

Tears welled up in my eyes as a million thoughts whirled around in my head. I had just been informed that I had been laid off from my job. Immediately, I wondered what I was going to do next – how would I pay my bills or be able to shop for food? Without a computer at home, how would I find new jobs to apply for? How would I be able to update my resume and write cover letters?

It was the end of March when I began making a daily trek to my public library in Northampton Township to begin my job search. The computers and workspaces they have available for visitors were a godsend. The library provided a quiet place for me to come and concentrate on my job applications. I was so grateful to leave the house daily and have an

area dedicated to my work. The librarians and staff were kind and helpful, allowing me more time on the computer to complete my applications or helping me to print my resume or cover letters.

<u>Hello!</u> My name is Michelle and, by mid-July, I had successfully found a new job in my field of Project Management! The support and services at the library were vital for this positive life change.

Imagine the feelings my staff and I experienced when Michelle stopped in one day in July – not to work on more applications but to share the great news that she'd accepted a new

job! It was a powerful reminder that access to a library can often be life-changing.

Thanks to your continued support, Michelle was able to change her life. How many other lives can you impact by making a contribution to your Free Library of Northampton Township?

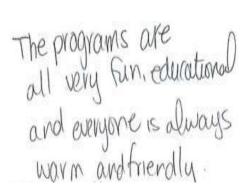
Your Free Library of Northampton Township provides FREE ACCESS to all types of materials and services. The digital divide is only becoming more pronounced between folks who have internet access and technology at home and those who do not. Everyone deserves

access to books and learning tools. Your local library helps to bridge the divide by providing FREE access to computers, Wi-Fi service in the library and Wi-Fi Hotspots to take home, job searching assistance, computer classes, tutoring help, language-learning tools, ESL Classes, and financial investing and genealogy tools.

In a time of need, we provide HELP. We provide HOPE. We provide ACCESS.

## Will you ensure these services and tools remain free and available to everyone by making a generous gift?





You can continue to impact lives like Michelle's. You can help us to bridge the divide by supporting your Free Library of Northampton Township. Please consider making a contribution before the end of the year by visiting our website @www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org/support-our-library.

Sincerely,

Wayne R. Lahr, Director

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P.S. You can choose to invest in the future of your neighbors like Michelle. **Your support of Free Library of Northampton Township will impact someone's life** by making an <u>easy online</u> monthly donation today or a <u>simple one-time gift</u>.

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