

Libraries

Are Good for Busine\$\$

- ◆ **Librarians help potential employees learn essential critical thinking skills.**
- ◆ **More than 1.3 million or 46% of the population in Kansas visited Kansas libraries in 2010. That's an average of 6.5 visits per Kansan. In all, Kansas residents visited their public libraries 15.5 million times in 2010.**

- ◆ **Kansas taxpayers have access to over 11.4 million books, videos, periodicals, and other items through public libraries. Kansas residents checked out 27.7 million items in 2010.**

- ◆ **Americans go to school, public and academic libraries nearly three times more often than they go to the movies.**

- ◆ **Kansans spend \$36.72 per capita to pay to fund their public libraries. That's about the cost of a hardback book!**

The new economy requires a workforce that is highly disciplined, innovative, creative and able to learn new concepts through a variety of online opportunities. The library fills the role of a technology resource and training center for students of all ages. The **Learning Express Library** offers tests for many professions, and online courses for computer programs. In addition, the Job and Career center offers assistance in resume building and job searches.



- ◆ **98.7% of public libraries provide public access to the Internet.**
- ◆ **Kansans logged on to computers in public libraries 6,503,610 times in 2010.**
- ◆ **Kansas libraries provide services for job seekers.**