

Oxford Public Library / Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday October 26, 2010



Agenda

5:30 – Call to order / Approval of the agenda

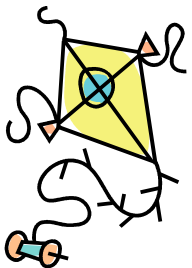
- Minutes – September 23, 2010
- President's Report -
- Treasure's Report –
- Director's Report -
- Committee Reports -
 - o Building & Grounds / Long Range Planning
 - Contractor contact summary, timeline and cost analysis
 - o Annual Fund-raiser –
 - o Capital Campaign – Gifts, Grants, & Grabs
 - o Ben Franklin

Library Advocacy Updates – Karen Hovis and Maren Ketcham; CCLS Trustee Retreat 10/19

Monthly Advocacy Facts – p.14

- Unfinished Business –

Adjournment; Next Meeting to be determined due to Thanksgiving Holiday



Calendar:

READ – Dog Reading Therapy Saturdays 11/6 & 11/20 at 2pm

Second Saturday Knitting – 2 pm

Municipal Breakfast at Wyncote Nov. 5th 8 am

Ben Franklin Exhibit opening and First Friday Programs Nov. 5th (5 – 8 pm)

OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

The regular board meeting was called to order at 6:25PM, by Vice President Frank Spor. Others in attendance included: Karen Hovis, Ruth Holmes, Maren Ketchum, Jahan Sheikholeslami, Walter Leis, and Library Director Ken Pienkos.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA-

Agenda was accepted without discussion

MINUTES OF 8/26/2010-

Two minor corrections of typos; Discussion of the "OXFORDIAN" article, all discussion favorable

Motion to accept by Jahan, seconded by Ruth. Accepted Unanimously, Walt abstained.

PRESIDENTS REPORT-

Carol Absent / presidents report is deferred until October meeting

Discussion of a celebratory dinner for Ken, on the occasion of his MS

Plans discussed in borrowing money for the capital program. Carol had asked to see how much matching dollars were going to be available from large donors.

TREASURERS REPORT-

A potential shortfall in operations in the amount of 13 K\$.

Ken offered to draft a second appeal for operations capitol. This action was taken under motion.

Walt made motion, Maren seconded. Passed 6:1 (abstention)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS-

Jahan opened a discussion that was based upon keeping up the momentum of the B&G committee. He suggested that we task Todd to negotiate with selected bidder

Specifically, we will expect Todd to contact C. R. Davis Inc to discuss which modifications in the building specs can provide impacts on the building costs

A recommendation was made to Frank to have Todd mark up the drawings for any final changes that reflect price changes. Further, see whether there are any different options

Motion made by Walt, seconded by Karen. Affirmative by Unanimous vote..

DIRECTORS REPORT

A Friday breakfast with Tom Houghton will be attended by Ken

Saturday 5K run

Ken will invite Ray Fischer as an invited guest to the board. Walt makes motion-Maren seconded. Affirmative by Unanimous vote.

The Book Buzz building will be sold by the realtor

The library is researching Paypal and Credit Card operations for library fines and donations

The Trustee Retreat will be held only one evening at a dinner, October 19 in Exton Pa.

Further discussions ensued regarding major donors and potential grant opportunities.

BEN FRANKLIN-

A draft of the entire events calendar celebrating Ben Franklins 300th in Oxford was presented .

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM Ruth made motion, Frank seconded

055 - OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY - Operating Budget 9.30.2010

	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Current Period Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget Variance</u>
REVENUE				
STATE REVENUE	98,265.00	98,265.00	0.00	0.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL	80,387.00	63,182.75	12,200.00	(17,204.25)
CHARGES	26,500.00	19,122.96	2,725.44	(7,377.04)
FINES AND OVERDUES	17,000.00	14,707.56	1,556.07	(2,292.44)
INTEREST AND INVESTMENT INCOME	44,000.00	27,614.11	2,001.13	(16,385.89)
DONATIONS	19,000.00	9,534.47	3,863.48	(9,465.53)
FUND DRIVE	15,000.00	9,675.00	200.00	(5,325.00)
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	<u>12,747.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(12,747.00)</u>
Total REVENUE	<u>312,899.00</u>	<u>242,101.85</u>	<u>22,546.12</u>	<u>(70,797.15)</u>
EXPENSE				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	228,300.00	176,292.35	17,903.15	52,007.65
LIBRARY MATERIALS	34,750.00	30,599.78	3,390.35	4,150.22
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	43,805.00	37,774.27	5,106.33	6,030.73
SUPPLIES	2,300.00	2,353.62	453.90	(53.62)
MISCELLANEOUS	200.00	114.61	81.88	85.39
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	821.69	110.78	(821.69)
Total EXPENSE	<u>309,355.00</u>	<u>247,956.32</u>	<u>27,046.39</u>	<u>61,398.68</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	<u>3,544.00</u>	<u>(5,854.47)</u>	<u>(4,500.27)</u>	<u>(9,398.47)</u>

