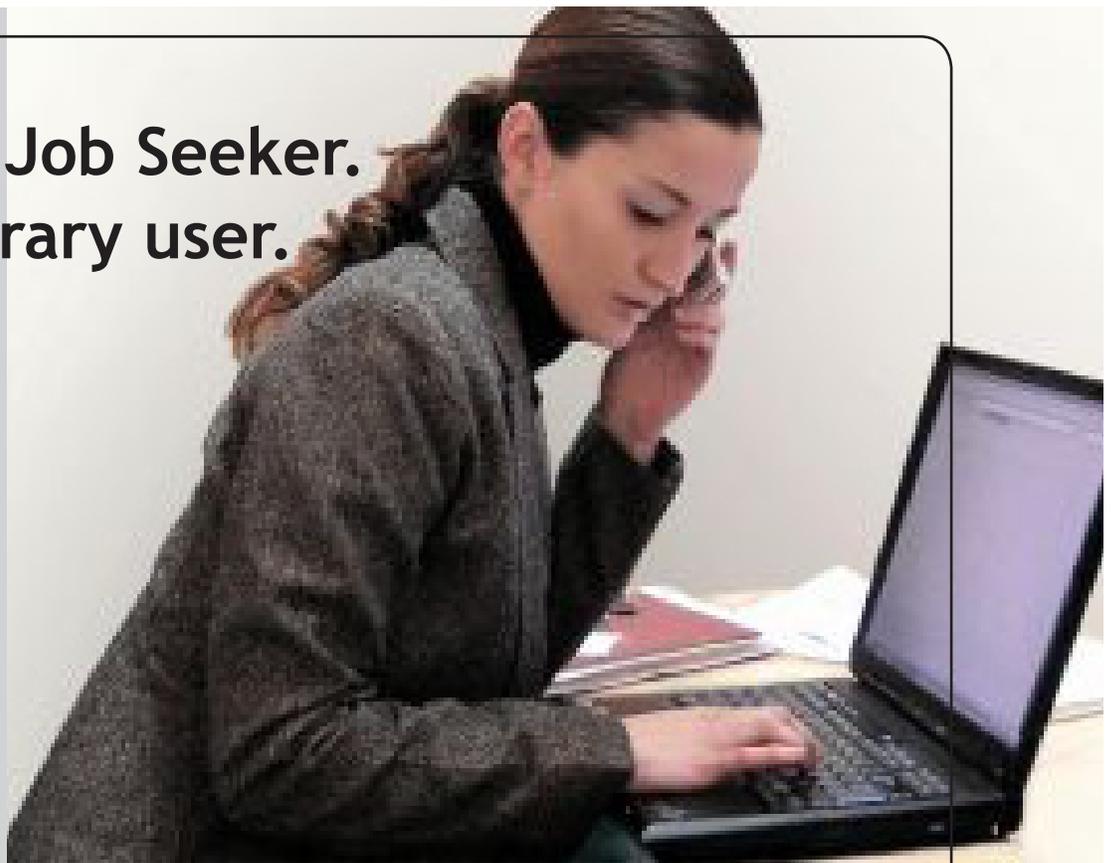


Job Seeker. Library user.



The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Is an EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Today, technology skills are essential for job-seekers of all ages. The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System helps them to find success. Our libraries deliver access to technology, free computer instruction, employment information resources, and more.

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library provides:

- A wide-ranging collection of materials detailing how to conduct a job search, create a resume and cover letter, and succeed in an interview.
- A first point of entry for new technology users, with computer access and training that allows them to learn basic skills, thereby increasing their value to prospective employers.
- A vital connection to online job readiness, search and application information.

The result:

- Overall year-to-date computer use in the Public Library System, through September 2007, is up nearly 23% from the same period in 2006. In the City of Buffalo's branch libraries, use is up 62.3%.

The need:

- Restored funding not only allows community libraries throughout Erie County to maintain minimum open hour standards, but positions our Public Library System as a stable and powerful tool in future area business development strategies.

The economic investment Erie County makes in our Public Library System expands community workforce technology competencies, reduces barriers to employment, and facilitates connections between potential workers and employers. In fact,

For every \$1 spent on the Library, Erie County sees \$6.07* in return.

NOW, THAT'S A SMART INVESTMENT!

*For a complete breakdown of values of services provided by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, please reference our website at www.buffalolib.org/aboutthelibrary/governance.asp