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DIRECCIÓN DE BIBLIOTECAS
ARCHIVOS Y MUSEOS

#### Chile



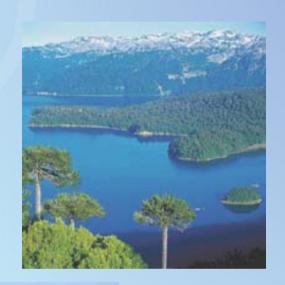
- Located in South America, extending to Cape Horn and Antarctica to the south and to Peru and the Atacama desert to the north.
- Population: 15.1 million inhabitants
- Rural population of 16.5 %
- 4.6% of the population is made up of indigenous people: Mapuche (87.31%), Aymara (7.01%) and Rapanui (0.67%).
- It is divided into 13 regions
- 20.6% of the population of Chile lives in poverty.
- 4.2% of the population is illiterate.





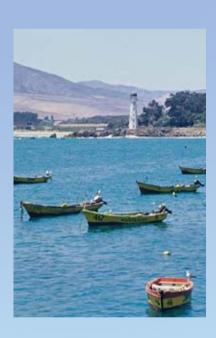














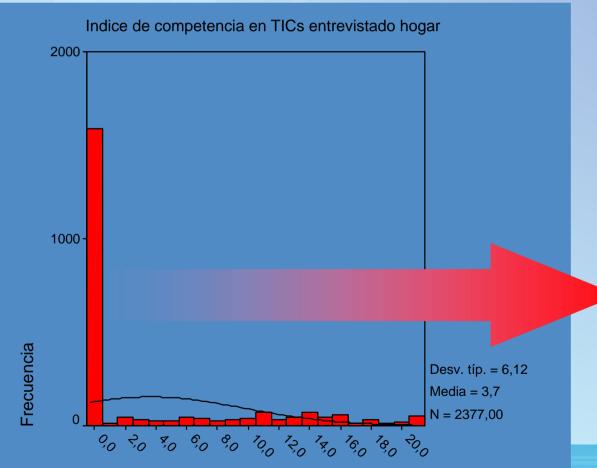
# Digital Divide in Chile

Computers in Chilean Households:
 30%

Internet Access in Chilean Households:
 20%



# Rate of ICT's competencies at Chilean household level



- Excel Competencies
- Word Competencies
- PowerPoint Competencies
- •Internet Competencies
- •Competencies in other programs
- Access Competencies

66.8% of the people surveyed have no ICT's competencies



# What is BiblioRedes, Open your World Project?



# The Chilean public libraries at the gateway of the digital era

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Chilean Government, through the Directorate of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DIBAM), have initiated the **BiblioRedes:** *Abre tu Mundo (Open Your World) project*, which actively contributes in promoting equal access to the technologies of information and communication for the community through 368 public libraries between Visviri and Puerto Williams.

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### Target Group of the Project



**Educational Community** 



Productive Sectors (Small and Medium Size Companies)



**Adult Community** 





**Enlaces Network** 





**Infocentres** 





**Public Libraries Network** 



#### **Equipment and Connection**

- •1957 Pentium IV, 1.8 Ghz, computers with wide band connect from 128kbps to 10 Mbps.
- •1957 web cams, 377 scanners and printers.
- •17 training laboratories with 10 PC's, data show, scanner, printer and wi-fi connection
- •17 mobile labs (notebooks) with wi-fi connection

Region	N° PL
I Region	18
II Region	13
III Region	11
IV Region	13
V Region	48
VI Region	33
VII Region	29
VIII Region	51
IX Region	47
X Region	41
XI Region	12
XII Region	12
Metropolitan Region	57
National Total	377



### Services provided to the Libraries

- •Technical Support through a Help Desk: telephone assistance, remote control of equipment, on-site support.
- •Training for Staff in charge of the Project in the Library (6 training cycles in 3 years)
- Training material and publications
- General assistance on-site
- Universal Access Fund,
   subsidies isolated places





### Main Services for the Community

- Free Public access to computers and Internet
  - (wide band 128kb to 2Mb)
- Access to Programs
  - Office, Publisher, Access, FrontPage, Encarta
  - Multimedia Software
- Basic Training (Digital Literacy)
  - Technology for Information and Communication
  - Using the Internet with meaning
- Web publication
- Free hosting for Local Content web sites
- Publications for self-training
  - Computer Quick Guides and courses in Web Site



