What Should Libraries Be Doing for the Workforce?
A Government View

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) & The Aspen Institute surveyed government officials to assess their attitudes toward libraries and their role in communities. The numbers below represent the overall attitudes of government officials nationwide on when given suggestions for programming and resources that libraries should be doing to assist community workforce development efforts.

- Offering programs teaching how to use digital tools (e.g., computers, tablets, smartphones)
- Providing workspace for mobile workers and entrepreneurs
- Providing training, technology, and resources to develop job-related skills
- Coordinating with local employers to connect community residents to training and career development resources that local employers need
- Providing information and training on how to start a business

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