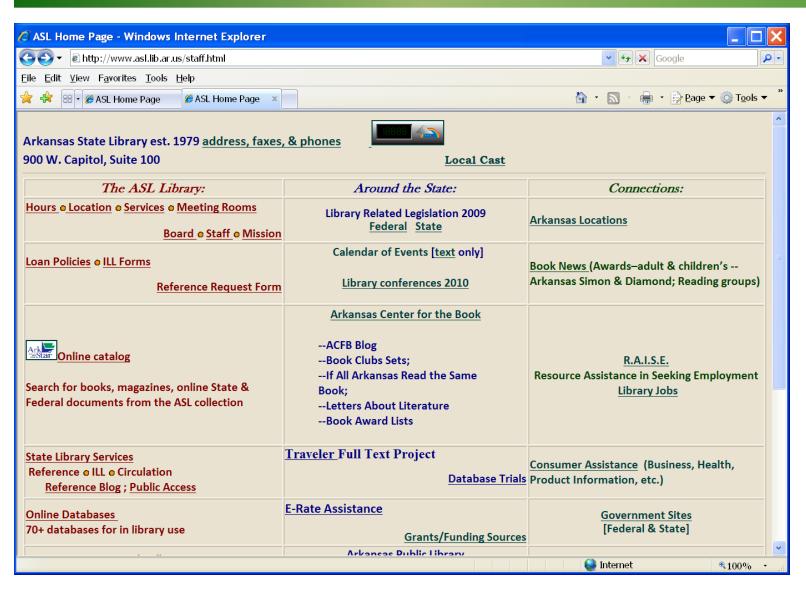


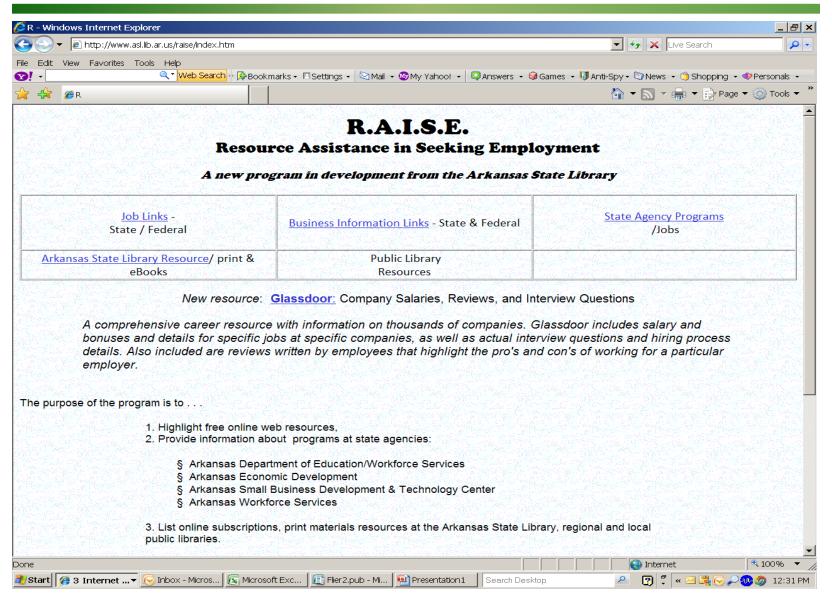
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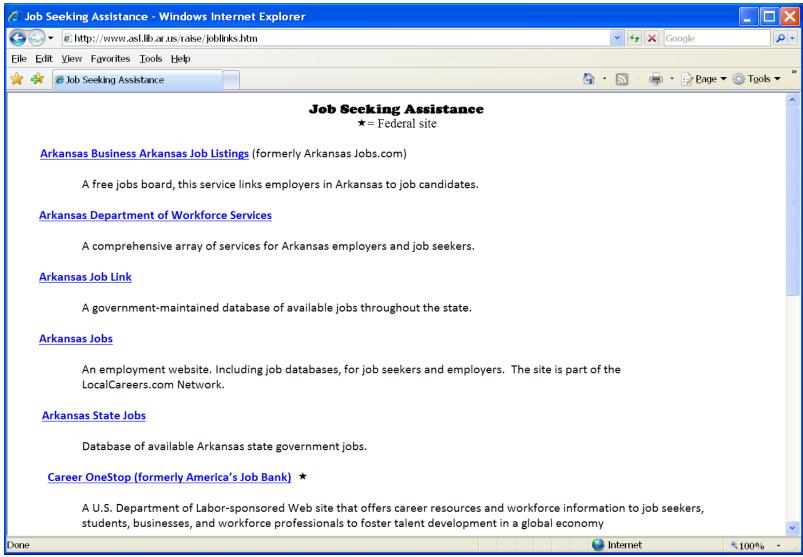