057- Investment Fund

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		<u>Beginning Year Balance</u>	<u>Period Balance</u>	<u>Current Period Change</u>	<u>Current Period Balance</u>	<u>YTD Change</u>	<u>Current Year Ending Balance</u>
ASSETS							
INVESTMENTS							
143300	NATIONAL PENN-TRUST AGREEMENT	554,582.66	550,403.90	28,099.33	578,503.23	23,920.57	578,503.23
143305	NATIONAL PENN- J.W.ROBERTS MEMORIAL ENDOWM	444,702.37	439,667.59	27,767.43	467,435.02	22,732.65	467,435.02
143330	SCHWAB INVESTMENT FUNDS	<u>203,973.70</u>	<u>194,252.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>194,252.74</u>	<u>(9,720.96)</u>	<u>194,252.74</u>
Total	INVESTMENTS	1,203,258.73	1,184,324.23	55,866.76	1,240,190.99	36,932.26	1,240,190.99
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT							
176000	LAND	<u>179,564.22</u>	<u>179,564.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>179,564.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>179,564.22</u>
Total	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	<u>179,564.22</u>	<u>179,564.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>179,564.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>179,564.22</u>
Total	ASSETS	<u>1,382,822.95</u>	<u>1,363,888.45</u>	<u>55,866.76</u>	<u>1,419,755.21</u>	<u>36,932.26</u>	<u>1,419,755.21</u>
FUND BALANCE							
BEGINNING OF YEAR							
292000	FUND BALANCE	<u>1,382,822.95</u>	<u>1,382,822.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,382,822.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,382,822.95</u>
Total	BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,382,822.95	1,382,822.95	0.00	1,382,822.95	0.00	1,382,822.95
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- CURRENT YEAR REVENUE							
		0.00	1,962.82	56,420.54	58,383.36	58,383.36	58,383.36
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- CURRENT YEAR EXPENSE							
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>(20,897.32)</u>	<u>(553.78)</u>	<u>(21,451.10)</u>	<u>(21,451.10)</u>	<u>(21,451.10)</u>
Total	FUND BALANCE	<u>1,382,822.95</u>	<u>1,363,888.45</u>	<u>55,866.76</u>	<u>1,419,755.21</u>	<u>36,932.26</u>	<u>1,419,755.21</u>

Building Fund Cash Balance Sheet 9.30.2010

	<u>Beginning Year Balance</u>	<u>Beginning Period Balance</u>	<u>Current Period Change</u>	<u>Current Period Balance</u>	<u>YTD Change</u>	<u>Current Year Ending Balance</u>
CASH- SAVINGS ACCOUNT- TD BANK	<u>125,218.89</u>	<u>90,342.57</u>	<u>(1,225.32)</u>	<u>89,117.25</u>	<u>(36,101.64)</u>	<u>89,117.25</u>
	125,218.89	90,342.57	(1,225.32)	89,117.25	(36,101.64)	89,117.25
NATIONAL PENN BUILDING FUND	<u>100,325.04</u>	<u>78,114.20</u>	<u>(27.27)</u>	<u>78,086.93</u>	<u>(22,238.11)</u>	<u>78,086.93</u>
	100,325.04	78,114.20	(27.27)	78,086.93	(22,238.11)	78,086.93
LAND	<u>348,000.00</u>	<u>348,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>348,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>348,000.00</u>
	348,000.00	348,000.00	0.00	348,000.00	0.00	348,000.00
	<u>573,543.93</u>	<u>516,456.77</u>	<u>(1,252.59)</u>	<u>515,204.18</u>	<u>(58,339.75)</u>	<u>515,204.18</u>
FUND BALANCE	<u>573,543.93</u>	<u>573,543.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>573,543.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>573,543.93</u>
	573,543.93	573,543.93	0.00	573,543.93	0.00	573,543.93
	0.00	1,866.83	270.25	2,137.08	2,137.08	2,137.08
	0.00	(58,953.99)	(1,522.84)	(60,476.83)	(60,476.83)	(60,476.83)
	<u>573,543.93</u>	<u>516,456.77</u>	<u>(1,252.59)</u>	<u>515,204.18</u>	<u>(58,339.75)</u>	<u>515,204.18</u>
	<u>(573,543.93)</u>	<u>(516,456.77)</u>	<u>1,252.59</u>	<u>(515,204.18)</u>	<u>58,339.75</u>	<u>(515,204.18)</u>

Building and Grounds

Attached is a spreadsheet with the results of my conversations and exchange of information with C. Raymond Davis over the last two weeks. With respect to the figures shown, all have been confirmed by CRD except the credit for the alternate ceramic tile product. I have put in a guess and highlighted that item.

