	6.3	1,154,284	135,000	600,678	-	205,062	534,563	11,623	1965	\$ 2,448,000

Table includes comparable libraries in multiple categories: population, collection size, materials budget; PPG Benchmark Cities; top rated libraries; and new, renovated or planned updated Main facilities **1999 statistics used
 Green – Pittsburgh Post Gazette Benchmark Cities Age: + Some renovation done at various times ???:Considering renovations or new facility to be determined New completion expected:year ~Centralized reference ~- Considering consolidation of subject departments (Note: Dallas will decentralize reference in 2001) *HAPLR (Hennen's 2000 American Public Library Rating) Index This is a private service that rates American Public Libraries based on data from the U.S. Federal-State Cooperative Service.
 (-1:1over 500,000 population service area; -2:250,000-499,999) STJ 10/01

