

▶ Libraries provide doorways to opportunity

LIBRARY AID

Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Budget for the State's Fiscal Year 2016-17 includes the following support for libraries:

⇒ **\$91.6 Million for Library Aid**

This represents:

0% INCREASE in funding over the final Library Aid amounts included in the FY2015-16 enacted budget

11% LESS than what is required by Education Law (\$102.6 Million) and brings funding back to levels from the year 2000

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AID PROGRAM

The proposed FY2016-17 Executive Budget also includes:

⇒ **\$14 Million for the Library Construction Aid Program**

This represents:

0% INCREASE since 2006 for the Library Construction Aid Program

EMPOWERING LIBRARIES

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM

⇒ **5 MILLION+ Materials Available** including books, DVDs, CDs , etc.

⇒ **Online Reference & Learning Resources** including Lynda.com, Rocket Languages, Morningstar, University of Fashion

⇒ **Internet & Wi-Fi Access + Digital Literacy Training** helping connect those without access at home and those with mobile devices

⇒ **Early Literacy** preparing children to be ready for school

⇒ **Summer Reading Games** helping students avoid the "summer slide"

⇒ **Academic Help** supporting after-school educational programs staffed by trained teens who serve as role models for Middle/High School Students

⇒ **TASC Connect!** pairing learners with trained volunteers so that they can prepare for and pass the high school diploma equivalency test in NYS

⇒ **Westchester Seniors out Speaking (WSOS) and Senior Benefits Information Centers (SBIC)** providing information about Medicare and other government benefits to seniors and their caregivers

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

▶ Libraries Systems are models of shared services. By having a system that allows for reciprocal borrowing, a library user can get a book owned by Peekskill, pick it up at Pelham and return it to Pound Ridge. Also, the System's Interlibrary Loan will find items not found in Westchester's catalog. This service alone saves library users money, time and energy—PRICELESS!

▶ According to a January 2015 Siena poll, 25% of households making less than \$50,000 annually use the public library as their primary source of internet access.

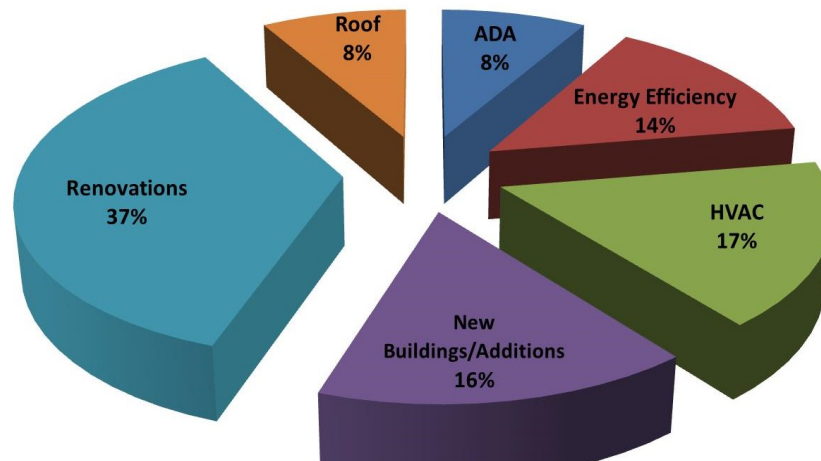
▶ Numbers Count

2014 data (most recent available)

Materials Loaned within County	1,066,434
Materials Borrowed within or outside the County	1,029,669
Total Miles Saved by having one delivery system vs. library users driving individually to pick up items	32.7 MILLION
Gas Cost Saved by library users	\$4.6 MILLION

2014 data (most recent available)

761	Public Access Terminals
1,126,223	Public Access Sessions
44	Wi-Fi Locations
989,638	Wireless Access Sessions



NYS CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

TOTALS FROM 2006-2014

Grand Total Award Amounts	\$6,146,937
Total Project Costs for Submitted Projects	\$28,971,884

This program is extremely efficient in its administration, with a **5:1 return** on every state dollar invested, according to the State Education Department.

BUILD BETTER PUBLIC SPACES
INCREASE LIBRARY
CONSTRUCTION AID PROGRAM