



Danish Library Statistics 2008

- a brief introduction to libraries in Denmark and Danish library statistics

The Danish library concept

The Danish library system is based on the concept of the citizen's fundamental right to knowledge and information. Basically the library service is free of charge, but in certain cases libraries can demand payment for special services.

The Danish Ministry of Culture and the Danish Agency for Libraries and Media

The Danish Agency for Libraries and Media is an agency under the Ministry of Culture and the central body at government level in all matters concerning libraries.

Public Libraries

All local authorities in the country must either alone or in co-operation with other local authorities run a public library with departments for children and adults.

The public libraries are administered under the provisions of the Act regarding library services. The first library act was passed in 1920 and the current act dates from May 2000.

General figures about Denmark

Area	43,094 km ²
Local authorities	98
Counties	5

Population 1.1. 2009

Adults	4,575,630
Children (0-13)	935,725
Total	5,511,355

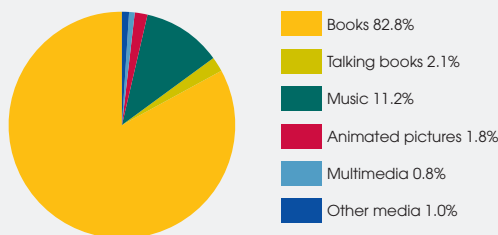
Service points 2008

Main libraries	97
Branch libraries	380
Mobile libraries	33
Total	510

Staff 2008

Librarians	2,229
Assistants	1,906
Other staff	493
Total FTE	4,628

Stock 2008

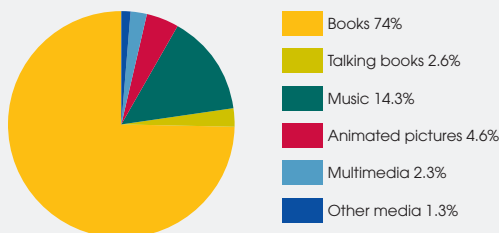


Books	20,520,254
Talking books	521,811
Music	2,783,649
Animated pictures	460,477
Multimedia	219,666
Other media	251,039
Total	24,756,941
Stock per capita	4.49

Serial subscriptions, Total

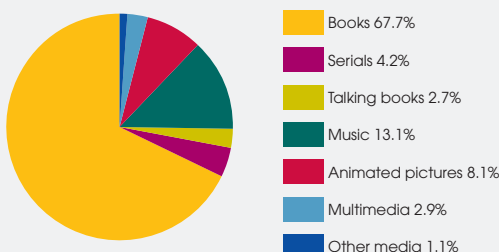
138,054

Additions 2008



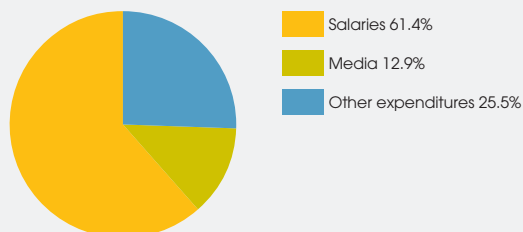
Books	1,297,141
Talking books	45,929
Music	248,256
Animated pictures	80,003
Multimedia	40,150
Other media	23,723
Total	1,735,202
Additions per capita	0.31

Loans incl. renewals 2008



Books	50,471,973
Serials	3,111,959
Talking books	2,040,559
Music	9,777,908
Animated pictures	6,063,590
Multimedia	2,189,106
Other media	823,663
Total	74,478,769
Loans per capita	13.5

Operating expenditure 2008



Salaries*	1,723,110
Media*	362,423
Other expenditure*	717,128
Total*	2,802,661
Expenditure per capita**	508
Income generated by the library*	264,992

* 1,000 DKK

** DKK

Danish research libraries are government institutions. Primarily they serve higher education and research, but the majority are open to the public.

16 major research libraries are responsible for servicing universities and other institutions of higher education. In addition, a number of research libraries focus on specialised areas of research. Finally, a large number of smaller research libraries are attached to educational establishments.

The Royal Library and the State and University Library in Århus have specific national library functions.

The Royal Library functions both as Denmark's national library – including being a legal deposit library – and as the library of the University of Copenhagen.

Research libraries

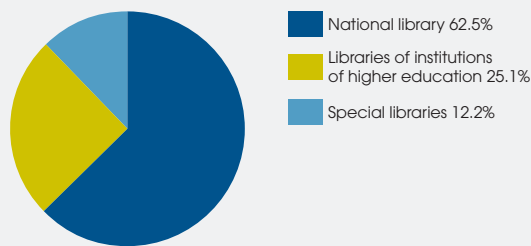
Number 2008

National library	2
Libraries of institutions of higher education	106
Special libraries	77
Total	185

Staff 2008

National library	626
Libraries of institutions of higher education	705
Special libraries	211
Total FTE	1,542

Stock 2008

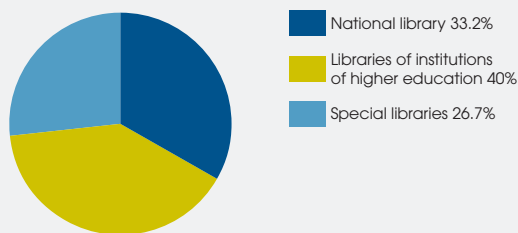


National library	27,642,777
Libraries of institutions of higher education	11,126,504
Special libraries	5,397,925
Total physical units	44,167,206

Serials subscriptions

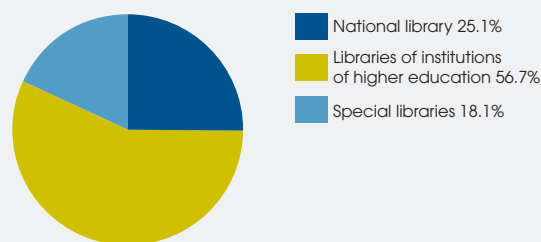
National library	67,629
Libraries of institutions of higher education	20,631
Special libraries	9,070
Total subscriptions	97,330

Additions 2008



National library	258,285
Libraries of institutions of higher education	310,456
Special libraries	207,179
Total physical units	775,920

Loans incl. renewals 2008



National library	2,517,562
Libraries of institutions of higher education	5,688,948
Special libraries	1,812,013
Total loans	10,018,523

Interlibrary loans

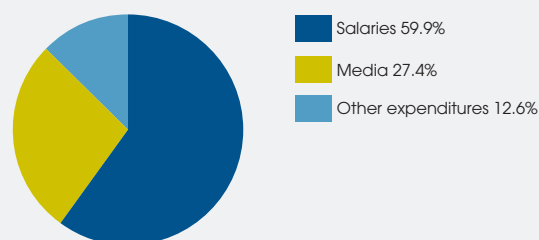
Interlibrary loans supplied by National library	676,841
by libraries of institutions of higher education	454,376
by special libraries	36,658

Total Interlibrary loans supplied 1,167,875

Interlibrary loans received by National library	53,441
by libraries of institutions of higher education	133,972
by special libraries	31,349

Total Interlibrary loans received 218,762

Operating expenditure 2008



Salaries*	589,019
Media*	269,677
Other expenditure*	123,872
Total*	982,568

* 1,000 DKK

	1,000 DKK	%
National Library	362,092	36.8%
Libraries of institutions of higher education	456,453	46.5%
Special libraries	164,023	16.7%
Total	982,568	100.0%

For further information please visit the homepage of the Danish Agency for Libraries and Media: www.bibliotekogmedier.dk