



**WESTCHESTER LIBRARIES –
GIVING COMMUNITIES TOOLS TO COMPETE**

Internet Access

- **624 computers** available for public use throughout the **44** library sites
- Online Learning opportunities for: GED, Job searching, Language learning, Health information, etc.

More online Government services:
Food Stamps
Immigration Services

Estimated 80% of job applications must be done online:
WalMart ♦ Target

38% of Americans do NOT have internet access at home.
--US Census Bureau

73% of libraries serve as a community's only option for free internet access.
-- According to a study funded by the Gates Foundation.

Information

- **The ultimate Search Engine – The Librarian***
*Holds a NYS Public Librarian's Certificate
- **5 Million items** including: books, CDs, DVDs, e-books, downloadable audiobooks, reference materials, etc.

	1999	2009 (latest available)	% of change
Librarian* Salaries	\$11,105,406	\$18,722,400	69%
# of FTE Librarians*	247	277	12%
# of Items Circulated	6,854,249	9,922,051	45%

Initiatives for Youth

- **Early Literacy Programs** prepare children for pre-school & kindergarten.
- **Summer reading programs** raise student learning levels and help prevent learning losses during the summer months.
- **Safe Space for Teens** and creative programs like Poetry Slams and Learning Ambassadors provide an alternative to the streets.

2009 Early Literacy Programs Offered

9,163
Programs
153,214
Participants

Summer Reading Program 2009

21,000
Participants
557,000
books read

Teen Programs 2009

1,873
Programs
25,952
Participants