

# LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES!

## Connecting Workplace Literacy Learners with Local Libraries



### INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS AND LITERACY PROVIDERS

Productivity increases when employees can read, write, speak, listen, add numbers or measure correctly.

Better communication leads to more opportunities to improve productivity through innovative ideas and solutions from staff.

As you embark on your workplace literacy and numeracy programme, perhaps you'd like to think about connecting your employees with the local library. This will help the benefits of the literacy and numeracy programme to continue after the programme has finished and to extend to your employees' families and communities.

Libraries offer access to digital resources including devices, web and wifi access, learning tools, and advice.

You can find your nearest library on the Public Libraries of NZ website at <http://www.publiclibraries.org.nz/FindALibrary.aspx>

Once you have made contact with the local librarian, you can work out the best way to connect them with your learners.

This may involve things like:

- A group visit to the library
- Learners being issued with library cards
- The librarian visiting a group session

The Skills Highway team has worked with public libraries since 2016 to connect employers, their employees and libraries. Public libraries provide opportunities for lifelong learning.

They help children and young people develop imagination and creativity.

They give adults the opportunity to learn about technology and how to use it, about their cultural heritage, the arts and science.