

# North Carolina Public Libraries

## 2014-2015

**35.5 million** visits were made to public libraries last year. That's more than 3 visits per NC resident.

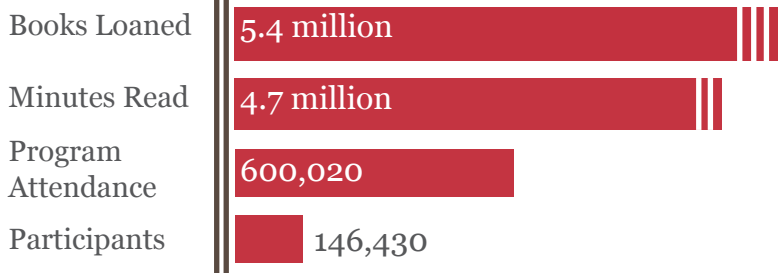
Libraries offer something for everyone. In fact, **over half** of all North Carolinians are active library users.

Last year libraries were open nearly **100,000 hours**, answered **6.7 million questions** and loaned **52.5 million items**.

### Early Literacy

**100%** of libraries offer free Summer Reading programs to support early literacy skills and school readiness.

#### Summer Reading by the Numbers



#### Statewide Facts

**24%** of NC children under 5 live in poverty.

**62%** of fourth graders score below proficient in reading.

**58%** of 3-4 year olds are not enrolled in preschool.

### Technology

Public libraries play a critical role in promoting digital literacy by offering free access to broadband and technology. Last year there were...

**7.4 million** computer uses and **1.9 million** wireless sessions.



**85,288** North Carolinians attended a computer skills class at a library.

Librarians answered **1.9 million** one-on-one technology questions.

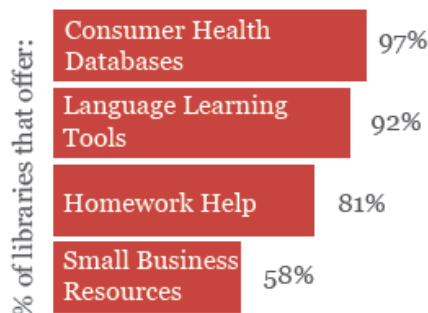


### Personal & Workforce Development

**39,488** North Carolinians attended a library workforce development workshop and **81%** of libraries provide online resources for job seekers and career development.



Libraries offer a variety of resources including:



#### Collaboration



**79%** of NC public libraries have an active partnership with at least one local organization to provide workforce development, social services, and/or health and wellness programming.