NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

84 library systems | 393 locations | 5 million cardholders



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



1,003,307 SERVICE HOURS

Libraries were open over 1 million hours, **up 2%** from 2023. Library facilities offer free spaces to study, meet, learn and just relax.



62MITEMS ACCESSED

In 2024, North Carolinians accessed just over 62 million library items or nearly **6 items per resident**.

Many NC libraries lend technology, area attraction passes, music, movies, nature backpacks and more!



People attended a library program.

2.9 MILLION

LEARN AT THE LIBRARY

Libraries offered 131,007
programs to residents of all ages.
Check out the variety of
programming offered at libraries
statewide:



54% of library locations offer job readiness classes62% of library locations offer technology classes63% of library locations 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 over **22 million** times last year.



Library staff answered **4.5** million information requests or over **1,300** requests per staff member.



Public libraries create over **3,400** full-time equivalent jobs statewide.

SHARE YOUR LIBRARY STORY!





