

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE HELPING TO SOLVE THE DROPOUT CRISIS

32 MILLION AMERICANS
OR 13% OF THE POPULATION AGED 18 AND
OLDER ARE WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA¹



HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO:



LIVE IN
POVERTY²



BE
UNEMPLOYED³



GO TO
PRISON⁴



BE A BURDEN
ON TAXPAYERS⁵



PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE GRADUATING ADULTS THROUGH
CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
(NOT A GED) AND CAREER CERTIFICATE IN ONE OF TEN GROWING FIELDS.

HELPING JUST

25

**ADULTS EARN
THEIR DIPLOMAS
COULD TRANSLATE INTO⁶**



**\$8.27
MILLION**

INCREASE IN
GRADUATES'
EARNINGS

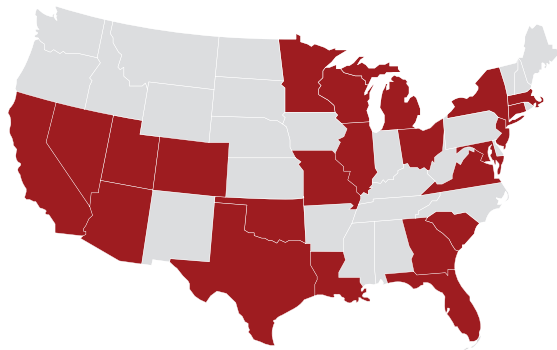
**\$1.82
MILLION**

INCREASE IN LOCAL,
STATE, AND FEDERAL
TAX REVENUE

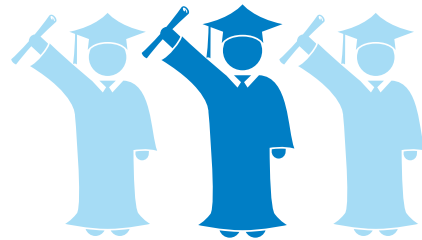
**\$7.3
MILLION**

IN TAXPAYER SAVINGS—
MOST OF THAT BORN AT THE
LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL

HOW LIBRARIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE MAKING AN IMPACT



150+
LIBRARY SYSTEMS
ACROSS THE U.S. OFFER
CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL



MORE THAN
3,000
ADULTS
HAVE EARNED THEIR H.S. DIPLOMA
THROUGH THEIR LIBRARY



THE RESULTS

Increasing the high school graduation rate from the 2015 figure of 83.2% to a more acceptable 90% would **ADD JOBS** and **INCREASE TAX REVENUES**.⁷

14,260
NEW JOBS

\$3.1
BILLION
IN GRADUATE
EARNINGS

\$159
MILLION
IN STATE & LOCAL
TAX REVENUES

\$504
MILLION
IN FEDERAL TAX
REVENUES

79% OF PROGRAM
GRADUATES
PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE⁸



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