Concerning the credit for potential deletion of the geothermal system, I (and our consultant team) still are concerned that this savings would not turn out to be as high as expected. There would be need for additional design effort on the part of the civil engineer (for gas service) and the mechanical engineer. And, I'm not yet fully convinced that this figure includes the additional items that would be required during construction. As you know, I also hope that this system remains in the project and believe that it is a key component to achieving the Library's overall goals.

Other than the geothermal system, we can document the potential changes with a simple written narrative and avoid issuance of revised drawing. My recommendation, for what it is worth, would be for the Library to enter into a contract with CRD as soon as you can, given the approaching winter weather. Any negotiations regarding contractual items should happen directly with CRD.

Please let me know if there are any questions about the scope of some of the savings measures, or any other design-related questions.

Todd

Todd Woodward, AIA, LEED AP
Principal

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Oxford Public Library
 Cost Savings Summary
 SMP #579.01

Base Bid	\$1,918,452	
	Savings	Notes
Asphalt shingles ILO metal roof	(\$26,900)	
Delete FSC certification	(\$340)	most millwork deleted below
Truss species (Douglas fir, non FSC)	(\$41,030)	
Deck species (Pine, non FSC)	(\$23,660)	will need to review samples during construction
Fiber cement siding ILO zinc	(\$7,500)	center link area
HVAC in Room 104	(\$8,800)	confirm reheat coil in unit for dehumidification
HVAC controls	(\$2,000)	alternate manufacturer
Exterior paving material by Library	(\$13,180)	confirm with Library that Library will supply brick pavers
Planting reductions - size	(\$1,340)	
Planting reductions - quantity	(\$6,400)	
Delete landscaping, existing building	(\$10,200)	delete new landscaping at front of existing building
Parking lot paving changes	(\$29,300)	use asphalt and porous asphalt
Paving composition	(\$1,080)	slightly rougher texture; need topcoat within 10 years
Optigreen green roof	(\$5,625)	
Seeding ILO sod	(\$1,042)	
Bike rack	(\$645)	pending approval of cut sheet
Picket panels at stair	(\$1,960)	exterior stair and loading dock only
Remove millwork from scope	(\$22,000)	including circulation desk, etc.
Paint grade trim	(\$1,030)	
Marmoleum Comp Tile 2.0	(\$810)	samples reviewed and accepted by SMP
Carpet tile \$25/yard (Interface products)	(\$2,440)	SMP to review selections with Library
Delete exterior existing woodwork	(\$7,500)	delete painting and repair of existing building wood items
ASI Traditional toilet accessories	(\$1,700)	
Window shades - rough in only	(\$13,606)	at gable end windows
Lighting fixture selection	(\$10,000)	could be higher savings; CRD to review further; also pending fixture approvals
Aluminum wire ILO copper	(\$1,960)	
Plenum rated cable ILO conduit	(\$2,400)	
Ceramic tile	(\$2,500)	alternate material still with recycled content
Subtotal	\$1,671,504	
Delete geothermal		(\$115,000) will require some additional design cost and savings may not be this large
Total, with geothermal deletion	\$1,556,504	



Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World

A national traveling exhibition which looks at the remarkable life and achievements of one of America's most beloved personalities, opens at the **Oxford Public Library on Friday, November 5.**

Besides serving his country as a skillful diplomat and negotiator, Benjamin Franklin was a scientist, inventor, entrepreneur, humorist and philanthropist whose wisdom and wit continue to inspire and entertain us more than three hundred years after his birth. Franklin was dedicated to making the world a better place and himself a better person. His was the quintessential American success story.

The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, Philadelphia, and the American Library Association organized the exhibit with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): great ideas brought to life.

