NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIES ARE  
Partners in Education  
HELPING STUDENTS MEET THEIR GOALS FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS

ENRICHING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

81% of students surveyed said the library contributed to their overall academic success.

SUPPORTING FACULTY EXCELLENCE

7 out of 10 faculty reported getting research help at the library and...

Providing Expertise & Resources

70% of students surveyed said staff helped them complete coursework.

FUNDING FOR DATABASES & STAFFING IS CRITICAL

NC Community College Libraries have not received an increase in their collections budget since 2009 while the average price of a database subscription has increased 40%.

65% of surveyed libraries reported the same or fewer staff as in 2008 while providing services in more locations.

Quotes

English isn’t my first language, I had to learn it the hard way because I didn’t have much time. And the librarians were there for me every time I needed them. They treated me as a friend. They never gave up on me, and I am thankful for that; they helped me get on the right path in becoming a surgeon.

I had been out of school for 33 years. I was not sure how to acquire information for the many essays required for my English class... I started having anxiety attacks, and almost quit... The librarian sat down with me and spent an hour explaining to me how to find what I needed, and how to cite my work... I couldn’t have done it without him, and may not be in college today if it weren’t for him and his knowledge of the library.

I come from a lower income family, so I don’t usually have all the necessary resources in my personal life to complete all of my classwork. The library at my school has provided so many resources that have helped me get all of my work done and I am very grateful for that....

Data included in this report comes from Community College Libraries & Librarians and Student Success (2017), a survey conducted by the North Carolina Community College Library Association Advocacy subcommittee, and the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office.