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Much has been written about the Library of Congress (LC), but relatively little of it. The Nation's Great Library: Herbert Putnam and the Library of Congress, 1899-1939, is my own attempt to place in perspective Herbert Putnam's vision of the Library of Congress.

Herbert Putnam was appointed director of the Library of Congress in 1899, and remained in that position for four decades. During his tenure, Putnam oversaw the growth of the Library of Congress from a small institution to one of the largest and most important libraries in the world. Putnam's vision of the Library of Congress was one of a cultural institution that served the nation as a whole, rather than just the federal government.

Putnam's administration was marked by a number of significant accomplishments. He oversaw the acquisition of a vast collection of books, manuscripts, and other materials, and worked to make the Library of Congress accessible to the public. Putnam also played a key role in the development of the Library of Congress as a research institution, and worked to ensure that the Library had the resources it needed to support research.

Putnam's legacy is still felt today, as the Library of Congress continues to serve as a vital source of information and research for scholars and the general public. The Nation's Great Library: Herbert Putnam and the Library of Congress, 1899-1939 is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of the Library of Congress, or in the history of libraries in general.