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## About Libraries for the Future

Libraries for the Future (LFF) is the program division of the Americans for Libraries Council, a national non-profit organization that champions the role of libraries in American life and promotes new approaches to sustaining and developing libraries in the 21st century. Since 1992, LFF has been developing and implementing innovative programs, services, and advocacy efforts that help librarians meet the needs of young children, youth, and adults, strengthen libraries as cornerstones of their communities, and stimulate library use by new and nontraditional audiences. LFF is based in New York City.

The key national programs of Libraries for the Future are:

- ★ **Family Place Libraries**—The Family Place program helps transform libraries into centers for healthy child and family development, parent and community involvement, and lifelong literacy beginning at birth. In partnership with the Middle Country (NY) Public Library, Libraries for the Future provides training and technical assistance to a growing national network of more than 200 sites in 23 states.
- ★ **EqualAccess Libraries**—Libraries for the Future provides training, technical assistance, and model programs to strengthen libraries as centers for information and learning and to build stronger connections between libraries and their local communities. LFF trains libraries in needs and assets assessment, work planning, outreach, partnerships, public awareness and advocacy, and in community technology programming relevant to community needs and interests. EqualAccess Libraries is supported, in part, by a challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. EqualAccess Libraries offer at least two of the following three LFF programs:
  - **YouthAccess**, an after school program offering skills-building activities in e-journalism, blogging, scientific inquiry, and civic engagement.
  - **HealthAccess**, using community partnerships and educational activities to promote public awareness and use of libraries for health and wellness information.
  - **LifelongAccess**, a model for strengthening libraries as centers for productive aging and lifelong learning for older adults making the transition to new forms of retirement.

For more information, we welcome your visit to [www.lff.org](http://www.lff.org). You may also reach us at **646-336-6236** or **800-542-1918**.

