

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, 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/typingtutor>
 - 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