

Libraries: Partners for Development

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Libraries as “*the* manifestation of democracy.”

- As the most visible, physical symbol of a government’s civic presence, libraries provide free and open access to knowledge and services to all residents regardless of income, race, and/or age. They are a neutral, respected gateway to information, a safe “third place”—a space between work and home—with equal access for all community members.

Partnerships - definition

A relationship in which people or organisations work together with equal status.

*Dictionary of Library & Information
Management*

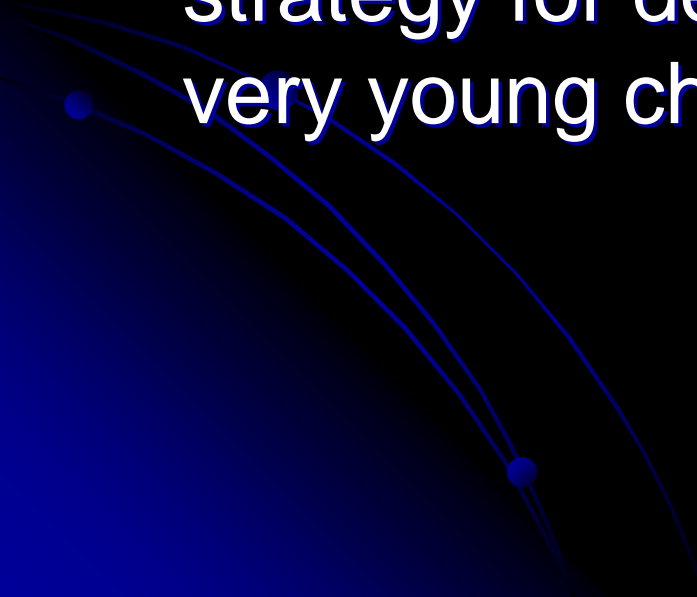


Making Cities Stronger:

PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- www.urbanlibraries.org
 - Public libraries build a community's capacity for economic activity and resiliency
 - Business of public libraries is being recast.
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Partner for *Early Literacy* AND SCHOOL READINESS

- Early literacy, along with early numeracy, and building social-emotional competence, is seen by many researchers as a key strategy for developing school readiness in very young children.
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2001



Biblioteca del Congreso, Argentina received a \$250,000 award. The award allowed the Biblioteca to:

- Establish two mobile libraries
- Provide computer and Internet access to Buenos Aires's poorest neighborhoods
- Update and expand its 24-hour public computer center



<http://www.bcnbib.gov.ar/>

2001

Probigua received a \$250,000 award. The award allowed Probigua to:

- Create five more computer training centers
- Equip 25 public libraries with computers
- Provide free computer training for the public

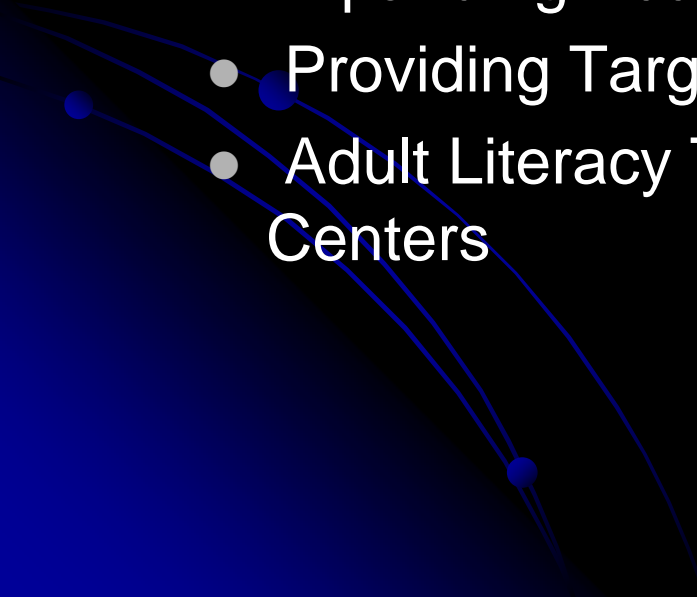


From the city of Antigua to remote villages, Probigua's public library network is offering the people of Guatemala access to books and digital information. In a country with few government-supported public libraries in rural communities, these libraries are important sources of free access to information.



