Main Library Job Center
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Project: Renovation of space in Main Library
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Response to a community need
In response to a growing need in Mecklenburg County, the Library is finding a new way to contribute to the economic health of the community. A new initiative aimed at helping people find jobs will include a Job Center in the Main Library, a system-wide emphasis on job-related training, a web page with job and business resources, and a partnership and community awareness plan.

Project Objective
To provide ready access to the library resources Mecklenburg County citizens need to find work.

Audience
The audience for this new initiative is broad, and includes the newly unemployed and their families, industries and professions affected by the economic meltdown, job networking groups, first-time entrants to the job market, job seekers in need of language skills, and chronically unemployed/underemployed citizens – as well as small businesses and nonprofits in need of support.

Features
- Dedicated library staff to assist customers with employment resources.
- Computers for job searching and resume development.
- Basic and specific computer skills training.
- Improved meeting and training spaces.
- Consolidation of library resources that support job exploration and career transitions.
- Physical space to support partnership activities.
- Entrepreneurial workshops and small business survival assistance.
- Workshops on networking and professional image enhancement.