President of Chile, Ricardo Lagos



# Why in Public Libraries?



# A look at our public libraries



Antofagasta, II Region



Copiapó, III Region



Canela, IV Region



Valparaíso, V Region



Talca, VII Region



Tortel, XI Region



Puerto Williams, XII Region



Downtown Santiago, Metropolitan Region



### **Open stocks**



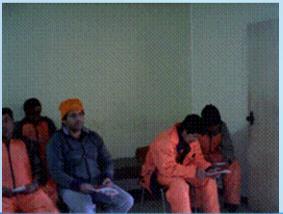




#### **Soldiers**



Workers' Unions



Physically challenged



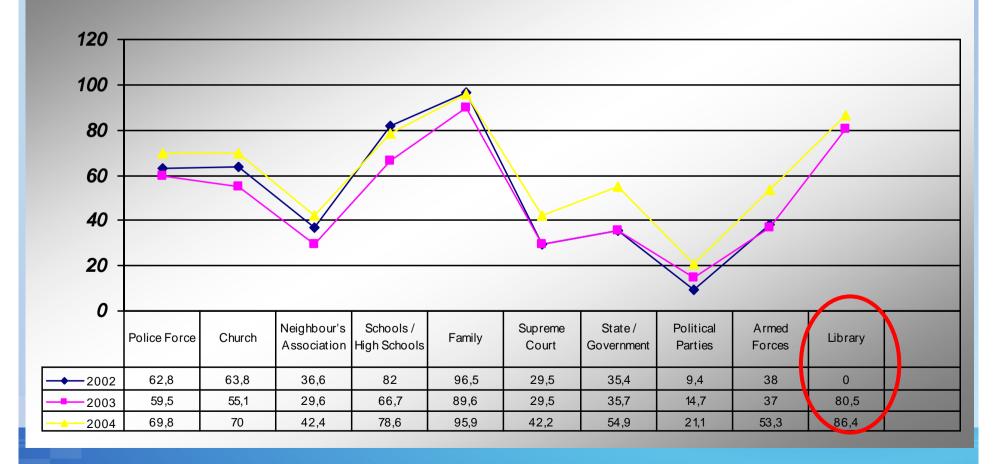
**Indigenous Communities** 



# Impact in Homes

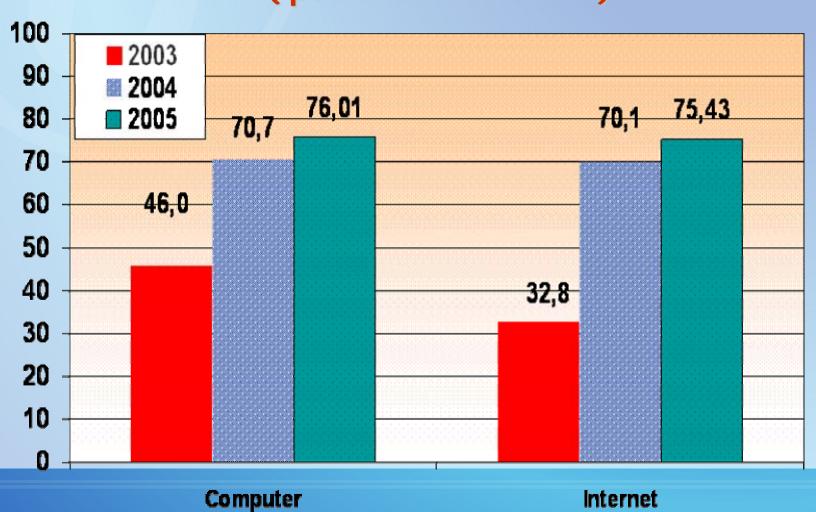


# Trust Placed on Institutions and Authorities, homes 2002-2003-2004





# Use of the computer and Internet at the PL (patrons 2003-2004)





#### More than a space, a place

"Public Libraries, are a recognized "place" by the community, "a place" where citizens are reflected, "a place" where they coexist, where they access information; therefore, they "a place of participation". This is why, social capital of the community is represented in them and they make projects like this possible, where digital inclusion is tangible"



# **Key Factors for Success**



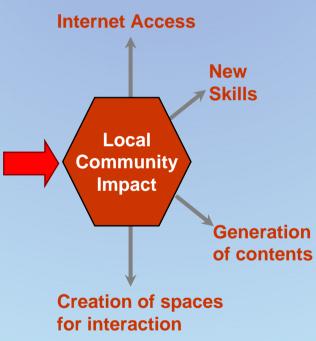




Development of New Skills by Training

#### Model





**Continuous monitoring and impact evaluation** 



#### What our model aims at

- Lack of Access: 374 Public Libraries with public access, covering more than 80% of the municipalities of the country.
- Lack of Training: Focalized training offer in digital literacy, complementary training, thus turning it into lifelong learning.
- Lack of Pertinent Contents:

Contextualization of contents according to needs and construction of own digital contents.



