



# Chester County Library System *Value to the County*

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## Why Chester County Residents Value Their Public Library

**CC residents love their libraries** – Over **209,000** Chester County residents have library cards.

**CC residents really enjoy reading** – CCLS libraries circulated **4,106,006** items – books, CDs, DVDs – in 2010.

**Books, music and movies** – There are **1,142,978** items in CCLS libraries' collections. Of these, **59,963** are audio and **72,473** are video.

**CC residents vote with their feet** – CC residents visited CCLS libraries about **2,143,783** times in 2010 for an average of **4.3** visits per person.

**CCLS libraries help children learn and prepare them for school** – CCLS libraries conducted **5,935** programs for youth in 2010 with **163,061** youth attending – and youth checked out more than **1,697,620** items!

**CC residents come to libraries for technology** – There are **300** public access computers available at CCLS libraries. In 2010 over **370,377** CC residents used these computers. All CCLS libraries offer **FREE** wireless.

**CC residents come to libraries to connect with others** – In 2010, CCLS member libraries presented programs for adults in which **21,027** attended.

**Many CC residents use libraries from their home, school or office** – In 2010 approximately **2 million** people accessed [www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org) to gain information through our catalog, online databases, PA Power Library, Ask a Librarian or to place a hold on an item for pick up at a library close to them.

**Library staff help you find what you are looking for** – Library staff answered **197,390** reference questions in 2010.

**Good return on investment** – For every **\$1** invested in public libraries, **\$5.50 is returned to Pennsylvania taxpayers.** (Return on investment is derived from a study that focused on the cost to use alternative sources of information and services currently provided by public libraries and the economic loss to communities if public libraries no longer existed.)

