



# Libraries: Your Afterschool Partner

**Did  
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know?**

## **Libraries can be the provider of formal afterschool programs**

- 88 percent of libraries offer free online homework help
- Participation in library programs for children under 18 rose from 35.6 million a year in 1993 to 54.6 million in 2005.
- 90 percent of U.S. libraries already offer some kind of programming dedicated to those between 12-18 and half of them have at least one full-time staff person dedicated to serving that group.

## **Libraries can offer support (including space, web access & other resources) to organizations that run afterschool programs**

- Thousands of public libraries offer free or low-cost meeting rooms
- 99 percent of public libraries offer free public Internet; 82 percent offer free wireless Internet service
- Libraries can lend free materials, provide lists of recommended reading and websites, and more. 89 percent of libraries offer formal or informal technology training.
- Want to get involved? Contact YALSA at [yalsa@ala.org](mailto:yalsa@ala.org).

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