

INFORMATION RESOURCES ON THE STATE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

As TADL moves into cooperative planning with a strategic focus, it will be helpful for all trustees to develop a sense of the latest thinking that is informing library administrators and planners. Here is a list of resources you might consider a helpful start.

<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/archives/issue/state-americas-libraries-2011>

The State of America's Libraries, 2011. American Libraries Magazine. (71 pages)

http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/document/302161/maximize_the_potential_of_your_public_library

ICMA *Maximize the Potential of Your Public Library.* Learn how public libraries can help local governments tackle critical community priorities such as economic development, public safety, environmental sustainability, cultural diversity, education, and literacy.

http://www.imls.gov/pdf/OpportunityForAll_2pg.pdf

Opportunity for All; How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries, 2010; IMLS. A 2-page summary. (Institute for Museums and Library Service)

<http://tascha.washington.edu/usimpact>

IMLS Opportunity for All: the full report

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/stackup/default.htm>

How Libraries Stack Up: 2010. Economic, social and cultural impact of libraries in the US.

http://www.urban.org/uploadedpdf/1001075_stronger_cities.pdf

Making Cities Stronger; Public Library Contributions to Local Economic Development. Urban Libraries Council 2007. On the economic impact of public libraries in American cities, this report highlights ways in which library programming in early literacy, employment services, and small business development; contribute to local economic development strategies. The study also identifies ways in which library construction is used to bolster place-based development in a wide variety of settings.

<http://www.ncl.org/publications/ncr/95-4/0107libraries.pdf>

The Future of Public Libraries in an Internet Age. 2006

<http://www.publicagenda.org/reports/long-overdue>

Long Overdue; A Fresh Look at Public Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century, 2005.

“Those who think public libraries are primarily used by folks who can't afford bookstores are clearly mistaken -- higher-income families are even more likely to use public libraries than low-income families.”

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/2005perceptions.htm>

Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources; an international study. 2005.

The findings indicate that information consumers view libraries as places to borrow print books, but they are unaware of the rich electronic content they can access through libraries.