# Texas Public Libraries
**FISCAL YEAR 2017**

## Quick Stats
- **Population Size Served**: 25,559,067
- **Number of Public Library Systems**: 540
- **Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets)**: 873
- **Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians**: 2,527
- **Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff**: 6,899

## Public Library Outlets by Locale
- **Rural**: 23%
- **Town**: 28%
- **Suburb**: 19%
- **City**: 31%

## Operating Expenditures per Person
- **Staffing**: $2.69
- **Collections**: $3.92
- **Other**: 1.50

## Public Library Collections per Person
- **Books**: 1.50
- **E-books**: 0.40

## Public Library Financial Health
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<th>Expenditure Type</th>
<th>FY 2017</th>
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<td>Total Operating Revenue per Person</td>
<td>$21.80</td>
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<td>Total Operating Expenditures per Person</td>
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## Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage
- **Collection Materials per Person**: 2.34
- **Circulation per Person**: 4.59
- **Library Visits per Person**: 2.75
- **Reference Transactions per Person**: 0.53
- **Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People**: 11.64
- **Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People**: 272.84
- **Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People**: 4.25
- **Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person**: 0.54

## Public Library Staffing
- **Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People**: 6.75
- **Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People**: 2.47

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1. The sum of books and e-books will not equal the total collections per person reported in the table. The total collections per person reported in the table includes books, e-books, and physical and downloadable audio and video materials.
2. The Southwest region includes Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.
3. All financial data are in constant FY 2017 dollars.

**NOTE:** Per person indicators use the unduplicated population. Calculations are based on unrounded data; therefore, reported totals may differ due to rounding.