



New York Computer Centers: *Broadbandexpress@yourlibrary*

New York State Library Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Grant Project

The New York State Library, a unit of the Office of Cultural Education within the New York State Education Department, has received a federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) award in the Public Computer Center category as part of Round One funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Federal stimulus funding of **\$9,521,150** and \$5,418,370 in matching funds will be used to create public access computer centers in 30 public libraries and 5 E-mobile computer training units. This project will enable public libraries to extend hours, upgrade connectivity, add more than 800 new public computer workstations, and provide access to 24/7 job search resources in 41 economically distressed upstate New York counties. More than 6 million New York residents will be served through this initiative.

BTOP Public Computer Center Criteria and Project Goals:

- Increase public access to high speed broadband services in high-need communities
- Serve vulnerable populations (unemployed, underemployed or other vulnerable populations: non-English speakers, seniors, disabled, etc.)
- Provide technical support and other resources to support job search and career advancement through community anchor institutions such as libraries
- Advance the use of E-services for training, employment, digital literacy, and education
- Stimulate employment and provide job opportunities

Award Period: February 1, 2010 to January 31, 2013

Scope of the *Broadbandexpress@yourlibrary* Project:

- Public access computer and teleconferencing centers with high speed broadband services will be created in 30 libraries in economically distressed communities
- Five E-mobile computing training units with high speed broadband services will be deployed in rural locations and underserved communities
- The E-mobile and public access computer centers will provide 24/7 online access to job search resources as well as federal, state, and local E-government resources
- Services will be freely available to six million residents in 41 New York State upstate counties



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Grant Participants:

Public Computer Centers

Albany Public Library (Albany)
Alfred Box of Books Library (Allegany)
Amsterdam Free Library (Montgomery)
Baldwinsville Public Library (Onondaga)
Carthage Free Library (Jefferson)
Cheektowaga Public Library, Julia Boyer Reinstein Branch (Erie)
Cortland Free Library (Cortland)
Crandall Public Library (Warren)
Dunkirk Free Library (Chautauqua)
Geneva Public Library (Ontario)
George F. Johnson Memorial Library (Broome)
Greater Poughkeepsie Library District (Dutchess)
Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library (Rockland)
James Prendergast Library Association (Chautauqua)
Lockport Public Library (Niagara)
Mahopac Public Library (Putnam)
Mid-York Library System (Oneida, Herkimer & Madison)
Moore Memorial Library (Chenango)

North Country Library System (St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Oswego & Lewis)
Olean Public Library (Cattaraugus)
Oswego School District Public Library (Oswego)
Plattsburgh Public Library (Clinton)
Port Jervis Public Library (Orange)
Potsdam Public Library (St. Lawrence)
Southeast Steuben County Library (Steuben)
Utica Public Library (Oneida)
Wayland Free Library (Steuben)
Western Sullivan Public Library (Sullivan)

E-Mobile Express Units

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System (Clinton, Essex & Franklin)
Jefferson Community College (St. Lawrence, Jefferson & Lewis)
Mid-York Library System (Oneida, Herkimer & Madison)
Nioga Library System (Niagara, Orleans & Genesee)
Southern Tier Library System (Allegany, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben & Yates)

