



NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

84 library systems | 393 locations | 5 million cardholders



5M ACTIVE LIBRARY USERS

Every North Carolinian is eligible for a free library card from their local library. Find your library here!



55M ITEMS ACCESSED

In 2023, North Carolinians accessed just over 55 million library items or over **5 items per resident**. Many NC libraries lend technology, attraction passes, music, movies, nature backpacks and more!

985,303 SERVICE HOURS

Libraries were open nearly 1 million hours, **up 3%** from 2022. Library facilities offer free spaces to study, meet, learn and just relax.



2.6 MILLION People attended a library program.

LEARN AT THE LIBRARY

Libraries offered **118,688 programs** to residents of all ages. Check out the variety of programming offered at libraries statewide:

- 68% of libraries offer job readiness classes
- 82% of libraries offer technology classes
- 57% of libraries offer adult literacy programming



ACCESS RESOURCES 24/7

Library cardholders accessed **19 million** online resources last year from test prep databases, language learning, or even learning auto and home repair.

Every resident in North Carolina has 24/7 access to resource from NC Kids and NC Live.



Libraries were visited **19.2 million** times last year.



Library staff answered more than **4 million** information requests or over **1,200** requests per staff member.



Public libraries create over **3,000** full-time equivalent jobs statewide.

SHARE YOUR LIBRARY STORY!

