



# Libraries love everyone:

(Or as the Nashville Public Library says,  
“A City with a great Library is a great City.”)



Encourages Reading!



Social Capital: “social networks,  
norms of reciprocity, mutual  
assistance, trustworthiness”

*Robert D. Putnam and Lewis M. Feldstein. Better Together: Restoring the American Community. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2003.*

# Public Libraries vs McDonalds



There are more public libraries (17,346, including branches) than McDonald's restaurants (12,275) in the United States

Justin Grimes

Source: IMLS (Public Libraries) & AggData (McDonalds)

U.S. public  
library visits  
1.4 billion



U.S. movie  
attendance  
1.3 billion



U.S. sporting  
event attendance  
218 million



(US sporting events include professional and NCAA football, baseball, basketball, and hockey.)

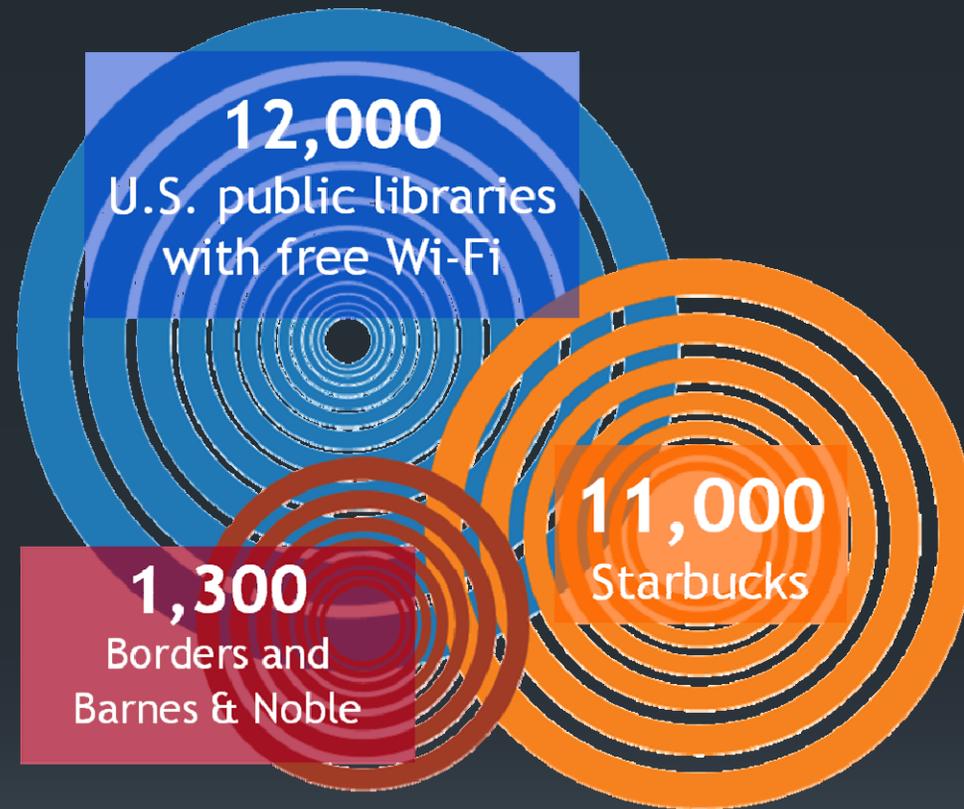
Sources: IMLS, 2007, *Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2007*; *Statistical Abstracts of the United States, 2010*; [www.mpaa.org/researchStatistics.asp](http://www.mpaa.org/researchStatistics.asp).



FedEx shipments worldwide: **8 million**

U.S. public library circulation: **7.9 million**

Sources: IMLS, 2007, *Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2007*; FedEx company facts at: [http://about.fedex.designcdt.com/our\\_company/company\\_information/fedex\\_corporation](http://about.fedex.designcdt.com/our_company/company_information/fedex_corporation).



Sources: ALA, 2009, "Libraries Connect Communities 3: Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study, 2008-2009"; Starbucks corporate communications; [www.borders.com](http://www.borders.com); [www.barnesandnobleinc.com](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com).

