Westchester Libraries
Empowering Communities

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

**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.

“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).

**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
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.

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.