

Mobile libraries in Finland

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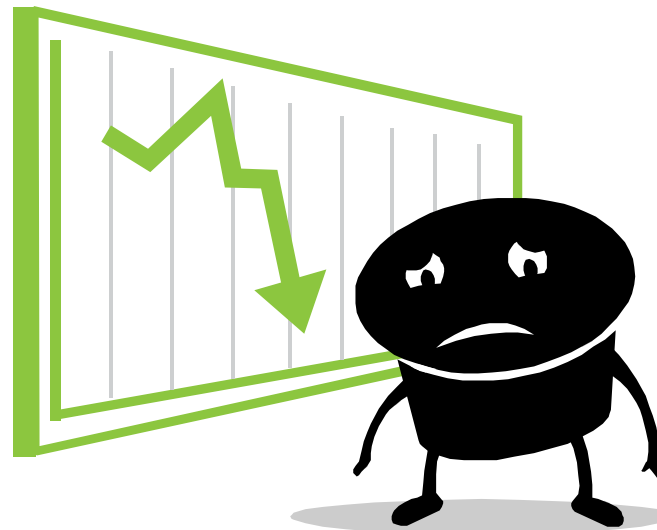
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Finnish Public Libraries Statistics 2013

Main libraries	291
Branch libraries	487
Hospital libraries	37
Other service points	407
Mobile libraries	148
Mobile library stops	11 787
Mobile library loans	7 321 265
Library boats	1
Library boat stops	11
Library boat loans	1 098

More statistics

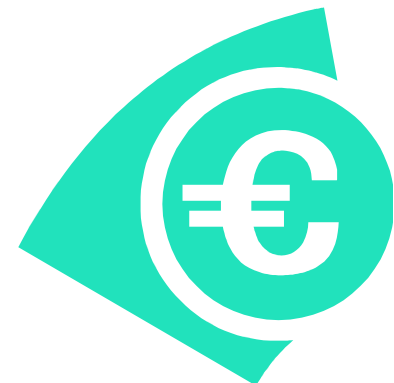
- 1999 – 203 Mobile libraries
- 2003 – 192
- 2009 – 155
- **2013 – 148**





Library financing

- The Ministry of Education and Culture supports the construction of libraries and acquisition of bookmobiles as well as special tasks (e.g. Multilingual Library, Sami Library, co-Nordic mobile services) and different projects (e.g. development of information network).



Financing 2014

- **Alavus** 115 000 €
- **Kemijärvi** 125 000 € (wheelchair lift)
- **Nurmijärvi** 87 000 €
- **Seinäjoki** 76 000 €
- **The aid is 25- 50% of costs of a bus**
- **A new mobile library costs over 300 000 €**



Library boat



Mobile libraries

- The bookmobile serves children in daycare, elderly persons and special needs groups.
- The bookmobile also makes rounds at small elementary schools.
- Customers in wheelchair can access the bookmobile with a car lift for the disabled.
- The bookmobile offers children the opportunity to explore the library already before they start school. It is an experience to get to select books together with the day-care staff.
- By request some libraries also organize story hours and teach the use of library to pre-school children and school children.
- Older people living in nursing homes can visit the bookmobile independently.
- By request libraries can also put together theme packages for nursing homes.
- Health and social care, polling places, some courses, lessons, smart screen, happenings, a pharmacy, a post office, store etc.







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Thank you!

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