



# Wisconsin Libraries

## Strengthen Communities

### Communities Need

- Reliable, affordable resources - - - - ->
- Access to information - - - - ->
- Learning opportunities - - - - ->
- Gathering spaces - - - - ->

### Libraries Offer

- Cost-effective sources for books, digital resources, and technology access
- Free and reliable access to the Internet and published materials
- Resources, programs, and expertise to increase individual, business, and community knowledge
- Places for gathering to learn and connect

## The Benefit of Wisconsin Public Libraries



### Literacy

- Offering early literacy programs such as 1000 Books Before Kindergarten to help ensure children are ready for school
- Participating in partnerships with schools to help improve student literacy by expanding resources, increasing reading comprehension, teaching research skills, helping develop information and financial literacy
- Providing important resources for homeschool families



### Workforce Development

- Partnering with the state's Workforce Development Centers to extend resources and services to job seekers in 381 communities throughout Wisconsin
- Offering online classes and other learning opportunities designed to increase skills of people seeking employment opportunities or other career advancements
- Providing meeting spaces to conduct interviews both in-person and via technology



### Information Technology

- Providing technology training to residents who need assistance
- Offering reliable, hi-speed internet access and wi-fi hotspots to ensure residents have reliable broadband access
- Offering spaces for innovation centers and creative learning labs designed to maximize in-person learning opportunities using technology not readily accessible to individual residents
- Offering spaces for community meetings designed to bring residents together to solve problems and create stronger relationships

## The Benefit of Wisconsin Specialized Libraries



### Knowledge, Creativity, & Learning

- Access to creative application of information and data
- Ability to efficiently acquire, analyze, manage, and apply information and data
- Access to cutting-edge research, consultation services, and learning spaces to experiment and innovate
- Support for business development in biotechnology, engineering, computer science, agriculture, biofuels, health care, and more

