

AMERICAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY INTERNET ACCESS



99% of public libraries now offer free, public internet to the communities they serve. However, the increase of demand for this service and the decrease in funding is creating a problem for Americans.

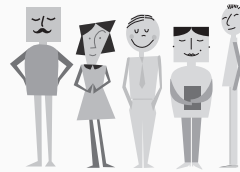
WHY IS LIBRARY FUNDING CRITICAL?



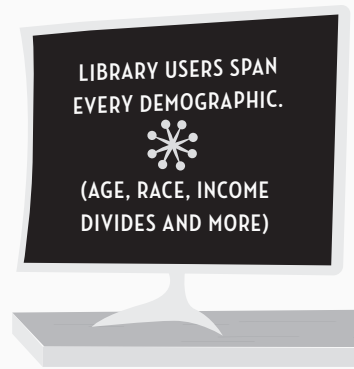
1 in 3 Americans use public libraries for free internet access. (Ages 14 - 77)



1 in 2 people who visit the library use the internet. (77 million)



2 in 5 low-income Americans rely on library internet access. (19 million)



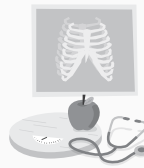
WHAT DO PEOPLE DO ON THE INTERNET?



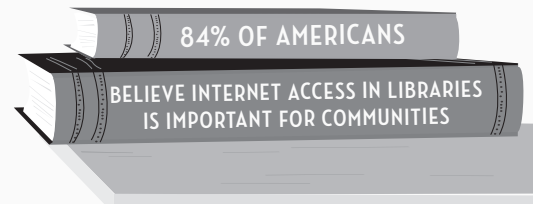
42% use library internet for **EDUCATION** and training help. (32 million)



40% use library internet to assist with **CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT**. (30 million)



37% use library internet to research **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**. (28.5 million)



Library patrons also use the internet for accessing government and legal services, participating in community life, managing household finances, and entrepreneurship.

WHAT CAN FUNDING HELP IMPROVE?



76% of libraries need **MORE WORKSTATIONS**.



45% of libraries need **FASTER CONNECTION SPEEDS**.



80% of libraries need to **REMOVE TIME LIMITS ON WORKSTATIONS**.

