



Public Libraries:

Your Partner in

Workforce Development

Public libraries are eager to work with other agencies to more closely align with local workforce development activities. Here are some of the assets that public libraries bring to the table:

1. Library **services are available at no charge** for library card holders. To get a card, community residents need up-to-date identification (such as a driver's license).
2. Libraries offer **extended evening and weekend hours**.
3. Libraries have **computers with high-speed Internet connections** for public use.
4. Libraries have **books and specialized online reference resources** about occupations, schools, financial aid, resume-writing, interview techniques, employers and skill improvement.
5. Libraries also have **test preparation practice guides (print and online)** for academic, military, occupational, licensing, high school equivalency, English as a foreign language, and workplace assessment such as WorkKeys.
6. Libraries have **staff who are trained to help people** with information and technology questions.
7. Many libraries offer **meeting rooms and free classes** on careers, resume-writing, and technology. Some provide annual job fairs and networking events for employers and job seekers. Some also have **MakerSpaces** to learn about high-tech equipment and skills.

POWER Library Job Resources Portal

The Office of Commonwealth Libraries funds POWER Library an online suite of e-books and digital reference resources. In addition to these state-supported resources, the POWER Library site features a portal that helps the public find Pennsylvania job resources. It identifies a number of state-and federally-sponsored online workforce development resources such as **Job GatewaySM**, **PA Workforce Statistics**, **PHEAA's Education Planner**, and the **Occupational Outlook Handbook** (<http://www.powerlibrary.org/job-resources>).

Pennsylvania Libraries

The majority of public libraries in Pennsylvania are non-profit organizations; others are agencies of municipal or county government. Public libraries in Pennsylvania are assigned to one of 29 District Library Center areas. (See map on reverse side.) Each District Library Center has a designated headquarters library that provides reference services. These District Library Centers can help you identify libraries that might best suit your specific needs. An online directory of all libraries (including District Library Centers) is available at: <http://www.libdir.ed.state.pa.us/Screens/wfLibrarySearch.aspx>

Greater Philadelphia Libraries

- Allentown Public Library – <http://www.allentownpl.org>
- Bethlehem Area Public Library – <http://www.bapl.org>
- Bucks County Library System – <http://buckslib.org>
- Chester County Library System – <http://www.ccls.org>
- Delaware County Library System – <http://www.delcolibraries.org>
- Easton Area Public Library – <http://www.eastonpl.org>
- Free Library of Philadelphia – <http://www.freelibrary.org>
- Montgomery County Library System – <http://www.mclinc.org>

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