<http://www.probigua.org/>

Partner FOR *Building* WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

- **Library employment and career resources are preparing workers with new technologies.**
 - **Strategies for Workforce Development**
 - Creating Job Information Centers
 - Expanding Access to Technology and Tech Training
 - Providing Targeted Employment Outreach
 - Adult Literacy Training and Community Support Centers
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Partner for *Small Business Support*

- **Small business resources and programs are lowering barriers to market entry.**
 - **STRATEGIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT**
 - On-Demand business information through Online Business Resources
 - Integrating Business Support Services
 - Business Basics Workshops
 - Program Partnerships with Local Business Support Agencies
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Shidhulai Swanirvar Sangstha, a Bangladesh organization, received the 2005 Access to Learning Award for its innovative use of boats to deliver education and technology to isolated communities in flood-prone regions.

2005



The area is deeply conservative, which means that many parents are reluctant to send their daughters to schools far away from their homes. Through the boat program, girls now can attend school because their parents and guardians can still keep an eye on them.

Seventy percent of the users of the boat program are women. Since they account for half the population in Bangladesh, “there’s no way we can move forward without empowering our womenfolk,”



<http://www.shidhulai.org/>

2006



Rural Education and Development (READ) Nepal received the 2006 Access to Learning Award for its innovative approach to building and sustaining village libraries. Free access to books and information technology is advancing learning and literacy in the country's underserved, rural population.



The Jhuwani Community Library

The libraries also serve as social hubs for child care, medical assistance, literacy training, women's discussion groups, AIDS awareness programs, and farming and animal husbandry workshops. These vital social services are provided through READ partnerships with Nepali social welfare providers and university libraries, Nepal National Library, Asia Foundation, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).



School girls read in the Argyole Community Library




The new bridge now shortens the walk to school

<http://www.readglobal.org/>

Partner for Urban Design

- **Public library buildings are catalysts for physical development.**
 - Public library facilities are versatile, attractive components in a wide variety of developments – downtown, residential, mixed-use, commercial, and joint-use service sites
 - Public libraries in mixed-use and residential developments contribute to safety and quality of life
 - Long term tenancy of public libraries reduces some of the financial risk associated with building mixed-used developments
 - Public libraries attract foot traffic and can serve the anchor tenant function in commercial areas without directly competing with local businesses
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Integration in city planning

- *Creation of libraries as “public paradises.”*
 - *Recommendations to the Council of Europe*
 - *Catalysts for change*
 - *Rehabilitation of buildings*
 - *Purpose built libraries in specific areas*
 - *Combine library functions with other cultural and civil buildings for example an auditorium, an art gallery, a municipal archive, etc.*
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Cultural Partner

- Portugal - 'All citizens have a right to culture and information. The State has to ensure the execution of these rights', 1987 (Law 111/87, 11 March 1987)
- Portuguese Institute for the Book and Libraries (IPLB), 'In view of the network of public libraries which still demonstrates gaps, to develop well-coordinated programmes, projects and actions in order to contribute to a cultural reorganisation of the country, while diminishing the regional differences, illiteracy and cultural exclusion.'

Law (90/97, 19 April 1997)

2007

Connecting Indigenous Past and Present

A unique database known as "Our Story" is attracting Indigenous Australians into remote Northern Territory community libraries to build digital archives of their culture.



Armed with cameras and computers, voice and video recorders, and scanners and printers, community members capture old and contemporary art, maps, songs, photos, and lessons in their local language. They film events and record interviews and traditional practices. Then they store the digital content with user-friendly software called "Our Story." Communities have embraced Our Story, collecting more than 40,000 items since 2004.



The remote indigenous community of Ltyentye Apurte.



Library staff in Angurugu work on "Our Story."

Partners for Youth Development

- Separate youth services
- Change in public policy
- Consultation with young adults
- Developmental outcomes
 - Youth contribute to their community.
 - Youth feel safe in their environment.
 - Youth have meaningful relationships with adults and peers.
 - Youth achieve educational success.
 - Youth develop marketable skills.
 - Youth develop personal and social skills.

Now is time to take the next
tiger jump,
to open up to new thinking,
anything is possible...

