Public Libraries in Finland 2017

- 853 public libraries
  - 282 central libraries
  - 437 branch libraries
- 85 million loans
  - 15.6 loans per resident
- 1,900,000 m² of space
- 1,344 bookmobiles
- 1,6 million opening hours
- 50 million library visits
- 37 million page views
- 35 million items
  - 30 million books
  - 3 million audio records
  - 1.1 million movies & series
  - 73,000 e-books
  - 67,000 periodicals
- 1,8 million new items
- 49,000 events that attracted 9,600,000 participants

1.9 million Finns own a library card. On average, every Finn visited a library 9 times a year.

All this was achieved for mere 57 € per resident. That sum would buy you just a few new books each year. It's a pretty sweet deal, right?