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Quick facts about computers in U.S. public libraries

Computers 10.7

Free access to the Internet is universal in U.S. public libraries. On average in 2007, there are 10.7 public computers in our libraries - compared to 5.7 a decade ago.

"Technology in libraries has gone from toy to tool." – Nevada librarian

Wireless 54.2%

Libraries serve even more people with free wireless access. More than half of public libraries offer wireless, up from 17.9 percent only three years ago.

"It's the Information Age We all need it." – Maryland patron

"The kids are lined up to use the computers." – Nevada patron

High-Speed Access 62%

About two-thirds of U.S. public libraries offer high-speed access (769kbps+) to the Internet, which draws many computer users, including those with Internet access at home.

Homework 68%

Sixty-eight percent of libraries offer online homework resources for community families — serving the educational needs of more than 36 million school-age children.

"The demand is always for the next service that can be delivered via the Web or email." – Utah librarian

E-Government 55%

Library staff in more than half of public libraries provide assistance to patrons applying for or accessing e-government services.

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