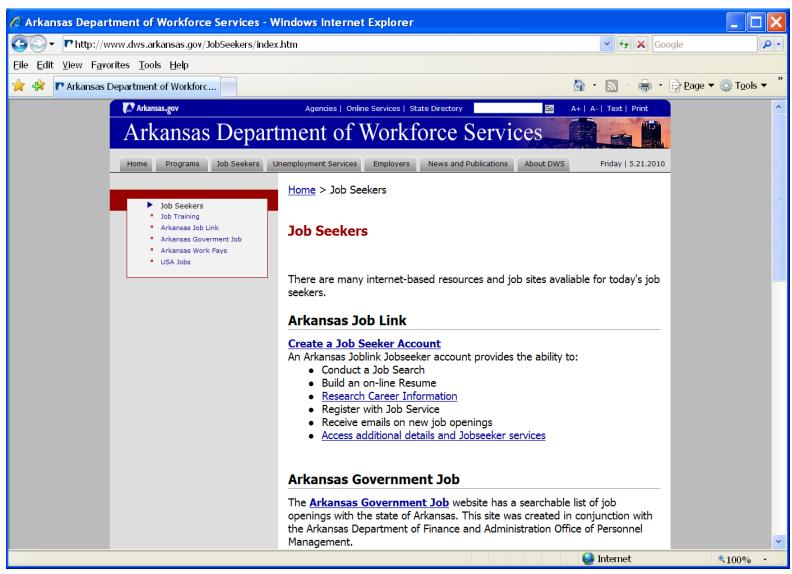




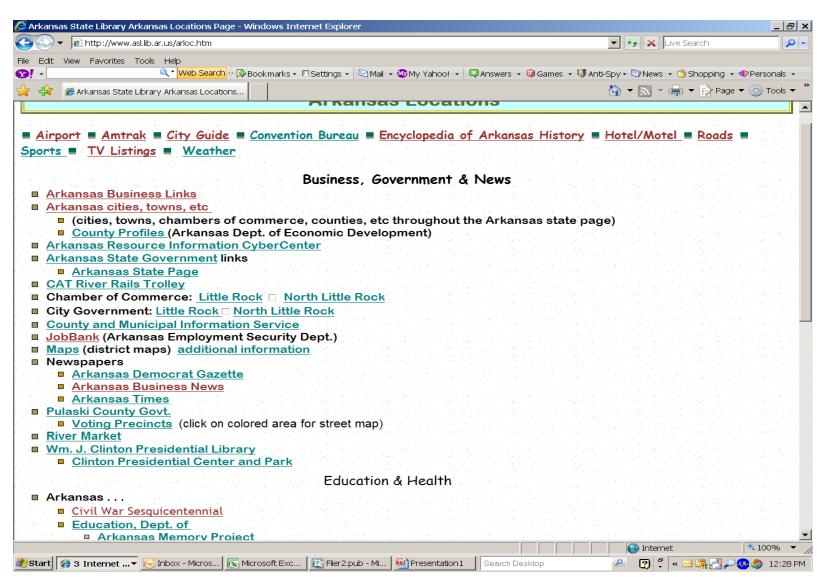












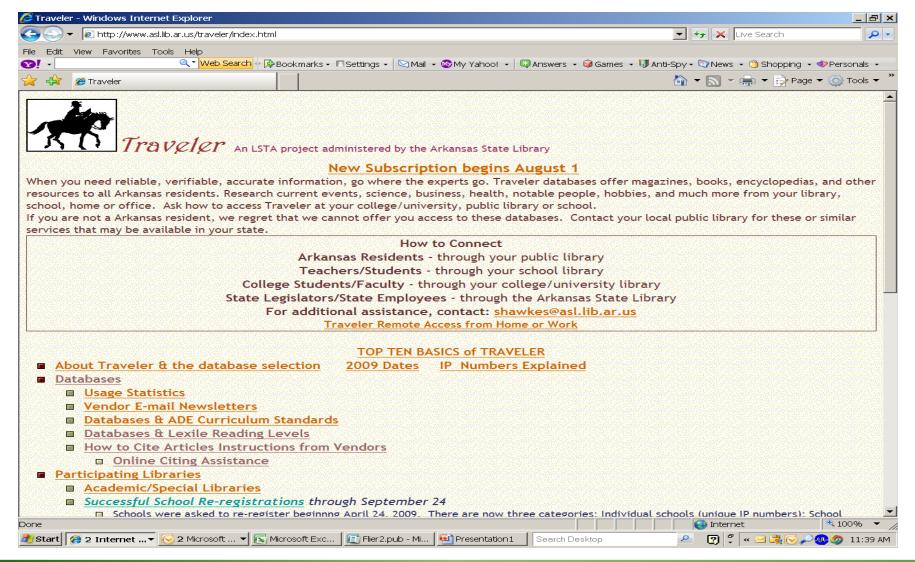


Resource from Arkansas Veterans.com a portal to bring together in one place veterans-related resources, news, information, and agency contacts for active-duty, Reserve, Guard, and retired Arkansas veterans and their families.





