

57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**November 17, 2016**

Westchester Library System (WLS), 570 Taxter Road, Suite 400, Elmsford, NY 10523

**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

**WLS Accomplishments Today & Tomorrow**

Terry L. Kirchner, Executive Director

**Business Meeting**

Cathy Draper, President, WLS Board of Trustees

**Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Election of Trustees**

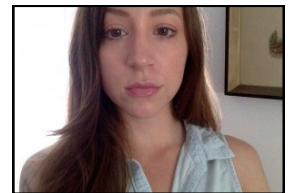
District III: Bedford Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah, Mount Kisco  
(To full term ending December 31, 2021)

District VI: Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Greenburgh, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington  
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District I: Croton, Montrose, Yorktown  
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**FEATURED SPEAKER**

ALISON MACRINA is a librarian, privacy activist, and the founder and director of the Library Freedom Project, an initiative which aims to make real the promise of intellectual freedom in libraries by teaching librarians and their local communities about surveillance threats, privacy rights and law, and privacy-protecting technology tools to help safeguard digital freedoms. Alison is passionate about connecting surveillance issues to larger global struggles for justice, demystifying privacy and security technologies for ordinary users, and resisting an internet controlled by a handful of intelligence agencies and giant multinational corporations. When she's not doing any of that, she's reading.



# 2015 BY THE NUMBERS

71%

of US adults reported owning a smartphone



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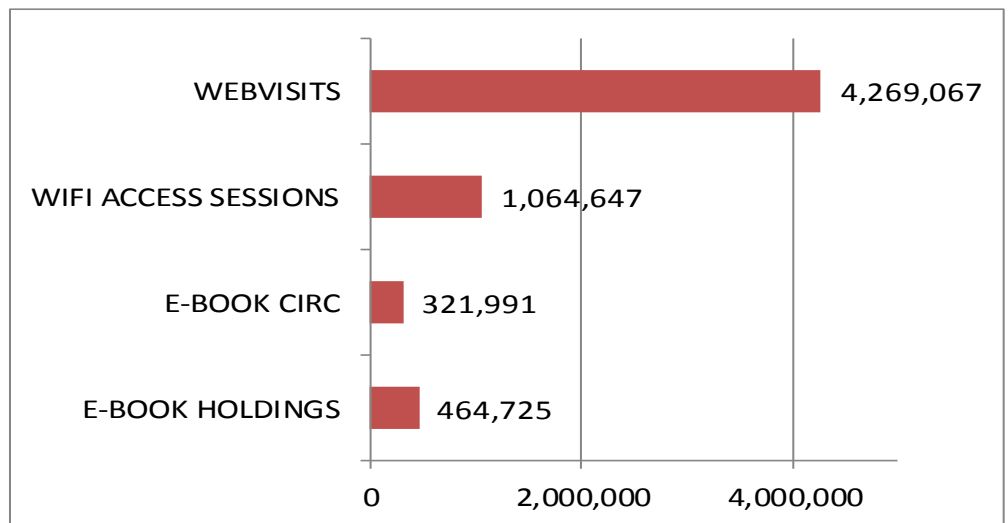
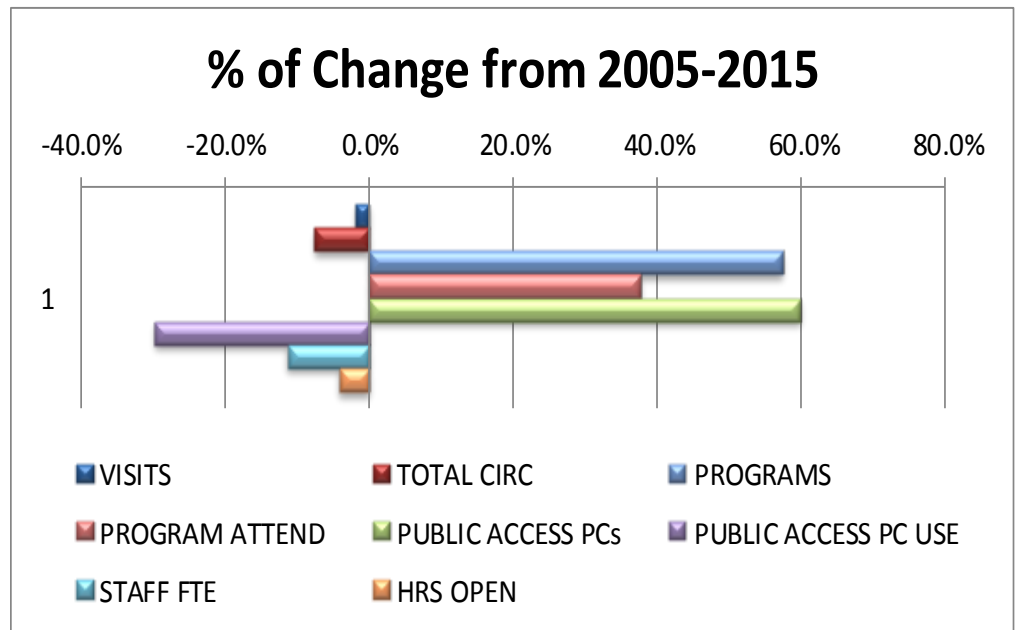


27%

of all U.S. households reported that they did not use the Internet at home

## A Shift of Services

With the growth of online sales, cell and smartphone usage, all industries have had to evaluate their services—and libraries are no exception. Over the past 10 years, libraries are shifting from being places designated primarily as a depository to places fostering community engagement, creation and innovation. Technological changes have affected how and why people use the library and what data is collected. This shift in services can be seen by the comparative chart shown below as well as the chart that shows newly collected data.



