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LIBRARY SYSTEM
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Chester County Library System *Value to the County*

Individuals • Community • Economy



The demand for public libraries today is large, diverse and dynamic. The importance of libraries to the well-being of community members is clear.

The Chester County Library System is ready to continue its legacy of service to the community and meet the challenges of today and tomorrow by continually improving the diversity and quality of its services.

One would be hard pressed to identify another public or private institution that could operate on such vastly different scales in so many different locations throughout Chester County and attract such a diverse stream of visitors and consumers.

“United Way believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to have a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, good health and a safety net to catch you when times are tough. The **library** is the great equalizer, providing education materials, computer access, daily news and access to any and all information necessary to having a good life.”

Claudia Hellebush
President/CEO
United Way of Chester County





ESSENTIAL RESOURCE FOR EDUCATION

The Chester County Library System (CCLS) plays a vital role in meeting formal and informal educational and learning needs throughout a person's lifetime.

CCLS values education and learning and recognizes its importance to a vital and stable community. CCLS supports education and the lifelong learning needs of its community member through book discussions, storytime, homework help, readers' advisory, literacy services and much more.

ENRICHMENT FOR EVERYONE

CCLS helps community members find information so they can live enriched and healthy lives. Having accurate information is a key factor in a person's ability to make good decisions and prosper.

CCLS enriches people's lives in many ways. Whether it is for recreational, educational or business reasons, CCLS provides the resources and services to help meet these needs.



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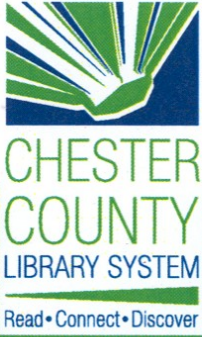
CONNECTING PEOPLE

The member libraries of CCLS are exciting destinations that foster a special sense of community. They are gathering spots and "front porches." They are cultural and historical centers where diverse community members share their beliefs and personal experiences. Chester County public libraries are places that represent the heart of the community.

"The *library* is just like the Internet. You just open up a book, and you've got your web page. Talk to your friends, and show them the books you find. You may even find new friends!"

*DM Eppley
High School Student*





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"The Chester County Library System is a dynamic partner in the community's learning infrastructure supporting a strong, resilient and self-sustaining economic system. It provides resources that build the County's capacity for increased levels of education and a stronger local economy. CCLS is uniquely positioned to provide the services and online resources necessary to strengthen the skills of area residents and to help small businesses succeed in a competitive environment."

Christopher M. Fiorentino, Dean
College of Business and Public Affairs
West Chester University

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CCLS contributes many resources to workforce development strategies. The combination of public access technology, enhanced workforce collections, and training and outreach partnerships give CCLS a unique position as a resource for community-wide workforce development efforts. The libraries' career and employment resources prepare workers with new technologies. Many people entering the workforce rely on CCLS to get them online.



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

CCLS' small business resources and programs lower barriers to access to current data. Whether providing information on regulations associated with incorporating a new business or locating critical information, CCLS provides more business resource information than ever before.



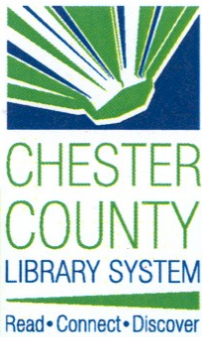
"As a small business owner in Chester County, I frequently utilize the **library** as my extended office. The **library** has a variety of excellent business resources that have supported the growth of my company."

Joseph W. Walker
Business Owner

EARLY LITERACY LEADS TO A HEALTHY ECONOMY

CCLS responds to the evidence linking early literacy to long-term educational and economic success. These early literacy services are the first link in a chain of investments needed to build the educated workforce that ensures local competitiveness.

CCLS reaches out to families with materials and resources that promote reading early and often.



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