**2.8 million**

**times every month**

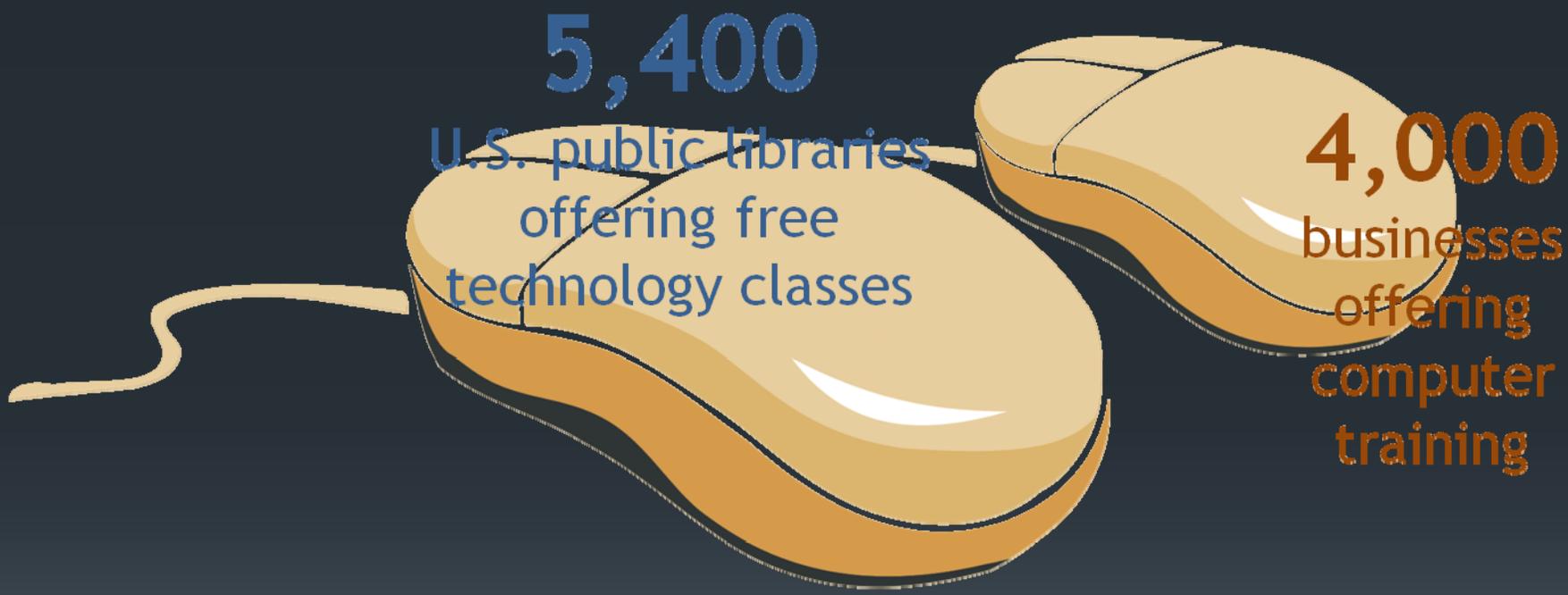


business owners  
and employees  
use resources at  
public libraries  
to support  
their small  
businesses.

Source: OCLC, 2010,  
primary research.



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*ReferenceUSA Business and Residential Directory.*



