Learning Doesn’t Stop at Graduation

Libraries (and librarians!) continue to be a vital resource for supporting the lifelong learning needs of recent graduates and other patrons in their community.

75% of recent grads need “how-to” information
- Cooking & other domestic survival skills
- Household repairs
- Health & wellness information

69% want to enhance their career path

57% want to increase proficiency with technology

70% of grads read books to fill their lifelong learning needs

73% of grads said finding affordable sources was a barrier to learning

30% of library users said they know little or nothing about their library’s services

5.5x more likely to continue using the library if they interacted with a librarian

Patrons believe their library can be helpful with the following areas:

- New technologies 70%
- Information literacy 65%
- Health info 73%
- Community events & resources 68%

“[Recent graduates] placed a high premium on lifelong learning systems that were organized, curated, up-to-date, and where there was available assistance, as in the case of librarians and knowledgeable staff.”

— PROJECT INFORMATION LITERACY RESEARCH REPORT, January 2016

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