## Advocacy

- We have focus our efforts on the following aspects:
  - Attracting people to the library and the new services through marketing campaigns, radio programs, etc.
  - Positioning the library with diplomas for the trainees, appearances on news programs and the media.
  - Communicating our achievements through our website, massive mailings, presentations in conferences.

# Some examples



















# Partnerships: Success Key

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# A people based network





# **Our achievements**

# 12.000 patrons daily







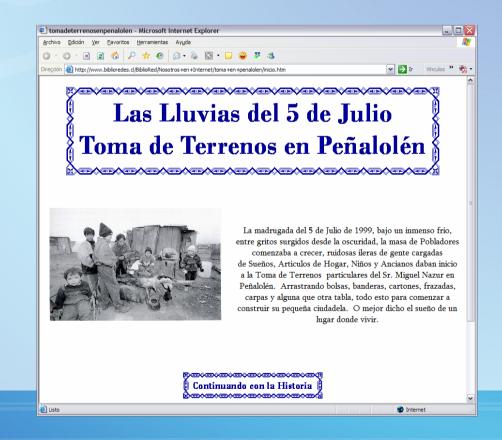


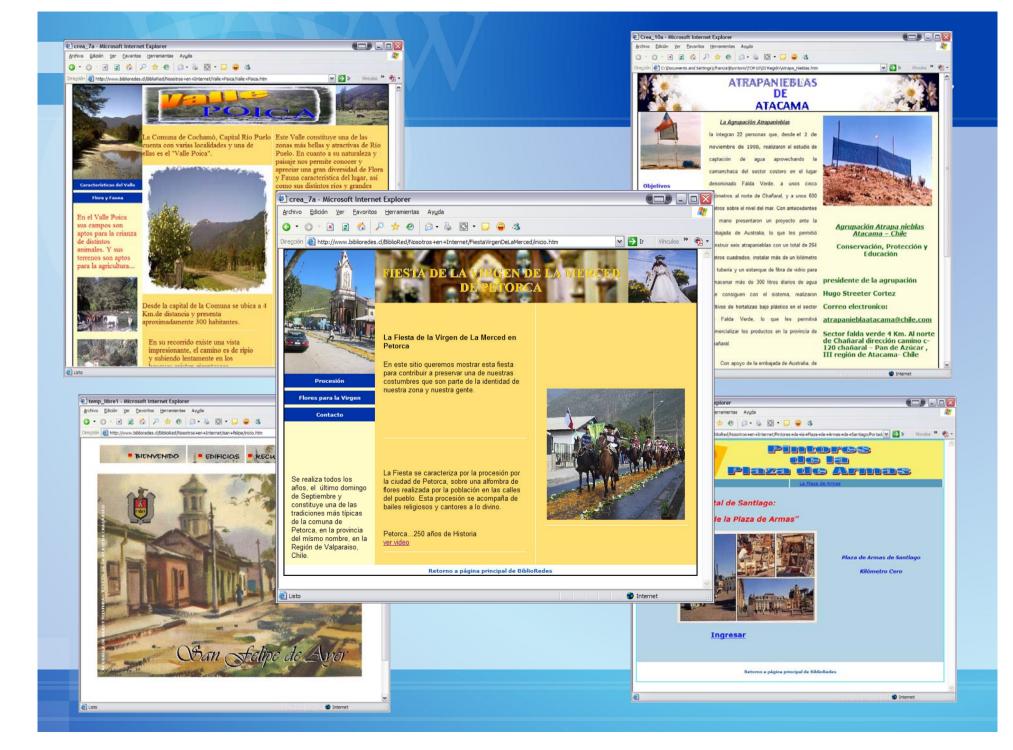
# Which means that today we have: 180.000 Digital Literate Chileans!!!





# Chile began dreaming and creating...today there are more than 2000 web sites of local content in <a href="https://www.biblioredes.cl">www.biblioredes.cl</a>







# BiblioRedes: A reference point for the world on how to close the gap of the digital divide



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### Video

Channel 13: News Report



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