Arkansas Libraries: Working to RAISE Employment

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Resource Assistance in Seeking Employment

A new program in development from the Arkansas State Library

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Arkansas State Library Resource/ print & eBooks | Public Library Resources |                           |

New resource: Glassdoor: Company Salaries, Reviews, and Interview Questions

A comprehensive career resource with information on thousands of companies. Glassdoor includes salary and bonuses and details for specific jobs at specific companies, as well as actual interview questions and hiring process details. Also included are reviews written by employees that highlight the pro's and con's of working for a particular employer.

The purpose of the program is to...

1. Highlight free online web resources.
2. Provide information about programs at state agencies:
   § Arkansas Department of Education/Workforce Services
   § Arkansas Economic Development
   § Arkansas Small Business Development & Technology Center
   § Arkansas Workforce Services
3. List online subscriptions, print materials resources at the Arkansas State Library, regional and local public libraries.
**Job Seeking Assistance**

★ = Federal site

**Arkansas Business Arkansas Job Listings** (formerly Arkansas Jobs.com)

A free jobs board, this service links employers in Arkansas to job candidates.

**Arkansas Department of Workforce Services**

A comprehensive array of services for Arkansas employers and job seekers.

**Arkansas Job Link**

A government-maintained database of available jobs throughout the state.

**Arkansas Jobs**

An employment website. Including job databases, for job seekers and employers. The site is part of the LocalCareers.com Network.

**Arkansas State Jobs**

Database of available Arkansas state government jobs.

**Career OneStop (formerly America’s Job Bank)** ★

A U.S. Department of Labor-sponsored Web site that offers career resources and workforce information to job seekers, students, businesses, and workforce professionals to foster talent development in a global economy.
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

Job Seekers

There are many internet-based resources and job sites available for today’s job seekers.

Arkansas Job Link

Create a Job Seeker Account
An Arkansas Joblink Jobseeker account provides the ability to:
- Conduct a Job Search
- Build an online Resume
- Research Career Information
- Register with Job Service
- Receive emails on new job openings
- Access additional details and Jobseeker services

Arkansas Government Job

The Arkansas Government Job website has a searchable list of job openings with the state of Arkansas. This site was created in conjunction with the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Office of Personnel Management.
Resource from ArkansasVeterans.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

An LSTA project administered by the Arkansas State Library

New Subscription begins August 1

When you need reliable, verifiable, accurate information, go where the experts go. Traveler databases offer magazines, books, encyclopedias, and other resources to all Arkansas residents. Research current events, science, business, health, notable people, hobbies, and much more from your library, school, home or office. Ask how to access Traveler at your college/university, public library or school.

If you are not a Arkansas resident, we regret that we cannot offer you access to these databases. Contact your local public library for these or similar services that may be available in your state.

How to Connect
Arkansas Residents - through your public library
Teachers/Students - through your school library
College Students/Faculty - through your college/university library
State Legislators/State Employees - through the Arkansas State Library
For additional assistance, contact: shawkes@asl.lib.ar.us
Traveler Remote Access from Home or Work

About Traveler & the database selection

TOP TEN BASICS of TRAVELER
2009 Dates IP Numbers Explained

Databases
- Usage Statistics
- Vendor E-mail Newsletters
- Databases & ADE Curriculum Standards
- Databases & Lexile Reading Levels
- How to Cite Articles Instructions from Vendors
  - Online Citing Assistance

Participating Libraries
- Academic/Special Libraries
  - Successful School Re-registrations through September 24
    - Schools were asked to re-register beginning April 24, 2009. There are now three categories: Individual schools (unique IP numbers): School
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.
Resume Review Help

We're offering a NEW, FREE service at our library called RESUME REVIEW! You can now fill out the form below and attach your current resume. Within 1-3 business days we will e-mail you back with corrections such as formatting, grammar, spelling, tips, etc. Patrons can also drop their resumes off at the front Information Desk for reviewing.

Contact Information

Full Name: *

Street Address: *

Phone: *

Email Address: *

Resume Review

Upload Resume:  

Response Options:
- [ ] Call Me Back
- [ ] Meet Me
- [ ] Email Me
- [ ] Check all that apply

Browse...
They come from all over...

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
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.