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A History of the American Public Library Excerpt

70% of voters visited their library in the past year, with millennials being the most frequent patrons, and

8 in 10 Americans believe public libraries can help them find “reliable” and “trustworthy” information.

The draw goes far beyond the information itself. Public libraries are one of the last free places in our country that openly cater to the needs of

Providing them with a safe space to be in a community of neighbors and offering services from résumé writing to family storytime.

Indeed, 65% of Americans say public libraries “help them grow as people.”

Public libraries have always been social spaces, a critical part of the “social infrastructure” that binds communities together and allows a—
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