# 2016 BY THE STORIES

## Celebrating Westchester Libraries

County Executive Rob Astorino proclaimed April 11-15 as Library Week in Westchester. The Annual Celebrating Westchester Libraries Breakfast was held on April 13th and featured guest speaker, former Congressman Barney Frank. Over 170 people attended. Suzy Zavarella received the WLS Trustees Award for her role working with teens and children and implementing the System-wide Battle of the Books; and Tamaris Princi accepted the WLS Outreach Partnership Award on behalf of the Westchester Independent Living Centers, Inc., for their work with WLS on the Westchester Connections Guide, an informational resource to help formerly incarcerated individuals navigate the difficult transition to life on the outside.

This year's Library Week theme, *Speak Up @ Your Library*, featured a series of patron stories meant to give voice to the transformative nature of libraries. With funding from the Westchester Community Foundation, 25 stories were featured.

## Investment in Leadership

As the library environment has shifted to a focus on community engagement, so has the structure of how WLS is engaging with member library staff. A number of self-directed groups have been created to form a new professional network to develop stronger library services for County residents. Among these are the Youth Services Advisory Group, Westchester Librarians Serving Latinos, Programming for Seniors Interest Group. These groups have championed programs such as the Battle of the Books, the Multicultural Book Fair, ongoing Creative Aging and After-School Buddy Help.

In addition, WLS is hosting its 3rd cohort of the Long Island University's Palmer School Public Library Administration Certificate Program for library staff with a post-graduate degree. Graduates have gotten promotions and bring a stronger knowledge of management to their current positions.

Lastly, WLS now has a vibrant contingent of volunteers working with the Westchester Seniors Out Speaking (WSOS) and HSE / TASC Connect! programs, who bring vital information to those seeking answers to Medicare questions or high school equivalency (HSE) diploma programs.

## Keeping Up with the Times

WLS's move to 570 Taxter Road in Elmsford was the perfect opportunity to look to the future and create a more flexible and open work space for all staff. The public spaces now include a training center, an auditorium space, and an innovation lab that will allow library staff to gain hands-on experience with emerging technology to support library efforts to be technology leaders in their communities.

WLS Information Technology (IT) Department continuously strives to stay ahead of current trends and prepare our member libraries for the future. In 2016, the IT Department focused on Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), Broadband upgrades for our member libraries, and development of a mobile library app in conjunction with the member libraries. Cataloging and InterLibrary Loan continue to expand discoverability and access to materials.

WEBS, WLS's Career & Educational Counseling, has addressed the latest trends with these popular workshops: *Create a LinkedIn Profile*, *Job Search Strategies for Success*, *The Big Switch: Choosing a New Career*.

### Staying Connected

*"We enjoy technology and it is really rewarding to see others enjoy technology the same way we do at the library. It's a venue for absolutely anything, services, activities and it is a good place for us to provide help to our community."*

— Sidharth and Saketh Anand



John C. Hart Memorial Library



The 3rd Annual Battle was hosted by the Ossining UFSD at the Ossining HS with 28 teams from 16 member libraries competing. Above are Grades 6-9 winning team from the Somers Library, The Popcornians.



Above: Grades 4-6 winning team from Rye Free Reading Room, the Rye Rockets.



Above: A monthly meeting of Westchester Seniors Out Speaking volunteers.

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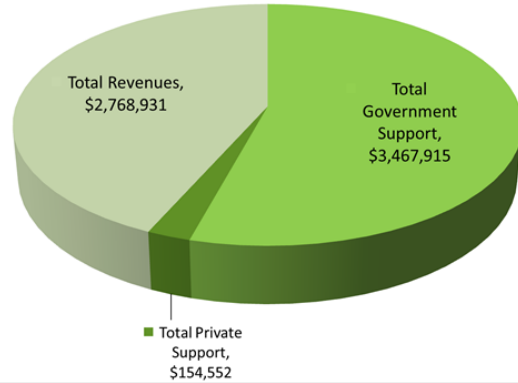
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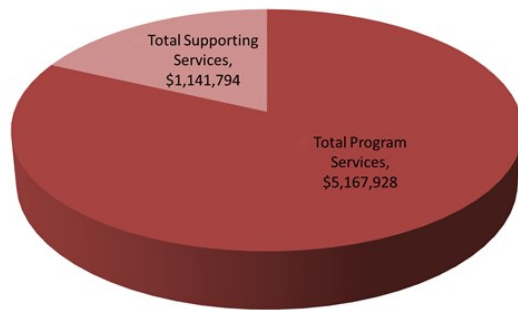
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## WLS MISSION

The mission of WLS is to ensure that all residents have seamless access to excellent library service throughout Westchester County and provides services and support that assist Westchester public libraries' efforts to empower and improve communities with extensive open access to information, technology, and personal development tools.



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