

Libraries

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General information on the libraries of Latvia

The total number of libraries: 1541
39 502 852 units

The total number of registered users: 814540

Number of visits: 18 377 439 (including virtual)

Delivery: 18 174 236

The library services encompass all activity fields and all age groups of the population. From the 1 907 675 of Latvia population more than 39 % have registered as active library users. There is one library per 1351 inhabitants. Each user has attended a library on average 23 times per year.

The following libraries operate in Latvia:

1 National Library of Latvia

779 public libraries: including 771 municipal libraries; Latvian Library for the Blind with 7 branch libraries

48 libraries of higher educational establishments

687 libraries of general education and vocational education establishments

26 specialised libraries

National Legislation

Laws

[Library Law](#)

[On the National Library of Latvia](#)

[Legal Deposit Law](#)

[Copyright Law](#)

Regulations of Minister Cabinet

[Regulations for the Accreditation of Libraries](#)

[Procedures for the Development and Utilisation of the National Catalogue](#)

[Regulations regarding the Number of Employees Necessary for the Work of a Library and the Education Necessary for Holding Positions](#)

[Norms of the Material and Technical Basis of Libraries](#)

[Regulations Regarding the Paid Services Provided by State Libraries and the Methodology for Determination of Pricing Thereof](#)

[Regulations Regarding Operation of Official Local-Level Library Network](#)

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