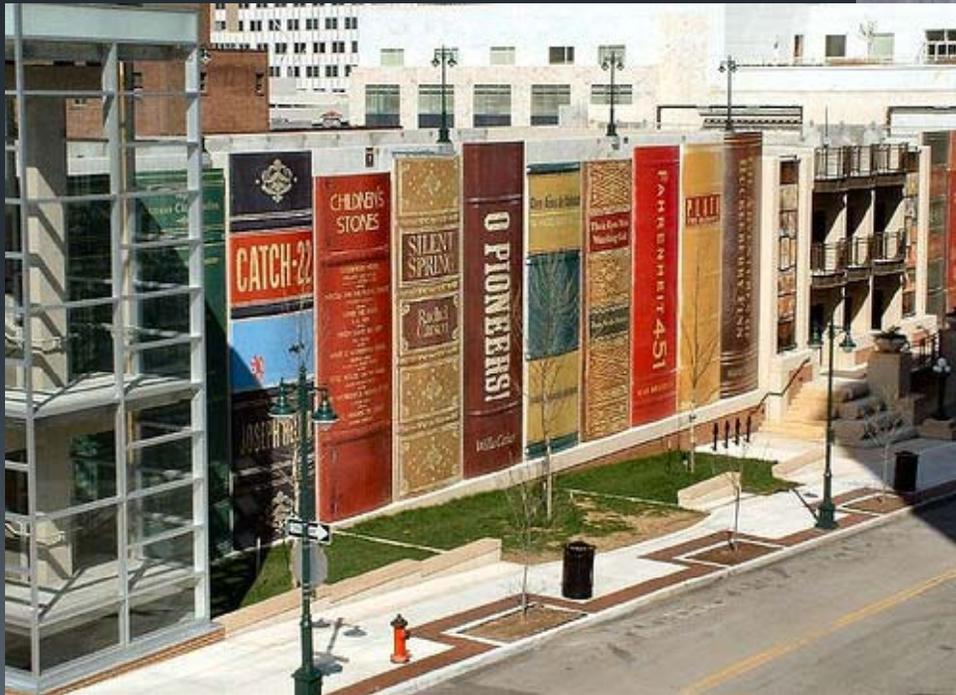
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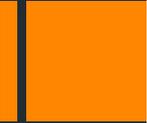
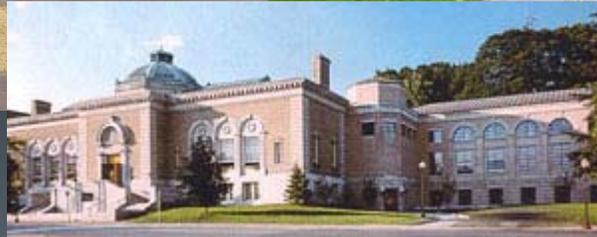
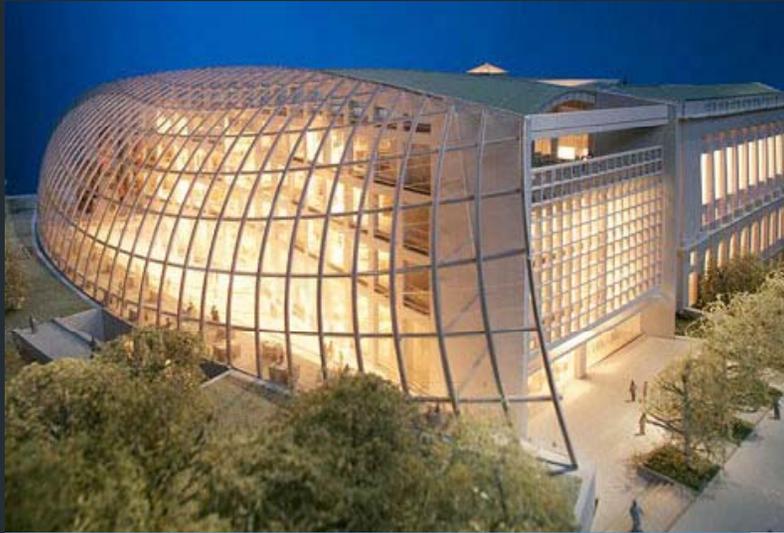


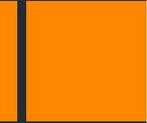
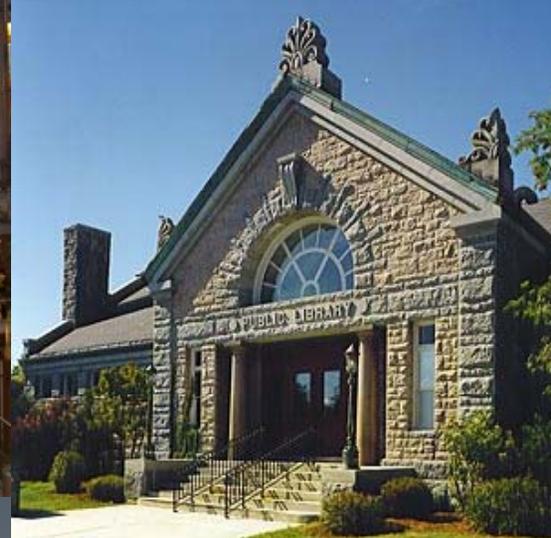
The Church street entrance to the Nashville Public Library. Photo courtesy of Nashville Civic Design Center.













