

A library is a collection of sources, resources, and services, and the structure in which it is housed. In the more traditional sense, a library is a collection of books. It can mean the collection itself, the building or room that houses such a collection or both. In Joyce's *Ulysses*, Stephen and Bloom meet in the National Library and they have a lively discussion about Hamlet and Shakespeare. Here, however, the library is not only a physical place but it has a symbolic value as well because the books become living creatures and get people talking to each other. In his work authors such as Plato are also quoted. Hamlet's words bring our mind into contact with the eternal wisdom, Plato's world of ideas.