



TICKET TO WONDERS



WIFI and Computers

You can loan portable WI-FIs, tablets, laptops and e-readers. Also get access to computers (installed with key software to help you create documents, presentations, spreadsheets, do image editing, create audio recording, and more)



Printers/Scanners

Many offer printing services, for a fee. You can get documents printed either in color or black and white, (if available). Some also offer wireless and mobile printing. As well as scanning and copying services.



Digital Resources

You can get free audiobooks, ebooks, emagazines, enewspapers, stream movies, take online courses and/or get access to training programs. Plus many have online databases and research tools.



Job Search

Depending on the resources available in your area, you may be able to get job search assistance. From resume building to learning how to use the internet to look for opportunities, update your skills through training seminars, etc.



Books/DVDs...

Print material is still popular. In addition to the obvious--books--you can get newspapers and DVDs.



Tutoring

The library can be the perfect place to meet a one-on-one tutor for any subject. From language to math lessons.



Skill Building

Some libraries offer free tech classes and digital literacy programs. Coding clubs, STEM programs, and one-on-one tech help appointments may be available.



Community Events

The library setting provides a perfect opportunity for holding art and craft shows featuring local artists in the area. Local author meet and greets. Fire-safety lectures, first-aid training and more...



Book Sales

Why loan when you can buy? Many book lovers help support their local libraries by purchasing the used books a number of libraries offer for sale.



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Study/Meeting Room

In addition to one-on-one tutoring, you can reserve a room for a study group or a hobby group. You can also schedule use of a large meeting room for an event such as a tenants' meeting or such...



Interlibrary Loaning

In some jurisdictions you are able to loan books from a library in a different county. You will need to check with your local library to see if they offer this service. Also, for a fee, you can get a library card from a different state.



Health Screening

An ongoing use of your local library is to provide health screenings. Check to see if these events are available in your area.



Language Classes

Libraries offer a wide variety of language classes. Either one-on-one or group sessions. Some also provide use of language learning apps like Mango Languages or Rosetta Stone



Age-based Contests

Many libraries offer contests with fun rewards. Some contests include: art, writing, reading challenges, and giveaways. These age-related events focus on children to seniors.



Book Clubs

Whether you are into genre or literary fiction, bestsellers or obscure finds there may be a book club for you, or one you can start at your library. This is an excellent way to connect with others and provide and expand your reading horizon.



Library of Things

Need a lawn mower? Some libraries loan out equipment or machines such as specialized cake pans, jigsaw puzzles, new technology and/or gadgets for people to try, or exchange unwanted items.



Creative Tech

Some libraries offer 3D printers and maker spaces. Audio/ video equipment. Digital creation software, green screens and podcasting equipment.

And more...

Library staff continue to come up with different ideas such as helping people with genealogy research, holding special events such as a "Blind-Date" with a book for patrons and tax help.

Job & Education Support

- More than 92% of libraries nationwide provide access to job databases and other job resources
- 71.5% of libraries provide job or employment resources

Technology Access

- 29% of library users visit to use computers, internet or public Wi-fi
- Libraries provide access to over 300,000 computers nationwide

Digital Resource Usage

- 95% of public libraries offer e-book and e-audiobooks
- 58.75% of library collections are now digital

DID YOU KNOW?

Digital skills & training

- 95.3% of public libraries offer some kind of formal or informal digital literacy training.
- 61% of library tech users do research for school or work

Streaming & online learning

- 73.1% of libraries offer genealogy tools.
- Over half of libraries offer streaming media and language learning resources

Global Numbers

- Over 2.7 billion people worldwide visit libraries each year.
- Up to 50% of libraries worldwide provide some form of job search or career counseling services.

24/7 ACCESS*

THE POWER OF DIGITAL LIBRARIES



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DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS

Don't have a library near you? You can access online resources even if you never step foot in a physical library. Many library systems offer free digital library cards that give you access to ebooks, audiobooks, streaming services and more...

INTERLIBRARY LOANS/ MAIL SERVICES

You can request physical books and materials to be sent directly to your home. Some libraries offer postage-paid envelopes, making it easy for those in rural or remote areas.

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VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Online story times, author talks, book clubs, homework help, educational workshops via Zoom or other platforms, at your fingertips. Many libraries also offer one-on-one virtual appointments with librarians for research help or tech support.

ONLINE DATABASES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS

Get free access to language learning resources, job search tools, genealogy databases, academic journals and also creative software or maker tools.

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TELEPHONE REFERENCE SERVICE

You can call librarians directly with questions, and many librarians now offer chat or text-based help as well.

FURTHER READING

American Library Association

www.ala.org The main professional organization for libraries in the U.S. Their site has great information about library services, advocacy, and resources including their "Libraries Transform" campaign materials.



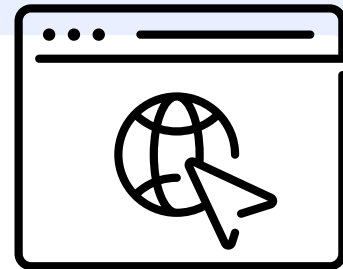
Public Library Association

www.ala.org/pla Focuses specifically on public libraries with resources about programs, services, and best practices that libraries offer communities.



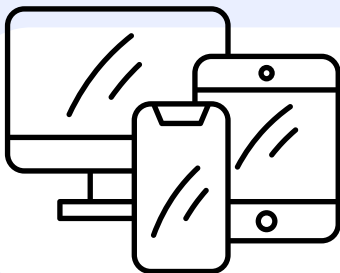
Library Extension

www.libraryextension.com A browser tool that shows people what their local library has available while they browse online - great for illustrating digital library services.



Urban Libraries Council

www.urbanlibrariescouncil.org Showcases innovative library programs and services, especially good for highlighting modern library offerings beyond books.



WebJunction

www.webjunction.org Offers information about diverse library services and programs, with practical resources about what libraries provide to communities.



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YOU HELPED MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

you make a
difference