LIBRARIES AND SKILLS in Netherlands

LIBRARIES IN NETHERLANDS

- There are 781 public libraries and more than 2,500 school libraries in the Netherlands.
- 70 million visits to the local library each year.
- 35 million visits to the digital library each year.
- In 2016, Dutch public libraries offered 97,000 activities of which 50% were educational.
- All offer internet access.

SKILLS IN NETHERLANDS

- Netherlands ranks 4 on the EU’s Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI).
- 19% of Dutch adults participate in lifelong learning activities.
- 31% of Dutch employers encounter difficulties in finding employees with the right skills.

% ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY SKILLS

- EU: 20%
- Netherlands: 12%

% ADULTS WITH LOW NUMERACY SKILLS

- EU: 24%
- Netherlands: 13%

HOW GOOD ARE THE DUTCH ONLINE?

- Individuals who are regular internet users (% of Individuals)

Did You Know?

- Millions of people access the Internet for the first time in a public library.

Information drawn from: European Commission Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2016; European Commission Education and Training Monitor 2016; OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC); TNS Global Survey measuring perceptions of the benefits of ICT in public libraries in the EU; the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA) and the Dutch Library Association (Vereniging van Openbare Bibliotheek)