

Strong Libraries for a Strong Recovery!

North Carolina's Public Libraries are a vital part of the economic recovery- and need full funding in order to have the maximum positive effect!

Did you know that in addition to supporting literacy and lifelong learning:

Many Public Librarians across NC now spend an average of half of their time at work helping with job-related needs of the public? This includes:

Helping people with resumes, cover letters, and access to resources to improve **interview skills**, assisting with **online job searches**,

Providing access to **test preparation** materials – both print and online – for the GED, SAT, MCAT, etc., but also for the U.S. Postal Service Exam, Firefighter Exam, Real Estate License Exam, and other vocational tests,

Public libraries are the primary outlet for free public access to **computing services and internet!** Many people rely on the libraries as the place to **file for unemployment benefits** as well as the place to work on **online college and community college coursework!**

******Because of the critical role public libraries play for job seekers, the NC Department of Cultural Resources and State Library have provided enhanced job assistance training for public librarians all across the state to maximize the benefits to job seekers! This program to increase public library effectiveness helping people get back to work was so successful, it drew national attention and spread all across the United States!

Please support full funding of State Aid so that public Libraries can have the strongest positive impact on the economic recovery!!

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