Open Lab Suggestions

Open labs allow patrons more extended time on a computer to practice, search, or complete a variety of tasks. Open labs can be done weekly, or monthly for your patrons. Patrons who attend the lab can get help with a specific issue, to get assistance, or seek advice. Below are a few examples.

Allow citizens to come in and practice their skills:

- **Education**
  - GED preparation tests
  - Skill builder tools - job tests, math tests, reading (The South Carolina State Library uses Learning Express in its virtual online library known as DISCUS.)
  - Citizenship exam practice
  - High education tests-
    - ACT, SAT, GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT

- **Career Readiness Tests**
  - Work Keys practice tests
    - http://www.workreadysc.com

- **Basic Computer skills**
  - Mousercise! - Computer fundamentals and how to use a computer mouse.
  - Mouserobics! - Computer mouse practice and tutorials.

- **Typing or keyboarding**
  - Typing web  http://www.typingweb.com/tyingtutor
  - Typing games that improve performance

- **Interview questions online**
  - Job interview simulation
  - My simulator interview online www.myinterviewsimulator.com

Your patrons say they need more time? Consider offering these as open labs on different dates

- Resume completion (not a class on how to do a resume)
- Job applications
- Specific employer job applications that are in high demand Boeing, BMW, Robert Bosch
- Job searching