

Patience & Fortitude: Iconic Lions

Patience and Fortitude are the pair of New York Public Library lion statues.



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with Patience, 2016



Patience & Fortitude were in place for opening day of the New York Public Library, May 23, 1911.

*Cinderella, American Bank Note Company
Enlarged 30%*



The library is located at Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street.

Mayor Fiorella La Guardia nicknamed "Patience" and "Fortitude" to honor the people of New York City, ca. 1942.



New York Public Library Slogan Meter: "Use it. Enjoy it. Support it." 1979

Edward Clark Potter's Tennessee pink marble lion sculptures have "guarded" the library since 1911.

From a sheet of four



The beloved lions are decorated for holidays and special events.

*From a sheet of four
Reduced 25%*



Potter's lions are 11 feet long, three feet longer than actual African lions.



U.S. 2003 First-Day cover franked with two stamps inscribed "2000" and two with "2003." Reduced 50%

USPS stamp illustrator, Nancy Stahl, was a guest speaker at the Cats on Stamps Study Unit meeting at NY 2016.



Nancy Stahl illustrated the 10¢ presorted mail coil motif in the American Culture series.



2000, Pressure-sensitive (self-adhesive)



2003, Water-activated (gummed)



2003, Pressure-sensitive