

Westchester Libraries Empowering Communities

BROADBAND ACCESS

- **730** public use computers throughout Westchester
- **1,259,931** computer users in 2011
- **44** Wi-fi locations

“The number of New York citizens without access to high-speed internet is more than the entire population of Vermont.”
(Vermont population in 2011 was 626,431).

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WEBS Educational & Career Counseling

Program offered in 2011:

- **375** Individual Career Counseling Sessions
- **261** Career Seminars with 1,615 Participants
- **229** Career Workshops (topics include: job search strategies, resume writing, interviewing skills, career trends)

Online learning programs for GED preparation, Language Learning and business resources.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

In 2011:

- **34** libraries in Westchester County offered **early literacy programs**
- **Summer Reading Game Programs** with **14,917** participants with **166,941** books read
- **26,119** library-sponsored programs saving the **537,415** attendees over **\$4.8 Million** [no charge for attendance; based on \$9 average cost of a movie]; **16,082** of these programs were specifically for teens & children



RESTORE LIBRARY AID TO \$102 MILLION

Governor Cuomo's proposed budget includes **\$89.9 Million** for Library Aid. We are requesting restoration of Library Aid to **\$102 Million**—a level equal to that of **2007**.

Since 2007, libraries have continued to transform to changes in the world around us—especially in technology.

People are reading in different ways [on Kindles & Nooks, laptops, iPads & iPhones].

People need help getting broadband & Internet access; navigating setting up an email account; applying for jobs and/or government services online.

People are conducting business via Wi-Fi.

Libraries help with all this!

Additional funding would allow for expansion of library services in educational support, workforce development, senior adult programming and help people achieve their dreams & goals.

	2007	2011 (latest available)	% of Change
SERVICES			
Circulation	9,019,098	8,483,325	-5.9%
Visits	7,187,139	7,594,963	5.7%
FINANCE			
Expenditures	63,399,054	68,078,286	7.4%
Operating Revenue	65,466,210	69,517,527	6.2%
RESOURCES			
Adult Books	2,595,921	2,617,584	0.8%
Children's Books	1,194,096	1,279,031	7.1%
Non-Book Materials	1,655,151	1,458,993	-11.9%
e-Book Titles (on avg.)	573	5,662	888.1%
e-Book Circulation	5,606	87,177	1,455.1%
Public Use Internet PCs	541	730	34.9%
Population	914,967	910,291	-0.5%

Also included in the Executive Budget is **\$14 Million** statewide for the Public Library Construction Program.

Westchester libraries have benefitted greatly from this program. Since its inception in FY2006-07, a total of **62** projects were funded for **24** libraries—from complete library renovations, roof & HVAC replacements to state-of-the-art Teen Centers and ADA door installations.