

TABLE 5.—Selected statistics of public libraries serving populations of 35,000 or more: 1959-62 and projected to 1975

	Actual			Projected			
	1959	1960	1962	1965-66	1967-68	1969-70	1974-75
Number of libraries.....	610	823	856				
Total U.S. population.....	177,830,000	180,676,000	186,591,000	194,671,000	200,212,000	205,994,000	222,273,000
Population served by libraries.....	84,167,000	112,550,000	118,094,000	123,207,000	126,714,000	130,355,000	140,677,000
Volumes, end of year.....	109,379,000	130,638,000	163,269,000	220,932,000	261,297,000	303,859,000	422,519,000
Volumes per capita.....	1.30	1.16	1.38	1.79	2.06	2.33	3.00
Volumes added.....	8,809,000	10,502,000	12,804,000	17,188,000	20,201,000	23,398,000	32,252,000
Volumes added per capita.....	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.23
Circulation per capita.....	4.63	4.04	4.44				
Expenditures:							
Library materials.....	\$24,472,000	\$30,037,000	\$39,542,000	\$55,540,000	\$65,390,000	\$77,834,000	\$109,736,000
Per capita.....	\$0.29	\$0.27	\$0.33	\$0.45	\$0.52	\$0.60	\$0.78
Percent of operating expenditures.....	15.0	15.1	15.6				
Binding and rebinding.....	\$3,020,000	\$3,364,000	\$4,143,000	\$5,276,000	\$6,046,000	\$6,859,000	\$9,113,000
Percent of operating expenditures.....	1.2	1.7	1.6				

NOTE.—Projections of expenditures are in 1963-64 constant dollars. Base period: 1959, 1960, and 1962 which include data for county libraries serving populations of under 50,000. Projected by use of least squares equation and projection of total U.S. population. 1962 population served as a percent of total U.S. population was used to estimate population served for the projected years. 1963-64 constant dollars based on Consumer Price Index. No projection of circulation and total operating expenditure since the base period data were not provided.