

PUBLIC LIBRARIES = EDUCATION

Three Pillars

A major component of [Your City/County/State Here]’s strong education system, libraries deliver **high-quality public education for all ages**. The role of public libraries is best illustrated by the image below, with three pillars that comprise our overall educational mission and curriculum:

- I. **Self-Directed Education** through vast collections of items in print, audio and electronic formats; and thousands of specialized online research tools (e.g., *Wall Street Journal* and *Access Science*).
- II. **Research Assistance & Instruction** for individuals and groups. This pillar includes classes, seminars and workshops for all ages, taught by library instructors.
- III. **Instructive & Enlightening Experiences** through cultural and community center concepts, events, and partnerships.

