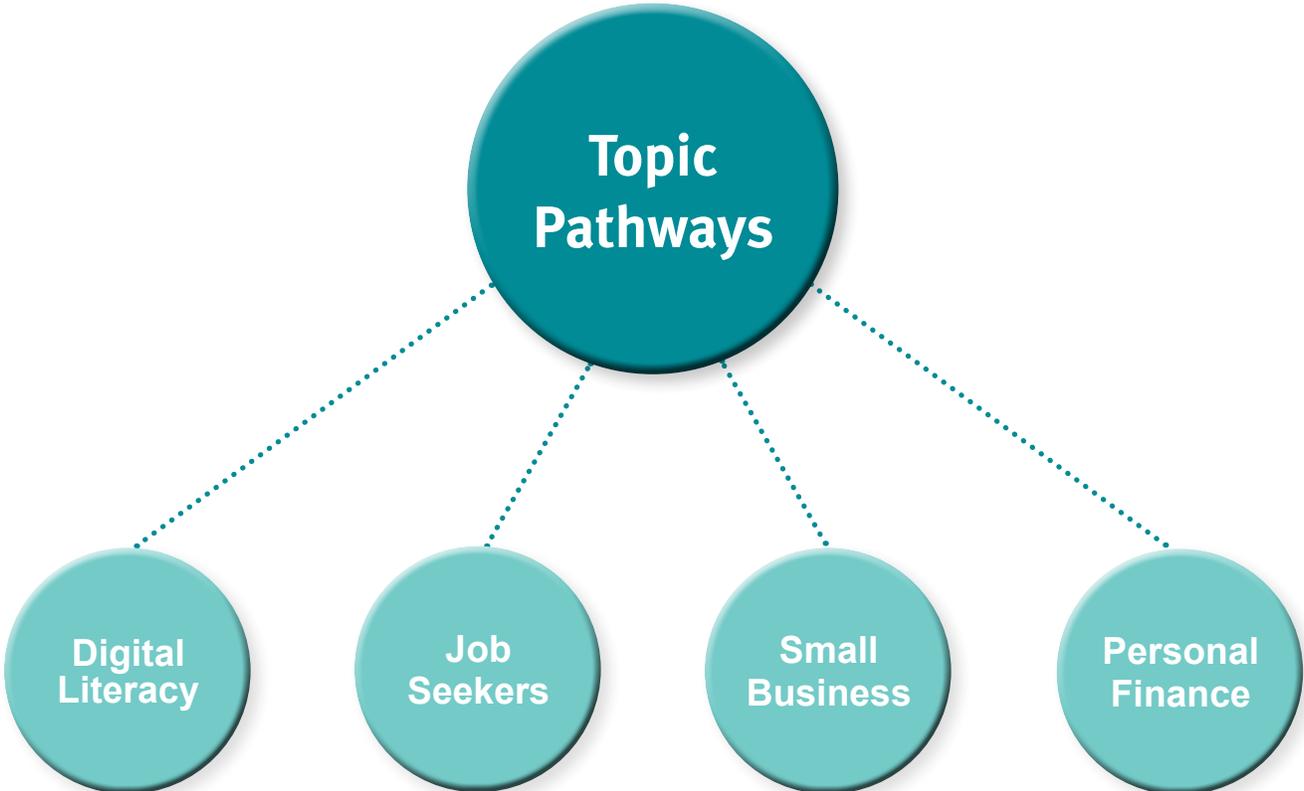


Introduction to the Workforce Recovery Pathways



Includes: Identifying patrons' needs for basic technology skills building, providing basic training and connecting with other agencies that provide basic skills training.

Why is it important?
Many patrons lack core skills that will allow them to move forward toward economic success in the 21st century.

Includes: Understanding unemployment data, types of unemployed workers and their needs, stages of the job search process, how to help job seekers, and how to connect with workforce development agencies and other partners to increase employment opportunities.

Why is it important?
Many job seekers are relying on their public library for this support.

Includes: Understanding how small business builds local economies, how to build training and programs to support small businesses, how to connect patrons with resources for small business development and sustainability.

Why is it important?
A community may need to create new businesses and job opportunities to support economic growth.

Includes: Understanding the impact of the economic downturn on personal financial stability, how to provide resources, training and programs on applying for social services, refinancing a mortgage, getting out of debt, etc.

Why is it important?
The economic downturn impacts more than the unemployed, and many patrons need these additional resources and services.

Each topic pathway has a common structure of five goals for improving resources and services to the economically impacted. Library staff may choose to focus on one key goal but will necessarily integrate with other goals as they proceed. For example, a focus on the goal of providing a new class for job seekers involves consideration of the supporting collection materials, potential collaborations to help deliver it and communication channels to promote it.

Pathway Structure

