The Economic Impact of Public Libraries on South Carolina

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At the national level, the Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC) released Libraries: How They Stack Up in 2003. This “provides a snapshot of the economic impact of libraries worldwide. The report contains interesting comparisons of library economics and actives to other sectors, professions and destinations in the global economy.” The brochure may be found at http://www.oclc.org/reports/2003libsstackup.htm.