

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

New York is a leader in academic and high-tech research because of its academic and research libraries.

New York's academic and research libraries spend more than \$580 million annual on information resources.

The average weekly gate count at New York's academic and research libraries is greater than 20,000,000.

Nearly 10% of all academic and research library traffic in the U.S. occurs in New York.



NYSHEI
New York State Higher
Education Initiative

"We must educate the next generation of researchers and that can not be done without connecting them to the global community of scholars. For this fact library resources are as critical a tool as computers and lab space."

Dr. Rachel Sterne-Mar, Biochemist/Geneticist,
Siena College

Academic & Research Libraries Support Innovation, Scholarship & Discovery

Expansive, accessible, and increasingly electronic, the academic and research library is the center of higher education, research, and knowledge.

Academic and research libraries serve a specialized and demanding clientele - yet are open to the public.

College libraries receive less than 6 cents from every dollar spent on higher education. At the same time the cost of peer-reviewed scholarship increases nearly 20% annually.

Academic and research libraries serve two concurrent purposes: support the institution curriculum, instruction, and learning, and; support research and innovation.

Costs to academic libraries grossly outpace inflation, thus harming the ability of the library to fulfill its mission. Example: cost of electronic journals in support of science and technology annually increase from 20-45%.

These libraries are increasingly digital, serving as the procurer and gateway to information on campus, and electronically. However, as costs

escalate and budgets decline, the ability of libraries to provide access to vital resources undermines scholarship, learning, research, and innovation.

New York's colleges and universities are its greatest asset. Libraries are the backbone of all higher education.