A typical public library draws 500 to 1,500 people a day. That's close to the draw of a small department store. A typical town hall draws 200 to 500 people a day.

-Robert Gibbs, Gibbs Planning Group (Birmingham, MI)

*Phil Langdon. "Public Buildings Keep Town Centers Alive." Planning Commissioners Journal. Volume 49, Winter 2003.*

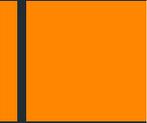


Public buildings and spaces create identity and a sense of place. They give communities something to remember and admire. The challenge facing public architecture is to provide every generation with structures that link them with their past, fill them with pride, and reinforce their sense of belonging.”

*Ed McMahon. "Public Buildings Should Set the Standard." Planning Commissioners Journal. Volume 42, Winter 2001.*



1911. PUBLIC LIBRARY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.





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## Economically Impacted:

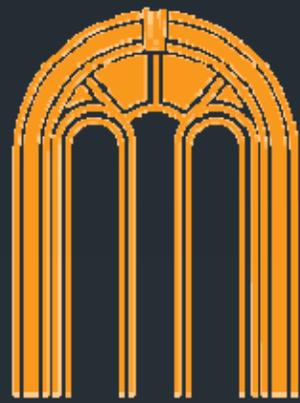
Individuals whose personal employment status has been adversely affected by the current economic environment, either from a job loss, a reduction in the hours employed, employment or reemployment at a lower wage, or taking on more than one job or additional hours to make ends meet.

*Perceptions of Libraries, 2010: Context and Community, edited by Brad Gauder. OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc: Dublin, OH., 2011.*

U.S. public  
libraries  
offering  
career  
assistance  
**13,000**



U.S.  
Department  
of Labor  
One-stop  
Career Centers  
**3,000**



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## Business & Career Center

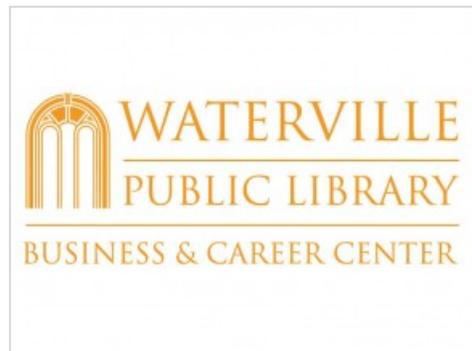
*"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." -Albert Einstein*

Welcome to the Waterville Public Library Business & Career Center (WPL BCC).

We offer a collection of print, electronic, and programming resources to support a large spectrum of career and business development needs. The Library offers 14 computers to support job seeking, career development efforts, and entrepreneurial research.

The heart of the Waterville Public Library Business & Career Center is located on the 1st floor of the Library. The initiative is a work in progress with new developments happening daily. Updates are posted on this web site and the Center's Facebook page.

