

Libraries Connecting Communities

Abstract

Technology has changed the library's role in the community. Libraries are more than a place to find a favorite book, it has become a safe place for people of all backgrounds to gather information and share ideas. A community meeting ground that symbolizes the importance of education and collaboration, patrons are connecting to educational software, blogging with others in the community and linking to other communities.

Libraries have created educational opportunities for children, young adults and adults. Children can try out a variety of software to enhance their reading skills. Young adults can use educational software such as Starry Night Back Yard for homework ideas and adults also have the opportunity to test out the latest software like Google Earth. Services include links to community training events, websights helping disadvantaged children and genealogy research. Libraries also offer patrons a chance to connect to the community and sharing information through the library blog. Libraries are connecting communities by using the information highway.