

Libraries

DID YOU KNOW? Many public libraries offer free classes in using computers, reading, math and other services. Need a book for a class? Don't waste money! You may be able to rent it from a local library. If they don't have the book, they can order it from another library for you to rent for free! Libraries are awesome resources often not utilized by students, but there are LOTS of libraries out there!

Follow this website to enter your zip code (where you will be living) and find all the libraries in your area. Remember, to get a library card you may need a piece of mail addressed to you. So if you just moved to Hartford, Boston or any other town you will need to wait until you get mail to get a library card, but you don't need a card to explore your library, read books inside or ask for help with classes and tutoring!

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/librarysearch/>

The screenshot shows the NCES Library Statistics Program search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for NewsFlash, Staff, Contact, Site Index, Help, and a search box for NCES. Below this is a menu with categories like Publications & Products, Surveys & Programs, Data Tools, Tables & Figures, Fast Facts, School, College, & Library Search, Annual Reports, What's New, and About Us. The main content area is titled "Search for Public Libraries" and includes a search tip: "SEARCH TIP: Searches are conducted based on all information you enter. You do not need to enter information for all fields. More specificity yields fewer results." The search form has several fields: Library Name, NCES Library ID, Street Address, City (with a browse button), State (a dropdown menu), Zip Code, Distance (with a dropdown menu and "Miles from Zip" label), County (with a browse button), and Phone #. There are also checkboxes for "Additional Characteristics" such as Library System, Central Library, Branch Library, Bookmobile, and Books-by-Mail. A "Search" button and a "Clear" button are at the bottom right. A note at the bottom states: "NOTE: All library types will be included in your search unless you uncheck the box."

Source: Public Libraries Survey, Fiscal Year 2005