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The Importance of a Library

In our modern and rapidly technologically advancing world, many young people and even adults are disregarding libraries. Why go to a library to learn when you have Siri and Wikipedia, why go to the library when google can get you about 13,000,000 results in merely a second? So why do we go to a library?

From toddler storytime circles to my very own library card, from Junie B. Jones to Harry Potter, libraries have always been an important aspect of my life. As a child I was inspired to read and learn at the library, that feeling of inspiration was not sparked by a particular author or book, this feeling was sparked by the phenomenal atmosphere of learning that a library has. This atmosphere is not present when you type in a question for google or buy a book of Amazon, this atmosphere cannot be recreated. At libraries I had and still have today, access to thousands of genres and authors which has really helped me explore my passion for reading and learning new things.

Libraries are a source of unlimited reading material, they are plethoras of knowledge and one can never stop learning from them. A library can take you anywhere you want to, when you read a story you meet people and discover places that you would have never imagined before. Libraries have opened my eyes to the world around me and have expanded my knowledge about the world. The vast extent of books, resources and potential of learning that is present at libraries is simply something that cannot be recreated or found anywhere else. Libraries provide lifelong learning!

The benefits of a library doesn't just end at learning and reading, libraries are communities. The social benefits of libraries are endless, you can meet many people that share interests with you and learn from them. Most communication between people nowadays is through one screen or another, libraries provide a place where you can socialize, somewhere to interact with real people and a place where you can forge real friendships that will surely last a lifetime and learn important social skills which is a cornerstone of success.

Libraries are a key parts of a successful community, the benefits a library provides for a community are almost endless. There are a variety of classes, seminars, programs for education that enrich the community. Job seekers can use the library internet to look for jobs. People who are not able to access internet services can get services free access to internet and computers . We can access free conference rooms volunteering opportunities and so much more.

There are storytime sessions for toddlers and all sorts of fun events for children that entertain them while also educating them and keeping them engaged. There are numerous fun events, volunteering opportunities and study tools provided for teens at the library, volunteering in the community gives teens a feeling of responsibility and teaches them good leadership and citizenship skills, libraries teach teens to take action in making their own community a better place. Volunteering at my local library has helped me make a difference in my own community, it showed me that I have the potential to make things better and that I should use this potential to improve the world. There are programs to aid the unemployed and to help them find jobs. The classes, seminars and countless free programs offered by the library educate people and bring the entire community together to flourish.

I, personally have been greatly impacted by libraries, they have helped me expand my love of reading by allowing me to explore various different genres and authors. Thanks to the programs offered by my local library; I have met amazing authors, I've been able to help homeless animals in need, I've met new friends and gained so much. Libraries have given me a chance to learn so much and they still continue to teach me about new places, people and cultures. Libraries give me a chance to live experiences that I would never have dreamed of, they allow me to get a look at the outside world and give me a chance to discover how to world and its people are really like. In many ways libraries have really changed the way I see the world and they have definitely positively impacted me.

This is why we go to libraries, why we need libraries. A library offers aid and knowledge to each and every person that takes a step through its doors. If we, as a community did not have libraries we would be lacking something very critical, it would halt our growth and our learning. Without libraries we would not advance or further our knowledge. We need libraries to be a successful community. We need libraries to be successful people. Most importantly, we need libraries to have a successful future.