



Member News & Job Listings

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At the NPW and WWA cosponsored 'DC Update with Congresswoman **Nita Lowey**' event, **Karen Cheeks-Lomax** of **My Sisters' Place** said, "We're very concerned that once the government has shutdown we're not going to be reimbursed for all the services that we've provided to our clients." See the full News 12 coverage here.

The Westchester Library System has launched Tutor.com - a new program that offers students of all ages live, one-to-one help from professional tutors online. "This program is individualized to help every student be successful in school, whether the child is an honor student tackling new concepts or an English language learning student who needs help developing his or her reading and writing skills," says **Terry Kirchner**, Executive Director of WLS. To access the program, visit www.tutor.com/westchester or your local Westchester Library website.

The Mental Health Association of Westchester (MHA) announced that they received an award of nearly \$4 million over the next two years from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). "This grant is an extraordinary opportunity to move forward in areas we have identified as a priority for our communities: the opioid epidemic, suicide prevention, veterans and integrated care. This substantial award enables us to launch a strategic and expansive initiative to provide services to individuals who may have previously been unable to gain access," said MHA Chief Executive Officer **Charlotte Östman**, LCSW-R.

NONPROFIT JOB OPENINGS

The Westchester Library System is seeking:

- Outreach Services Programmer

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- Part Time Social Worker / Volunteer Management

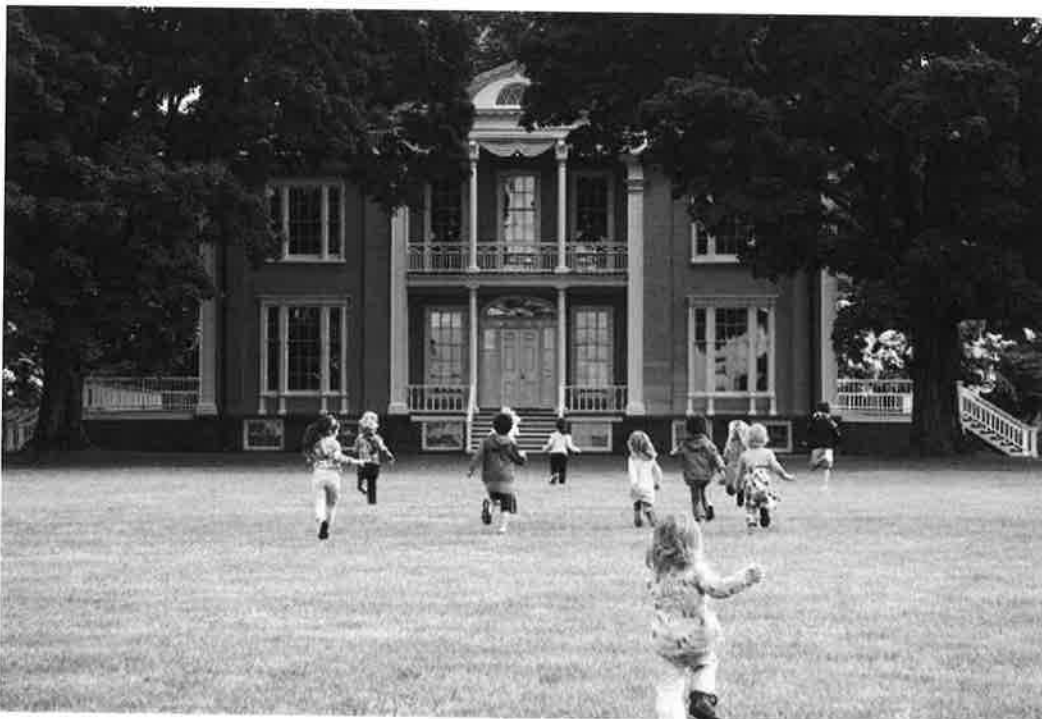
Free Perks That Come with Your Westchester Library Card

1/13/19 - By Susan Miele

If your library card hasn't left your wallet in a while, it may be time to pry it from its confines and put it to use.

More than a means to borrow books, your Westchester library card is your ticket to a host of privileges that you might not even know about. Put away the credit card and let this other piece of plastic save you money on admissions, shopping, and periodicals. In addition to checking out books, you can also borrow other media and even musical instruments, cooking supplies, and recreation equipment. Access technological services, learn a new language, support academic study, reserve a room. All this and more may be available, depending on the specific offerings of your local branch. Read on to see what you might be missing—not to mention all the books and free events, from storytimes to STEAM activities!

