NC PUBLIC LIBRARIES
by the numbers
Fiscal Year 2022

Fast Facts

84 library systems with **393 locations.**

56% or nearly **6 million** NC residents are active **library users.**

Library users **borrowed** just under **64 million** items.

43% libraries have eliminated overdue fees providing more equitable access.

Public libraries created more than **3,000 full-time equivalent jobs.**

Our impact

Public libraries across North Carolina continued to see more residents return to library buildings after the pandemic. **In-person library visits increased 76%** to over 15 million total visits. Library **computer usage increased over 100%** even while many libraries continue to loan hotspots and devices for home use.
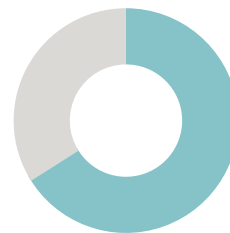
Library programs also continue to see increases in attendance for all age groups, Overall, **program attendance increased 66%** with nearly 19 attendees per program on average.

Libraries do all this and more with an average funding of $23 per resident!

North Carolina libraries have something for everybody

A free library card provides access to thousands of books, audiobooks, videos and more...

Statewide library collection make-up

Adult Physical Books

Children's Physical Books

Ebooks

Downloadable Audiobooks

Physical Videos

Young Adult Physica...

Physical Audiob...

Streaming Videos

66% of library materials are **digital.**

Every NC resident has **24/7 access** to **online resources** available through NC Live and NC Kids.

NC LIVE

NCKiDS Digital Library

Learn it at the library! Libraries offer learning resources and programming for all ages

Library databases were accessed **19 million** times in the last year for test prep, language learning, or even learning auto and home repair.

1.6 million people **attended** one of **85,000 programs** offered by libraries across the state.
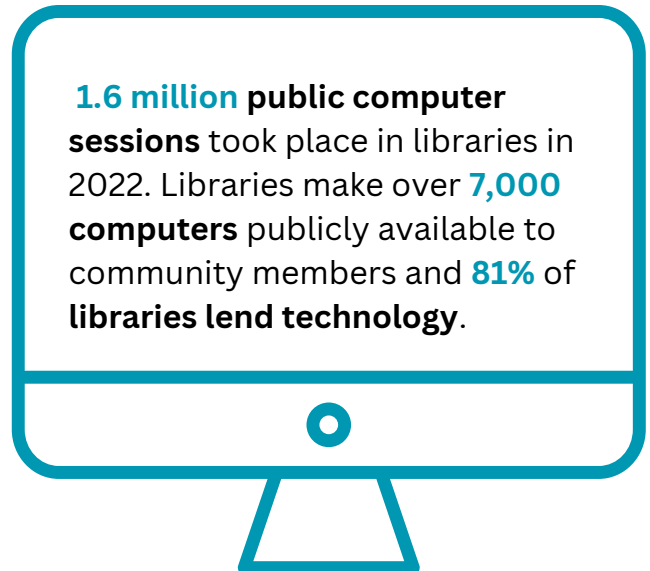
Libraries connect communities to technology

89% of libraries offer **free one-on-one technology assistance** helping residents access, use and build confidence in their digital skills.

Over half of NC Libraries offer access to **Northstar** where residents can test and build their technology skillset.

NORTHSTAR

1.6 million public computer sessions took place in libraries in 2022. Libraries make over **7,000 computers** publicly available to community members and **81%** of **libraries lend technology**.

Find your local library

Share your library story