

## **Unit 5 – Benefits of Public Libraries**

When we answer exam writing questions, it is often important to try to keep in mind an American or British perspective on the subject. This one is a prime example of that.

**According to the video, what proportion of U.S. households lack internet access at home?**

- A. One in five
- B. One in three
- C. One in ten
- D. One in two

**The video highlights a library in which U.S. state as an example?**

- A. Oregon
- B. Alaska
- C. Michigan
- D. Colorado

**What main service are libraries providing to bridge the digital divide?**

- A. Free meals
- B. Free internet and computer access
- C. Online shopping guides
- D. Paid technology courses

**Which Gates Foundation initiative is mentioned in relation to libraries?**

- A. "Connected Readers"
- B. "Staying Connected" grants
- C. "Library of Tomorrow"
- D. "Reading for All" campaign

**What impact did internet access in libraries have on rural or low-income users in the video?**

- A. They avoided public libraries
- B. They could pursue online learning and essential services
- C. They started publishing books
- D. They closed their home internet subscriptions

**The video suggests libraries help users to:**

- A. Get free physical books only
- B. Complete government forms, homework, job search
- C. Pay their taxes online
- D. Write books

**One key point is that libraries:**

- A. Charge a small fee for internet use
- B. Serve as community hubs and lifelines in low-access areas
- C. Only support children and teens
- D. Are being phased out in favor of online services

**What overall tone does the video have regarding the role of libraries?**

- A. Neutral and factual
- B. Critical of libraries
- C. Celebratory and supportive
- D. Skeptical of digital initiatives