Looking for more helpful insight that helps you stay in the know with all things kid-related? Sign up for our newsletters and follow us on Facebook.



The Boscobel House and Garden is just one of many venues that can

*be accessed for FREE by borrowing a pass from participating libraries.
Courtesy of Boscobel*

FREE museum passes: Library card-holders can sign out various museum membership cards to gain not only free admission but full privileges of members, such as discounts in the gift shops. Memberships vary by library, but common ones include the American Museum of Natural History, the Hudson River Museum, Katonah Museum of Art, Neuberger Museum of Art, Storm King Art Center, Boscobel House and Garden, Stepping Stones Children's Museum, Children's Museum of Manhattan, The Guggenheim, the Maritime Aquarium of Norwalk, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, and even the Empire Pass, valid for admission at New York State Parks.

Downloadable eBooks, Audiobooks and Music: From comic books to audiobooks, movies to streaming music, your library card allows access to a vast array of multimedia while in the library or at home. Features that are specifically for kids include talking picture books, reading-comprehension quizzes, and educational games.

Borrow the Unexpected: Besides books, DVDs, and music media, some libraries lend... surprises. The Harrison Public Library, for one, loans its patrons a telescope, knitting needles, and badminton sets. The Lewisboro Library lends fishing equipment, as well as "Discovery Backpacks"—preloaded with fun that's ideal for car trips and rainy days. The Somers Library loans cake pans, cookie cutters, scrapbooking kits, bongo drums, ukuleles, and more (even "borrow" heirloom seeds), and the Warner Library in Tarrytown loans Kindles and Nooks. Check with your library to find out what your local branch entitles you to.



You may be able to use the 3D printer at your local library.

3D Printing: Some libraries offer periodic programs that provide training in the use of their 3D printer, while others, including the Riverfront branch of the Yonkers Public Library, allow card-holders to utilize its 3D printer on other occasions as well (some branches charge a fee for this service). Slightly less high-tech, libraries also offer the use of their in-house computers, Wi-Fi, Internet access and, at least in some cases, scanning—all FREE.

Foster a Love of Learning on ABCmouse.com: This interactive site—which typically requires a paid subscription—stimulates young minds to prepare them for pre-K through elementary school through fun activities. Use this in the library or from home. They won't even realize that they're learning!

Online Learning for Older Kids: Learn about fashion design or prepare for your road test with an additional assortment of online learning tools.

Homework Help: Many libraries offer after-school homework help at scheduled times, including having teen tutors help younger learners. Additionally, Yonkers card-holders, for one, can access online tutoring in various subjects.

Battle of the Books: Kids in grades 4-10 can rev their literary engines in these biblio-trivia tournaments that some libraries participate in, with teams competing against teams from other libraries. Reading becomes a social and recreational event, particularly appealing to game-lovers and those with a competitive bent.

