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1. We have always supported getting people back to work, but the need for materials and services to help people find jobs, reeducate themselves and rebuild their lives is at an all-time high. For many, the public library provides the only free and accessible alternative for searching and applying for jobs.
2. When the unemployment rate rises, people depend on the public library for support.
3. Our staff spends considerable time with job seekers—both one-on-one and in small groups.
4. Without our job-related services, resources and trained staff, many active job seekers wouldn't have anywhere to turn for help with their job search.
5. Our wait time for computers is a challenge. Even so, patrons who hope to fill out online applications or create documents using one of our programs are thankful for this free option and personal attention.

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