

# Public Libraries



in Finland  
2017



# 853

public libraries



282

central libraries



437

branch libraries



134

bookmobiles

498 000 m<sup>2</sup> of space

# 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

# 1.9 million

Finns own  
a library card



On average  
every Finn visited  
a library

# 9

times a year.

Libraries  
procured

# 1.8 million

new  
items

Libraries held

# 49 000

events that  
attracted  
**960 000**  
participants



# 1.6 million

opening hours

# 85 million

loans

# 15.6

loans per resident

# 3 466

people worked  
at a library

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?