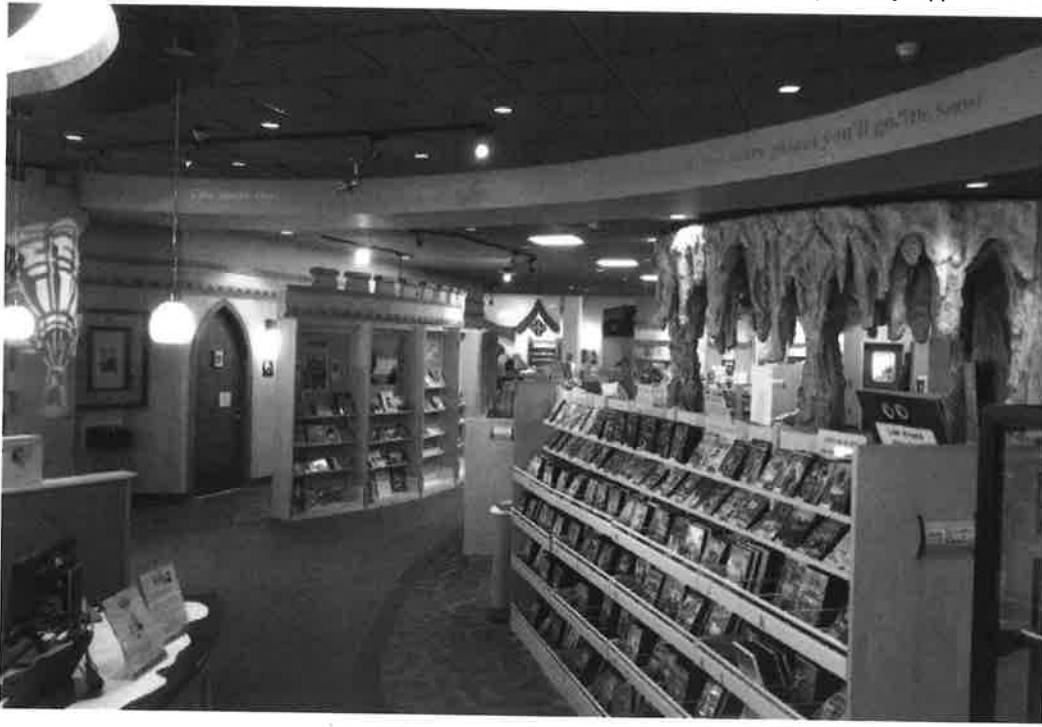
Summer Reading Games: Keep kids reading all summer, with fun themes, special events, and prizes for completed books. There's an adult version, too.

Reserve a Room: The Larchmont Public Library, among others, allows patrons to reserve a room in the library for private use. While using this space for birthday parties isn't quite the right fit, kids can form study groups and book clubs or use the space just for private tutoring, game-playing, and meetups.

Save While You Shop: The Tuckahoe and Eastchester Libraries encourage local buying by teaming up with local businesses to provide holiday discounts to cardholders, some of which remain ongoing.

Get Product Ratings from *Consumer Reports*: Buying a stroller, a booster seat or other kid items? Consult the ratings in this highly reputable resource (which requires a paid subscription to access but is FREE to card-holders) to learn about the reliability, safety, efficiency, and value before purchasing.

Yet More: The Yonkers Library will convert VHS to digital format, the Warner Library sells EZ Pass; some libraries, such as The Bronxville Library, offer free notary service, and the White Plains Public Library has a café.



The Trove at the White Plains Public Library plays host to lots of free kids' activities. Courtesy of the library

Free Events: Much more than storytime, Westchester libraries have offered kids of varying ages workshops in everything from crocheting and cooking to coding and yoga. In keeping pace with the times, recent offerings have included 3D printing, escape rooms, and slime-making. Seasonal offerings help kids make holiday decorations or gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day, while some quirkier favorites have included Zombie Night (librarians dress up like zombies and engage in a chase with tweens) and Dance Like a Chicken Day (yep, that actually happened). And with STEAM programming on everyone's minds, you'll find loads of these for the choosing, as well as chess clubs, bilingual activities, and just about anything you can think of. Some libraries have offered evening drop-off programs (even sleepovers!) to encourage parents to have a local date night. Of course, the best way to keep abreast of library activities is via our Event Calendar, as we comb through all 38 branches of the Westchester library system to bring you the best programs we can find.

Sign Me Up!

All this and more are available to library card holders. Sign not only yourself but your kids up for their own card. Librarians typically offer an assortment of age-appropriate graphics to choose from, so little

ones will love their card. Cards expire after three years (regardless of patron age or recent activity) so be sure to keep yours current!

This post has been updated for 2019.

MOUNT VERNON RISING

Friday, January 4, 2019

'Fiber Art Journey' On View at Harrison Library

Harrison Council for the Arts presents "Fiber Art Journey" by Rosario Villavicencio and Martina Brunner at the Harrison Public Library from Jan. 6 to Feb. 1. Meet the artists Jan. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The artists described the exhibit as: "Two women's textile art and friendship from the 1990s experiencing different styles and workshops that took us to Vermont and the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild, to Pennsylvania, Kentucky, California, Canada and, lately, Yorkshire in Great Britain.

"We are sometimes called 'rug-hookers' since we prepare our materials, dye them, cut in strips by hand or with special cutters that are 'hooked' into a design drawn on the linen base. Although hooked art is a traditional one that has been with us for a few hundred years, it is also alive and well today. It can be sophisticated or functional art to hang on a wall, place on a table,



"House by Rosario" at Harrison Library.

or to walk on beauty underfoot. We are thankful to have the opportunity to show this small token of fiber art."

