2017 ATS LIBRARY STATISTICS

We collaborate with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to collect and provide library statistics from ATS member institutions.

ATS collects information from institutions in the fall of each year, reflecting the most recently completed fiscal year (usually the prior year). ATLA reorganizes the data from ATS member institutions to provide comprehensive statistics focused on the library portion of the ATS survey.
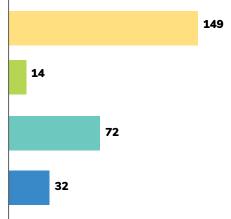
The following charts reflect data for 2017 ATLA Institutional and Affiliate Member libraries that completed the survey, issued in the fall of 2017, reflective of the most recently completed fiscal year (2017–2018).

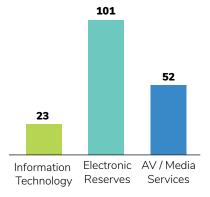The full datasets are available in the Members Only Drive in the My ATLA Web Portal.
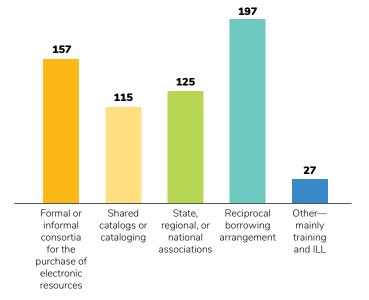
PART A

LIBRARY CHARACTERISTICS

1. Which of the following most accurately describes your institution's library?

a. An independent library chiefly serving your institution — **149**

b. A department or departmental branch library within a larger university or college library system — **14**

c. A library integrated with a larger university or college library system — **72**

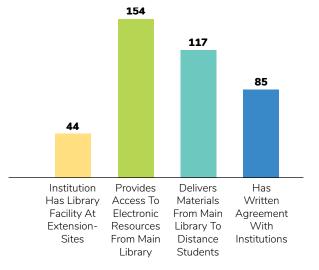d. A part of a library system jointly administered and/or funded by more than one educational institution — **32**

2. Is your library the primary source of support on your campus for:

Information Technology	23
Electronic Reserves	101
AV / Media Services	52

3. Does the library of your institution have consortial arrangements for providing library services with one or more other institutions? (Yes - 218) If yes, please identify the corsortia/um and briefly describe the arrangement:

Formal or informal consortia for the purchase of electronic resources	157
Shared catalogs or cataloging	115
State, regional, or national associations	125
Reciprocal borrowing arrangement	197
Other— mainly training and ILL	27

4. Does your institution have one or more distance education program(s) or extension site(s)? (Yes—160) If yes:

Category	Value
Institution Has Library Facility At Extension-Sites	44
Provides Access To Electronic Resources From Main Library	154
Delivers Materials From Main Library To Distance Students	117
Has Written Agreement With Institutions	85

PART B

THE LIBRARY AS PLACE

1. When were the building(s) in which the main library is located built?

	2010–2016	2000–2009	1990–1999	1980–1989	1970–1979	1960–1969	1950–1959	1940–1949	1930–1939	1920–1929	1910–1919	1900–1909	PRE–1900
Library 1	12	25	19	16	20	61	35	5	8	11	6	13	6
Library 2	4	2	4	3	4	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Library 3	0	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2. When were the buildings in which the main library is located subsequently renovated?

	2010–2017	2000–2009	1990–1999	1980–1989	1970–1979	1960–1969	1950–1959	1940–1949	1930–1939	1920–1929	1910–1919	1900–1909	PRE–1900
Library 1	110	43	19	12	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library 2	15	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library 3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. Do you use offsite storage?

Of the 58 libraries who responded in the affirmative, it was reported that an average of 16.73% of the total library collection was stored offsite, with the average number of volumes being 87,500.

Among the other items stored offsite were audio visual materials, archival materials, bound periodicals, monographs, and unprocessed materials. Some also reported that offsite storage could refer to another building on campus.

4. What other spaces or services are offered and/or housed in your library?

*Includes archives, art galleries, children's materials, curriculum centers, denominational materials, galleries, language labs, museums, other offices/centers, PhD study rooms and carrels, special collections, tech support, university archives, and vending machines/lunchroom.