

LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES!

Connecting Workplace Literacy Learners with Local Libraries



INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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.

The Workplace Literacy and Numeracy Fund supports literacy and numeracy training programmes that are delivered within the workplace context. These programmes are run across the country, in workplaces in your communities.

You can find details of literacy providers and the current Employer-led programmes on the Skills Highway website <http://www.skillshighway.govt.nz/get-help>

We encourage workplace literacy and numeracy providers to think about connecting with the local library.

This helps the benefits of the literacy programme to be sustained after the programme has finished and to be extended to employees' families and communities.

Once you become aware of a workplace literacy programme in your area you can work out the best way to connect.

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.