The exhibit may be viewed Mondays and Wednesdays between 9:30 a.m. and 9 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays between 1 and 5 p.m.

For more information, call 914-835-0324 or visit harrisonpl.org.

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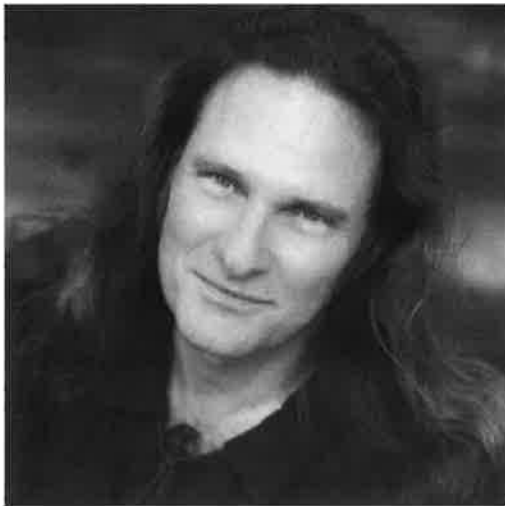
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Revolutions over the River – The Lore of the Hudson Highlands

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Revolutions over the River – The Lore of the Hudson Highlands

How these hills arcing fifty miles above New York City influenced revolutions of independence, industry, art and the environment.

Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 2:00 pm

This book talk offers lively tales of the Highlands Highlands. The presentation includes; how a Great Chain held the new states into one nation, and why cannons made here put the country back together. Plus, why the foreboding terrain deterred farmers but inspired painters, eventually creating the modern environmental movement. There

are myriad tales of artists, hermits, wanderers, and ghosts. The book and the talk span from anecdotes on George Washington's finest hour, to the imps who once sank ships in these "endless rolling hills." Many tales have never been gathered in one volume, are now collected by master storyteller, Jonathan Kruk, performing the river's lore of decades. (The book will be available for sale by the author). No registration, all are welcome.

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50 public libraries selected for American Creed: Community Conversations programming grants

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The American Library Association (ALA), in partnership with Citizen Film and the National Writing Project, has announced 50 U.S. public libraries selected to take part in *American Creed: Community Conversations*, a grant program that will invite audiences to consider what America's ideals and identity ought to be through screenings of, and conversations about, the PBS documentary *American Creed*.

American Creed with David M. Kennedy and Condoleezza Rice is an omnibus of stories about activists in different parts of the country who bring communities together to confront deepening divides. Selected libraries will host community screenings of the film, complemented by additional programming. They represent a wide range of rural, urban and suburban communities in 25 states.

- Scranton (Pa.) Public Library will collaborate with facilitators from the University of Scranton to host a "political dialogue," inviting community members to listen and share their views on what it means to be American. The library will also integrate *American Creed's* themes into an existing book club, which will read *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine.
- Marshall-Lyon County (Minn.) Library will host a panel discussion about being an American farmer. Hosted by a representative of Southwest Minnesota State University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the conversation will look at the tradition of farmers helping one another during harvest times; how weather and ties to the land affect one's perception of oneself as American; and how migrant, seasonal and processing plant workers can have a seat at the table.
- Denver (Colo.) Public Library will partner with the nonprofit contemporary art center RedLine to offer a series of programs inspired by *American Creed*. In addition to a film screening and scholar-led discussion, the library will collaborate with artists to use the visual arts as a vehicle to discuss the themes of the film.

View the full list of *American Creed: Community Conversations* grantees.

(<https://apply.ala.org/americancreed/recipients>)

Participating libraries will receive a projection-ready download of *American Creed*, with public performance rights; DVDs for their circulating collections; marketing and facilitation resources; materials, training and support; and a \$300 stipend for conversation facilitation by an eligible public humanities scholar, or access to a National Writing Project representative to serve as moderator. Grantees were selected through a competitive, peer-reviewed application process.

