

LIBRARIES



L INK	<p>Westchester Library System's online library system and telecommunications infrastructure link the public to over 5 Million resources and promotes sharing of materials through a central catalog and interlibrary loan.</p>
E DUCATE	<p>HSE CONNECT! helps adults get their high school equivalency diploma by providing information on the 3 paths to a diploma, reviewing options for study, and offering tutoring in specific subject areas for those who need the extra support.</p> <p>WESTCHESTER SENIORS OUT SPEAKING (WSOS), administered by WLS, helps those 60+ manage their health insurance needs and access related services—such as legal, financial and health resources—via education and counseling programs for over 11,000 people provided by over 70 trained volunteers.</p>
A CTIVATE	<p>Imaginations & creativity are fostered through the WLS Minigrant Program. Funds are provided to library applicants with innovative programs that focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Architecture, Math) skills and/or other technologies.</p> <p>The WLS LEADER Lab provided over 100 Professional development workshops offered for library staff to stimulate their understanding and use of digital resources for makerspaces.</p>
D RIVE	<p>Local economies benefit from libraries. In 2016, total operating budgets equaled over \$75 Million and create jobs for an average 731.37 FTE employees throughout the county.</p> <p>Through the NYS Public Library Construction Grant Aid since its inception in 2006, a total of 136 library projects with total costs over \$36 Million – the majority were bid out to local vendors.</p>