Traveler Databases





ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY RELEASES NEW STUDY ON PUBLIC LIBRARY USE

Public Library Use

Nationally studies have shown that public library use goes up when the economy goes down. This study by Keith Curry Lance, a leading library statistician, shows that the same is true for libraries in Arkansas.

Participating Libraries

Seven public libraries participated in the study, reporting monthly statistics from periods before and after the onset of the current recession.

Types of Library Use

Participating libraries submitted statistics for five types of library use—library visits, circulation, reference transactions, public Internet computer use, and program attendance.

Use of Arkansas Public Libraries Up During Recession

by Keith Curry Lance





This report can be downloaded from the Arkansas State Library's Web site.

www.asl.lib.ar.us/recession.pdf



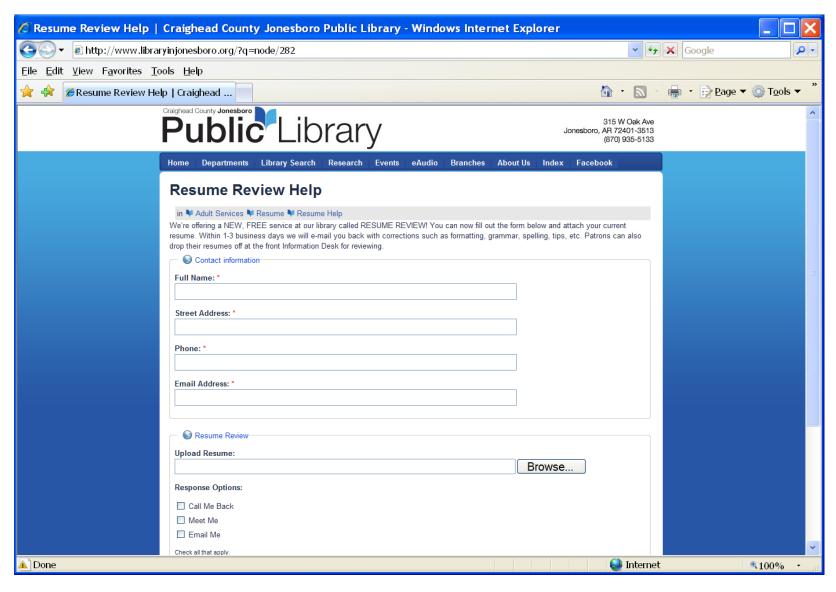
Bentonville Public Library Director Hadi Dudley reports that, since the recession's onset, her library's "public computers [are] often used for job searches and preparing resumes, in addition to research or information searches . . . E-mail correspondence and online financial purposes".



Baxter County Library has a Work Shadow program to help teens learn practical job skills and gain valuable experience.













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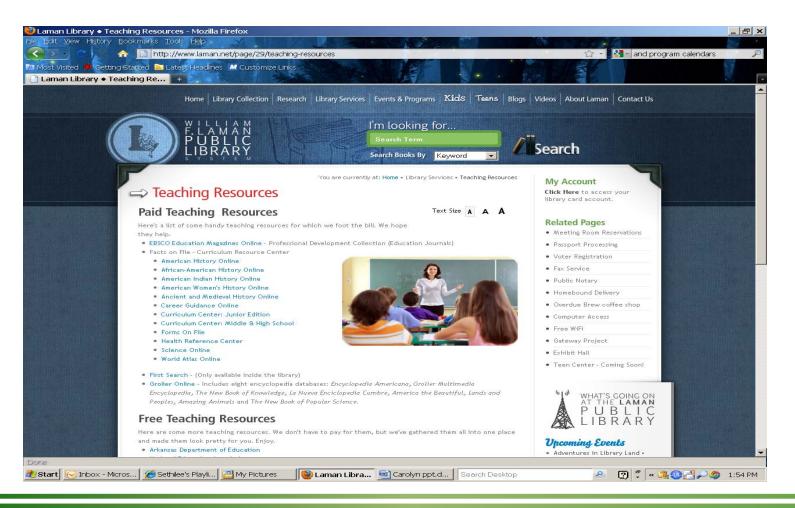


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Florida resident Nadia Keates uses the Rogers Public Library job-search computer while in Northwest Arkansas visiting family.



William F. Laman Library in North Little Rock hosts a website for teachers and those pursuing their degree in education





"When I lost my job, the library was the only place I could go and not be judged. I would come to the [Fayetteville] library and ... focus on what I really wanted to become... My favorite thing about the library is the staff because they are very helpful." -- a writer



BTOP Round 2

Arkansas State Library (ASL) submitted an application requesting funds for an online database that is essentially a one-stop job skill-building resource.

This database will help job seekers with resume preparation, test preparation, interviewing, and job research.

The resource will be available to all public libraries and community colleges