In the documentary, civic entrepreneur Eric Liu, moveon.org founder Joan Blades, Tea Party Patriots co-founder Mark Meckler, baseball manager Joe Maddon and other citizen-activists take action in surprising ways to realize their ideas of a unifying American creed. Their stories are contextualized by a recurring narrative device: a community conversation with a diverse group of millennials, co-led by the renowned historian David M. Kennedy, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author of bestselling books about American history and identity; and his Stanford University colleague, the political scientist and 66th U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Fully acknowledging their differences in political outlook, Kennedy and Rice explore "the fragility of America's unifying ideals and identity." They interpret different kinds of American activism and model the exemplary, respectful dialogue the *American Creed: Community Conversations* initiative seeks to foster.

American Creed: Community Conversations is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Engagement of public libraries around the country is administered by ALA's Public Programs Office. Additional opportunities to hold facilitated community or classroom screenings of *American Creed* (<https://www.americancreed.org/book-a-screening/>) are also available, administered by the National Writing Project and Citizen Film.

Watch an extended trailer for the *American Creed* documentary online (<https://www.americancreed.org/stories/>) and learn more about its stories, discussion guides and educator resources at www.americancreed.org (<http://www.americancreed.org>).

Produced by Citizen Film's Sam Ball and Kate Stilley Steiner, *American Creed* is a co-production of Citizen Film and WTTW Chicago Public Media. The documentary's senior executive producer and writer is Randy Bean. The executive producer is Dan Soles. *American Creed* is written and directed by Sam Ball.

To be notified about future grant opportunities from ALA's Public Programs Office, sign up for ALA's Programming Librarian e-newsletter (<http://www.programminglibrarian.org/about/get-our-enewsletter>).

About the American Library Association

The American Library Association (ALA) is the foremost national organization providing resources to inspire library and information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services. For more than 140 years, the ALA has been the trusted voice for academic, public, school, government and special libraries, advocating for the profession and the library's role in enhancing learning and ensuring access to information for all. For more information, visit [ala.org](http://www.ala.org) (<http://www.ala.org/>).

About Citizen Film

Citizen Film is a nonprofit production company that employs collaborative documentary storytelling and story sharing to engage communities in dialogue about important problems and inspire active participation in solutions. Citizen Film's collaborations with independent filmmakers, grassroots organizations and civic institutions have been featured at America's most prestigious venues (the Sundance Film Festival, MoMA-NY, LACMA, the Hirshhorn, the Whitney and more) and presented on television (PBS, HBO, IFC, TLC, Arte, etc.). For more information, visit www.citizenfilm.org (<http://www.citizenfilm.org>).

About the National Writing Project

The National Writing Project (<http://nwp.org/>) (NWP) focuses the knowledge, expertise and leadership of our nation's educators on sustained efforts to help youth become successful writers and learners across the curriculum, pre-K through university. Working as a network of local Writing Project sites supported by nearly 185 university and college campuses, NWP provides high-quality professional learning in schools, universities, libraries, museums and after-school programs. Through its programs and partnerships, the organization reaches 1.4 million Pre-K through college-age students in over 3,000 school districts annually. NWP envisions a future where every person is an accomplished writer, engaged learner and active participant in a digital, interconnected world.

About the National Endowment for the Humanities

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at: www.neh.gov (<http://www.neh.gov/>).




