America's Libraries:
Connectivity that Transforms

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Connecting America's Communities

73% of local government leaders say libraries play an important or highly important role in providing access to high-speed Internet service.

Libraries empower individuals and communities to thrive in today's economy.

Modern libraries are dynamic community hubs that offer free access to computers and the Internet, digital literacy training, digital collections, and services that range from GED prep to 3D printing and videoconferencing.
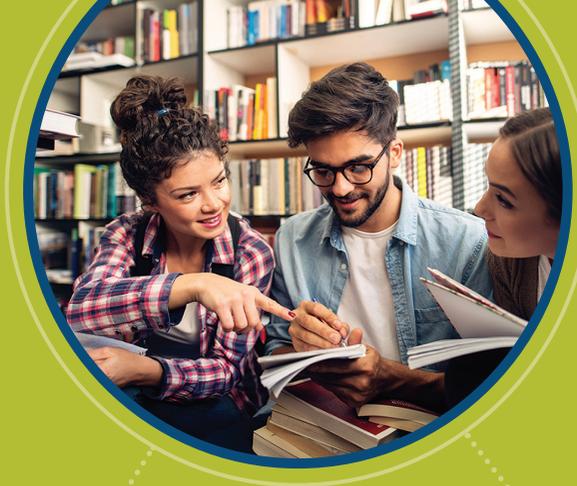
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Approximately **73 percent of libraries offer training** and services to help people apply for jobs and 90 percent of libraries offer digital training.

77% of patrons aged 12-17 visit public libraries to do school work.

Entrepreneurs make 2.8 million monthly visits to support their small businesses, using services such as online market research, 3D printing and business planning support.

Patrons can borrow mobile hotspots and download reading materials, music and movies from the library, taking connectivity and content wherever they go.

More than **97 percent of libraries assist patrons in using online government services,** such as filing taxes and applying for permits.

Libraries host 4.7 million programs every year, offering everything from social media training for seniors to basic coding and small business management.

Libraries are important partners in advancing broadband connectivity and use.

If you want to build an integrated community engagement strategy that touches multiple institutions, BroadbandUSA has resources and advice to help.

Contact our team at **BroadbandUSA@ntia.doc.gov or 202-482-2048.**

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