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### **Mayor Bloomberg announces new job center at Brooklyn Public Library to assist unemployed City expects to place 1,000 people in work from the program**

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*Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Tuesday the creation of a job center at the Brooklyn Public Library.*

Local librarians are helping unemployed New Yorkers page through the want ads.

[Mayor Bloomberg](#) announced Tuesday that the city was opening Workforce1 Career Centers in public libraries to help more New Yorkers find employment.

“Last year, the city helped connect New Yorkers to 35,000 jobs,” Mayor Bloomberg said at the opening

of a career center in the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza.

“And this year we think we will connect even more.”

The city expects to place 1,000 people in jobs at the Brooklyn library center, which costs roughly \$1 million over two years.

Other centers have opened in the Queens Library in Flushing and the Brooklyn Library’s Sunset Park branch.

“The partnership between Workforce1 and New York City’s public libraries will allow us to help even more New Yorkers looking for jobs in 2012,” said [Rob Walsh](#), Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services.

The three library centers connected New Yorkers with more than 500 jobs since launching in the fall, the administration said. A fourth center is planned for 2012 at the public library in the Bronx.

In Brooklyn, 50 librarians were trained to assist job seekers. They will help with resumes, cover letters and job interview tips, the city said.

“Libraries more than ever are proving their importance to New Yorkers by moving beyond traditional notions of service,” Brooklyn Public Library chairman [Anthony Crowell](#) said.

There are now 15 job centers in total, eight which opened since last July. The eight have placed 1,654 New Yorkers in jobs with average pay of \$13.53 an hour, Bloomberg said.