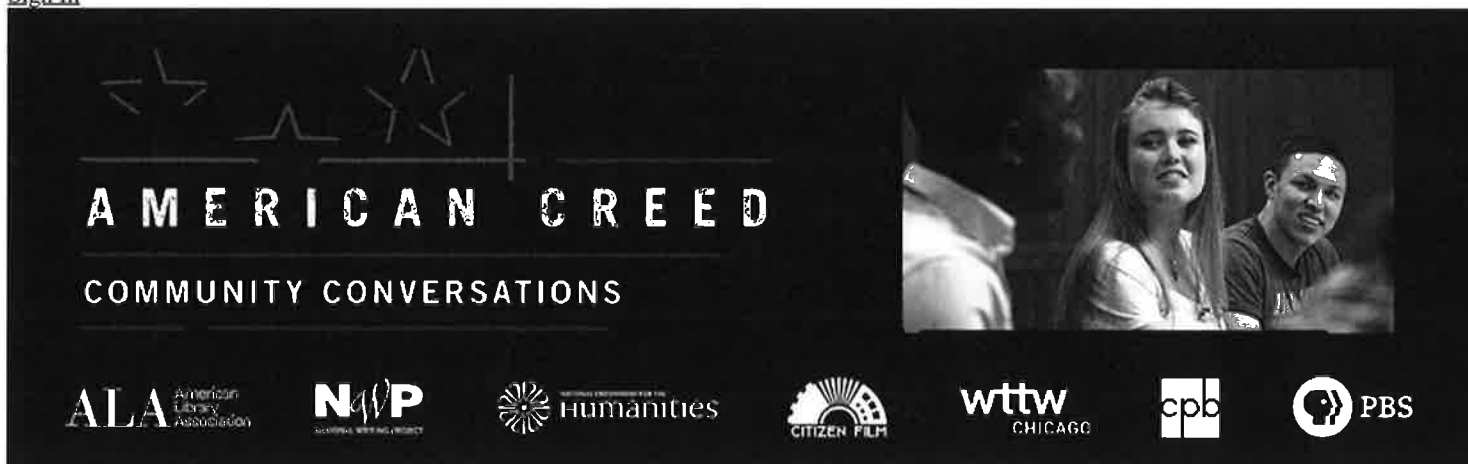
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Programming Grant Recipients

The 50 public libraries listed below were selected to receive a community programming grant to support *American Creed: Community Conversations* and will be implementing related programs in their communities.

California

- Nevada City: [Nevada County Community Library](#)
- Oceanside: [Oceanside Public Library](#)
- Oroville: [Butte County Library](#)

Colorado

- Denver: [Denver Public Library](#)

Connecticut

- Bridgeport: [Bridgeport Public Library](#)
- Ridgefield: [Ridgefield Library](#)
- Stamford: [Ferguson Library](#)
- Suffield: [Kent Memorial Library](#)

Florida

- Fort Lauderdale: [Alvin Sherman Library - Nova Southeastern University](#)

Illinois

- Darien: [Indian Prairie Public Library District](#)
- Downers Grove: [Downers Grove Public Library](#)
- Northbrook: [Northbrook Public Library](#)
- Schaumburg: [Schaumburg Township District Library](#)
- Wheaton: [Wheaton Public Library](#)
- Wilmette: [Wilmette Public Library](#)

Indiana

- Carmel: [Carmel Clay Public Library](#)

Kentucky

- Versailles: [Woodford County Library](#)

Louisiana

- Port Allen: [West Baton Rouge Library](#)

Maine

- Auburn: [Auburn Public Library](#)

Massachusetts

- Wakefield: [Lucius Beebe Memorial Library](#)

Michigan

- Plymouth: [Plymouth District Library](#)

Minnesota

- Marshall: [Marshall-Lyon County Library](#)

Mississippi

- Gulfport: [Harrison County Library System](#)

Missouri

- Ferguson: [Ferguson Municipal Public Library](#)
- St. Louis: [St. Louis County Library](#)
- University City: [University City Public Library](#)

New Hampshire

- Bristol: [Minot-Sleeper Library](#)

New Jersey

- Cherry Hill: [Cherry Hill Public Library](#)
- Union: [Union Public Library](#)

New York

- Aurora: [Aurora Free Library](#)
- Dobbs Ferry: [Dobbs Ferry Public Library](#) 
- Dryden: [Southworth Library Association](#)
- Freeport: [Freeport Memorial Library](#)
- Liverpool: [Liverpool Public Library](#)
- Nyack: [Nyack Library](#)
- Pawling: [Pawling Free Library](#)
- Poughkeepsie: [Poughkeepsie Public Library District](#)
- Rochester: [Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County](#)
- Troy: [Troy Public Library](#)

North Carolina

- Fayetteville: [Cumberland County Public Library](#)

Ohio

- Dayton: [Wright Memorial Public Library](#)

Oklahoma

- Oklahoma City: [Metropolitan Library System](#)

Pennsylvania

- Altoona: [Blair County Library System](#)
- Exton: [Chester County Library](#)
- Media: [Middletown Free Library](#)
- Scranton: [Scranton Public Library](#)

Rhode Island

- Barrington: [Barrington Public Library](#)

Texas

- Denton: [Emily Fowler Library, Denton Public Library System](#)

Virginia

- Chesterfield: [Chesterfield County Public Library](#)

Washington

- Lopez Island: [Lopez Island Library](#)

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