

Library Funding

Thank you for your efforts.



By now many of you have heard of the cuts in state funding to libraries across Pennsylvania. The library subsidy has been reduced by approximately 20%, requiring us to evaluate and prioritize the way we provide services to our customers.

Because of these cuts, libraries throughout the County have made or will be making the following adjustments:

- There will be some reduction in the amount of books, movies and audio books as well as a decrease in the number of copies of these items purchased. This may lead to an increase in the amount of time you will have to wait for some titles.
- Some libraries will be experiencing a reduction in hours.
- Some of the databases that have been provided by the State through Power Library may be eliminated, and we will not have the funding to replace them or to renew those that we have purchased in the past.
- The amount of programs may be reduced.
- Some building projects will be put on hold.
- While the number of people visiting the library continues to grow, we will not be able to add staff, and some libraries have already been forced to reduce staff. We appreciate your continued patience while waiting in line and on the phone as we work hard to help each and every person who visits us.



Although these are difficult times, please be assured that we will continue to work to fulfill our mission to provide informational, educational and cultural services to the residents of Chester County.