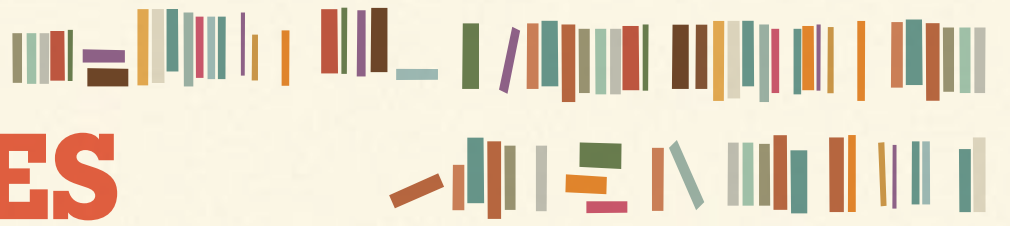


AMERICAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY INTERNET ACCESS



99% of public libraries now offer free, public internet to the communities they serve. However, the increase of demand for this service and the decrease in funding is creating a problem for Americans.

WHY IS LIBRARY FUNDING CRITICAL?



1 in 3
(Ages 14 - 77)
Americans use public libraries for free internet access.



1 in 2
(77 million)
people who visit the library use the internet.



2 in 5
(19 million)
low-income Americans rely on library internet access.



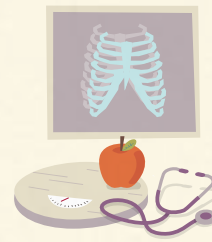
WHAT DO PEOPLE DO ON THE INTERNET?



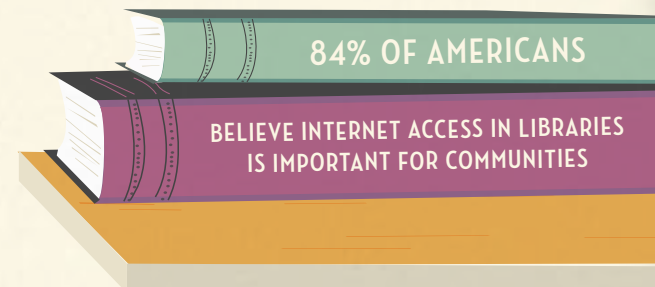
42%
(32 million)
use library internet for **EDUCATION** and training help.



40%
(30 million)
use library internet to assist with **CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT**.



37%
(28.5 million)
use library internet to research **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**.



Library patrons also use the internet for accessing government and legal services, participating in community life, managing household finances, and entrepreneurship.

WHAT CAN FUNDING HELP IMPROVE?



76%
of libraries need **MORE WORKSTATIONS**.



45%
of libraries need **FASTER CONNECTION SPEEDS**.



80%
of libraries need to **REMOVE TIME LIMITS** on workstations.

