

# PUBLIC LIBRARIES & BROADBAND

## BROADBAND ACCESS

### TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

Public libraries offer free access to computers, broadband Internet, and wireless Internet

### AVAILABILITY

Public libraries offer free Internet access for people to meet their economic, education, and E-government needs

### QUALITY ACCESS

Public libraries offer broadband Internet connectivity speeds that are often greater than what is available at work or in the home

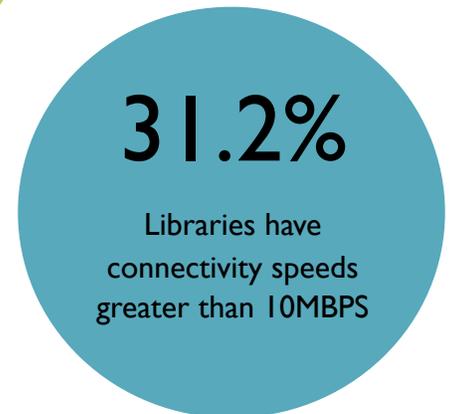
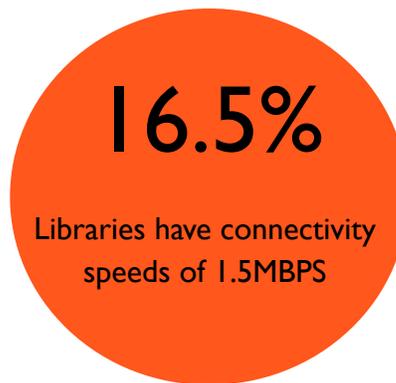
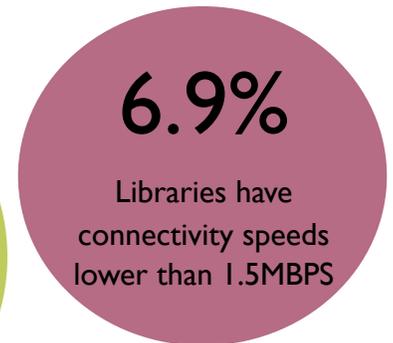
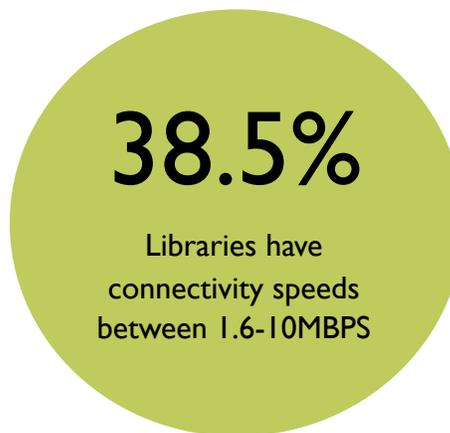
### DIGITAL LITERACY

Public libraries offer a wide range of free computer and Internet use instruction that depend on broadband access

### RESOURCES

Public libraries offer their communities education, health, employment, and other Internet-enabled resources

Public libraries provide essential services to their communities through broadband Internet technologies. Broadband enables millions of people with no or slow connectivity to have access to E-government, employment, education services, and resources through public libraries.



Connection speeds have increased gradually for public libraries. But today's applications (e.g., social networking, streaming video) demand greater bandwidth and higher connection speeds. Almost half of public libraries continue to report that their bandwidth is not sufficient to meet demand.