

List of Largest Libraries in the World

British Library in the United Kingdom is the world's largest library in terms of its catalogue size i.e. the number of books, periodicals, etc it manages.

The table given below highlights the World Largest Libraries based on their catalogue size. It includes libraries that store 15 million or more items.

Largest Libraries in the World		
Name & Country	Location	Catalogue size
British Library, United Kingdom	London and Boston Spa	170–200 million
Library of Congress, United States	Washington D.C.	170 million
New York Public Library, United States	New York City	55 million
Library and Archives, Canada	Ottawa	54 million
Shanghai Library, China	Shanghai	50 million
Russian State Library, Russia	Moscow	47.2 million
Royal Danish Library, Denmark	Copenhagen and Aarhus	42.5 million
National Diet Library, Japan	Tokyo and Kyoto	41.9 million
Bibliothèque nationale de France	Paris	40 million
National Library of China	Beijing	37.7 million
National Library of Russia	Saint Petersburg	36.5 million
German National Library, Germany	Leipzig and Frankfurt	36.1 million
Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain	Madrid	33.1 million
Library of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia	Saint Petersburg	26.5 million

Berlin State Library, Germany	Berlin	23.4 million
Boston Public Library, United States	Boston, Massachusetts	22.4 million
New York State Library, United States	Albany, New York	20 million
Harvard Library, United States	Cambridge, Massachusetts	18.9 million
National Library of Sweden	Stockholm	18 million
Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine	Kiev	15.5 million
Yale Library, United States	New Haven, Connecticut	15.2 million
National Library of Iran	Tehran	15 million

Reference - Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_libraries]

Now that you know the largest libraries of the world, let's take a look at Largest libraries in India.

Largest Libraries in India List

Do you know which is the Largest Library in India? OR Do you know the name of the oldest library in India?

The State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala established in 1829 is the very first public library in India and the **National Library Of India, Kolkata established in 1836** is the largest library of India.

The table below enlists the India's largest library by volume, prominence, along with their establishment year:

Largest Libraries In India		
Library Name	Est. Year	Prominence
The National Library Of India, Kolkata	1836	26,41,615 books along with other periodicals, maps, manuscripts etc
Delhi Public Library, New Delhi	1951	18 lakh books in English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi & other Indian Languages

Saraswathi Mahal Library Or Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Sarasvati Mahal Library, Tamil Nadu	1918	Rare collection of palm leaf manuscripts in various regional languages of India.
Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	2010	Collection of 5 lakh books and Braille section for blind readers
Krishnadas Shama Central Library, Goa	1832	Total 1.8 lakh books in different languages & pre-liberation collection is over 40,000 volumes
Allahabad Public Library, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	1864	1.25 lakh books on various subjects and rare Arabic manuscripts along with papers of Parliament.
Smt. Hansa Mehta Library, Baroda, Gujarat	1950	3,500 precious collection books dates back to 16th century
Connemara Public Library, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	1896	One of the 4 National Depository Libraries also serves as a depository library for the UN
State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	1829	3, 67,243 documents in Sanskrit, Tamil, English, Malayalam, and more

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