LIBRARIES AND SKILLS in The Netherlands

LIBRARIES IN THE NETHERLANDS

- **145,000 ACTIVITIES**, of which 40% promoted reading and 38% offered educational development opportunities
- **776 PUBLIC LIBRARIES**
- **OVER 3,000 SCHOOL LIBRARIES**
- **There are 3.2 MILLION eBOOK LOANS** in Dutch libraries each year
- **There are 890,541 AUDIO BOOK LOANS** in Dutch libraries each year
- **There are 71 MILLION BOOK LOANS** in The Netherlands each year
- **Population: 17.3 million**
- **One library per 22,294 inhabitants**
- **All of them offer internet and WiFi access**
- **There are 70 MILLION LIBRARY VISITS** in The Netherlands per year

SKILLS IN THE NETHERLANDS

- **The Netherlands ranks 3 on the EU’s Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI)**
- **19.1%** of Dutch adults participate in life-long 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?

- **42%** of eligible voters in Netherlands voted in the 2019 European Parliament elections

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