

Wisconsin Libraries Make A Positive Impact

EARLY LITERACY IN WISCONSIN



of Wisconsin kindergartners are not prepared for classroom reading

Kids lose **2 months** of reading and math skills during summer break²

School Year		
Sept	Oct	Nov
Dec	Jan	Feb
Mar	Apr	May

Nearly **6 in 10** Wisconsin students scored **less** than proficient on standardized reading tests³



What are Wisconsin public libraries doing to help?



Nearly **100%** of Wisconsin public libraries offered youth summer reading programs in 2016⁴

Children's programs offered in 2016⁵ **65,279**

Program attendance in 2016 **1,823,374**



20 million

kids' items checked out of Wisconsin public libraries in 2016⁶

For statistical sources, please visit: tinyurl.com/librariestransformwi

TECHNOLOGY IN WISCONSIN



1 in 5 Wisconsin residents have **reduced** or **limited** access to the Internet¹

of U.S. adults say **training on digital devices** would help them make information decisions²

\$69.93

Average monthly cost of Internet in the U.S.³

What are Wisconsin public libraries doing to help?



of WI public libraries offer free technical training⁴



of WI public libraries offer free computer and Internet access⁵

Annual **tech use** in WI libraries⁶



5 million computer uses



6 million Wi-Fi uses

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WISCONSIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



95,700

unemployed in Wisconsin¹

70%

of Wisconsin employers have difficulty finding **qualified workers**²

87%

of U.S. workers think **developing new job skills** is vital to stay competitive³



What are Wisconsin public libraries doing to help?

Resources offered by Wisconsin libraries⁴



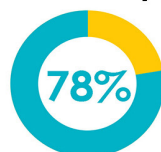
Workforce Development Center partnerships

Online courses and certifications

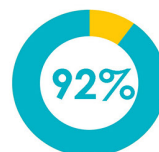
Business and professional journals online

STEM and coding activities

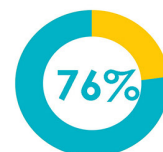
Nationally, public libraries help job seekers:⁵



create resumes



access online resources



apply for jobs

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