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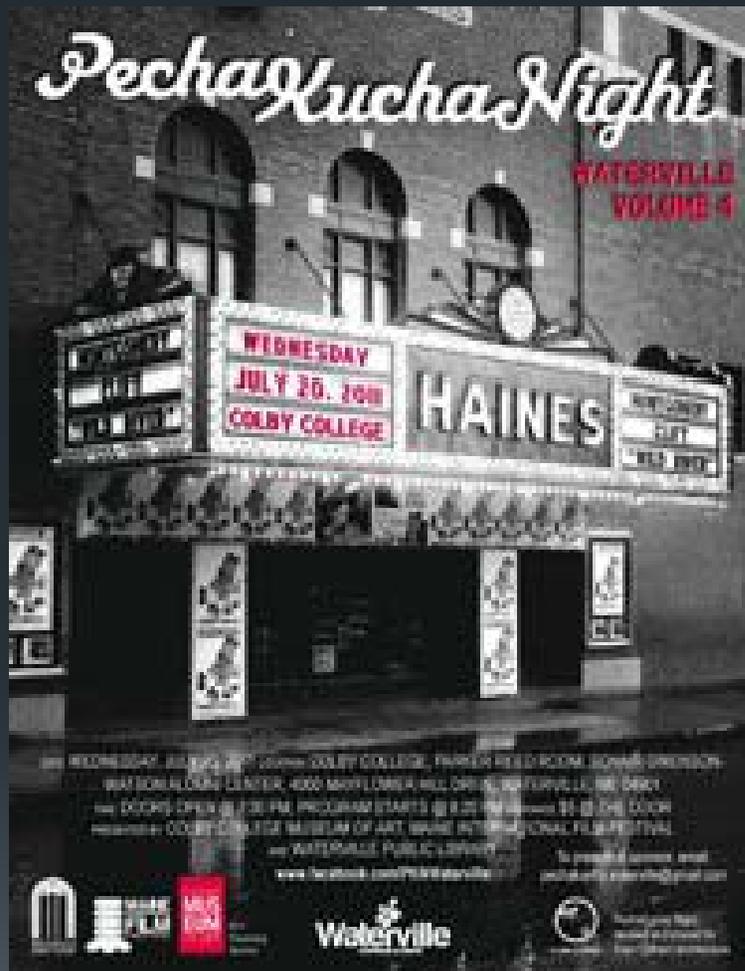
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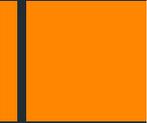
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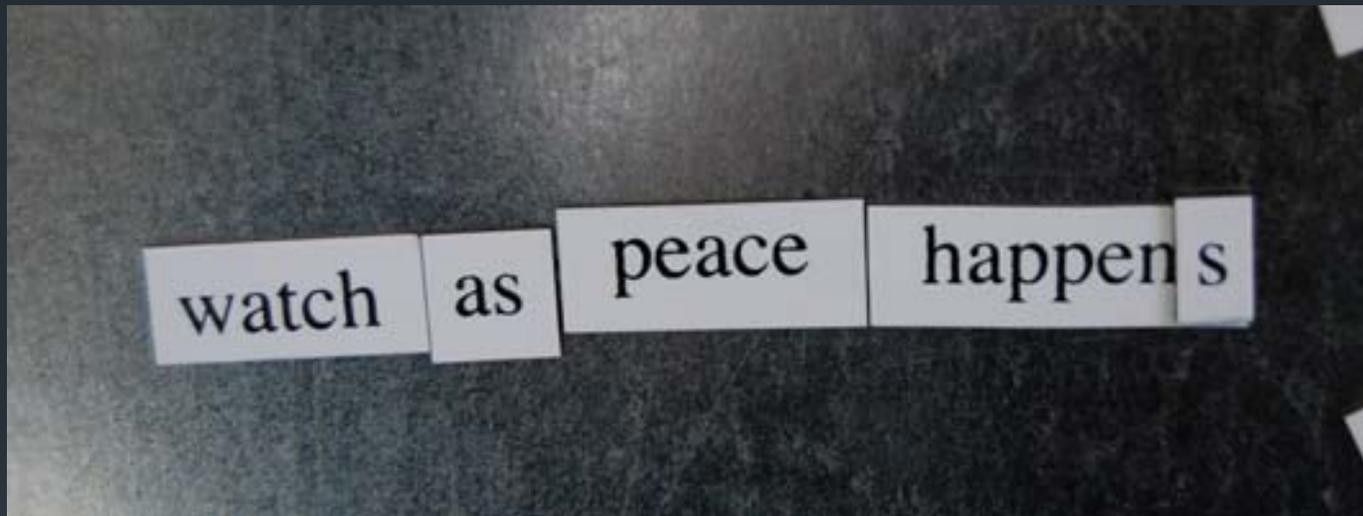
Women, Work and Community



<http://www.pechakucha.org/night/waterville/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PKNWaterville>





Magnetic Poetry in Bartlett Room for Teens



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