

Of the 766 libraries reporting in 1953, 92 were in cities of 10,000 population or over. They employed 78 p.c. of the total full time staff members and accounted for over 87 p.c. of the total expenditures. Median salaries in city libraries varied with the size of the city as follows:—

Staff	Cities with Populations of—		
	10,000- 24,999	25,000- 99,999	100,000 or over
	\$	\$	\$
Chief librarian.....	3,250	4,344	5,273
Head of branch or division.....	2,667	3,306	3,579
Other librarians.....	2,194	2,814	2,497
Other classifications.....	1,667	2,554	2,434
Clerical staff.....	1,808	1,917	2,108

In addition to the primary task of circulating reading material, public libraries undertake varied special services. City libraries in 1953 lent 89,296 films and 108,225 records, gave 656 concerts, presented 336 radio and drama shows and had 4,265 public film showings with total attendance of over 4,000,000. About 4,860 story hours for children were presented, usually on Saturday mornings. In addition 357,217 requests for information were answered.

Regional Library Service.—Regional library service, or an adaptation thereof, now functions in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In addition a Director of Regional Libraries was appointed in January 1954 in New Brunswick, preparatory to the establishment of a regional library system in that Province, and preliminary surveys are being undertaken in Manitoba. Summary statistics for the regional libraries in operation are given in Table 2.

2.—Summary Statistics of Libraries Organized for Regional Collaboration 1954

Regional Organization	Volumes	Circulation	Expenditure	
			Book Stock	Total
			\$	\$
Newfoundland Regional Libraries ¹	153,591	412,882
Prince Edward Island Libraries.....	86,186	326,954	11,000	41,840
Nova Scotia Regional Libraries—				
Annapolis Valley.....	22,716	122,315	3,226	22,943
Cape Breton.....	49,336	248,401	12,580	57,748
Colchester—East Hants.....	30,000	142,557	4,932	19,381
Pictou County.....	16,886	149,328	4,733	23,271
Ontario County Library Co-operatives—				
Bruce.....	12,108	68,332	2,700	7,103
Elgin.....	21,059	134,368	3,565	11,852
Essex.....	17,922	200,000 ²	4,768	18,489
Huron.....	16,258	152,045	2,884	17,239
Kent.....	18,351	118,198	3,971	11,325
Lambton.....	20,206	159,875	4,159	13,019
Middlesex.....	21,846	167,000 ²	6,836	15,803
Oxford.....	12,603	150,560	3,791	11,680
Peel.....	9,071	47,518	3,269	9,359
Simcoe.....	16,196	108,164	3,292	14,707
Thunder Bay District.....	8,418	25,523	4,220	11,579
Victoria.....	7,401	54,690	3,308	7,028
Welland.....	15,694	155,804	4,109	14,238
Wentworth.....	16,544	189,085	4,884	20,392
Saskatchewan Regional Libraries—				
North-Central Saskatchewan.....	26,300	81,130	9,647	26,165
Alberta Regional Libraries—				
Barrhead.....	7,700	41,500	2,453	5,542
Lacombe.....	10,000	8,083 ³	10,434	20,556
British Columbia Union Libraries—				
Fraser Valley.....	79,285	519,324	29,132	93,562
Okanagan.....	62,145	344,775	16,550	67,475
Vancouver Island.....	56,551	353,074	13,346	79,216

For footnotes, see end of table.