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Libraries support learning

PUBLIC libraries support learning at all stages of life, offering support for everyone from babies and small children to older people.

Clarence Valley Council general manager, Scott Greensill, said library staff helped people understand and act on information that could make a difference to their wellbeing – whether it is about their financial situation, their health or about new technology, or where best to find information for an assignment.

Mr Greensill said things that might stop people from reaching their potential could include poor literacy, lack of skills or the digital divide.

“These problems make it harder for people to make the most of their lives, to find work and to enjoy life,” he said.

“They can also increase inequality, for example when people are not able to make the most of opportunities that are only available online, such as cheaper goods and services or access to public services.

“Libraries can help overcome these issues by encouraging reading for pleasure, introducing young families to books and reading, creating supportive environments for children after school, providing the latest computer technology for: internet access, online study, social connection, writing and other creative pursuits.”

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