

# Top 10 Reasons Federal Agencies Need Libraries

*Federal libraries are stewards of institutional knowledge for the agency they serve. In the digital age, Federal Libraries*

1. Disseminate the agency's intellectual capital internally and externally.
2. Promote equity by providing all employees with access to the authoritative information resources they need to succeed.
3. Achieve economies of scale.
4. Create access to unique collections curated for the agency's mission and collaborate with the federal information community to expand agency access exponentially.
5. Provide discovery at point of need, deploying technology to deliver information in all formats.
6. Are trusted knowledge hubs that provide cost effective information resources with a demonstrated return on agency investment.
7. Help agencies respect intellectual property rights.
8. Facilitate life-long learning and professional development, empowering employees to think critically about information needs, evaluate information resources for accuracy, and use them effectively in their work.
9. Offer research services that provide competitive intelligence and answers to elusive questions, save staff time, and magnify research output by creating mechanisms to share research products.
10. Contribute to institutional effectiveness and mission success.