The Oxford Public Library is offering **free** programs, ongoing family crafts and other events for the public in connection with the exhibit. **Please call 610.932.9625 for details or visit www.oxfordpubliclibrary.org.**

Friday, November 5-Saturday, December 11, 2010

Oxford Public Library	Oxford Arts Alliance
48 South Second Street	and 38 South Third Street
Oxford, PA 19363	Oxford, PA 19363

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, November 5 ~ 5:00 pm GRAND OPENING
7:00 pm Special Commemorative Presentation to
 Unionville Fire Company & Birthday Cake
 Fife & Drum Corps Competition & First Friday Art Stroll

Saturday, November 13 ~ 11:00 am
Benjamin Franklin's Kid's Show Oxford Arts Alliance

Monday, November 15 ~ 7:00 pm
 Tim Jayne: Ben's Electricity

Friday, November 19 ~ 7:00 pm
Ben Franklin a dedication lecture by Dick Winchester, Professor
 Emeritus, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania

Friday, December 3 ~ 7:00 pm
 Dialogue with Descendants

Friday, December 10 ~ 8:00 pm
 World Premiere Play, *Dear Deborah* by Rob Rosiello

FILM SERIES

Monday, November 8 ~ 6:30 pm
Ben Franklin Inventor and Diplomat

Monday, November 22 ~ 6:30 pm
Instant Expert: Ben Franklin

A selected list of titles available at Oxford Public Library
 and the Chester County Library System

DVDs/VHS

Ben Franklin on Leadership (Career Track, VHS)

Ben Franklin (History Channel, DVD)

Benjamin Franklin (Schlessinger Media, DVD)

Benjamin Franklin (Twin Cities Public Television, DVD)

Benjamin Franklin: Citizen of the World (A&E Television
 Networks, DVD)

Instant Expert: Ben Franklin (History Channel, DVD)

The Founding of America (A&E Television Networks, DVD)

The Americanization of Benjamin (Gordon S. Wood., DVD)

BOOKS

Benjamin Franklin, Edmond S. Morgan

Benjamin Franklin: An American Life, Walter Isaacson

The Life of Benjamin Franklin, Leo Lemay & J.A. Leo

Benjamin Franklin: Scientist, Inventor, Printer, and Statesman,
 Hal Marcovitz

*Benjamin Franklin Unmasked: On the Unity of His Moral,
 Religious, and Political Thought*, Jerry Weonberger

Benjamin Franklin, Carl Van Doren

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Franklin,
 Garden City, NY: International Collectors Library [1923]

*The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin
 Franklin*, H.W. Brands

The Franklin Affair, Jim Lehrer [large type]

The Private Franklin: The Man and His Family, Claude-Anne
 Lopez & Eugenia W. Herbert

*Ben Franklin: America's Original Entrepreneur: Franklin's
 Autobiography Adapted for Modern Times*, Blaine
 McCormick

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World, Page Talbott, ed.

The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin, Gordon S. Wood

*Becoming Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography and the
 Life of Franklin*, Benjamin Franklin & Ormond Seavey

Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia-Old Farmer's Almanac

*Benjamin Franklin's Almanac of Wit, Wisdom, and Practical
 Advice: Useful Tips and Fascinating Facts for Every Day of
 the Year*, Margaret Cousins



Director's Report

October 26, 2010

Staff Development Day – The library was closed Monday 10/11 for system-wide staff development. Our OPL staff was fully compliant and participated with enthusiasm in the day's events. The guest speaker, Dr. P. M. Forni, of Johns Hopkins University shared his research and ground-breaking perspectives on "Choosing Civility."

Programs – Our fall season has been filled with events leading into the Big Ben show. Story time and the dog READ programs are strong in the children's dept. Second Saturday knitting and our Adult Book Talks continue. Our teen outreach is greater than ever with OAHS senior project participants and CCIU 21st Century programs for "at risk" students. Three of our AOHS Honors Students have begun to lead teen outreach with facebook twitter, and collection development support. I am delighted by the enthusiasm, talents, and support of these three young ladies; Alaina, Ashley, and Stephanie.

The Ben programs flyer is attached. Dr. Winchester will speak, Tim Jayne is presenting "Ben's Electricity" and the Jayne family will join us at the library for a "Descendants Discussion" with refreshments and social library advocacy, and finally we will present the world premier of "Dear Deborah" a play by N playwright – Rob Rosiello. The CC Press will be covering our six week season closely and with great interest.

Our Volunteer training and Ben Exhibit support meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 4th at 6 pm. Please consider attending or inviting friends and family to preview the exhibit and

The Dinner & Doc program on Oct. 15th was a huge success for the library with exceptional attendance and great press coverage. "...the library can be a catalyst to bring groups together" (Chester County Press, 10/20/2010).

Municipal contributions for the 2010 budget have all been received and we look forward the CCLS breakfast on November 5th at Wyncote.

The new door counter is recording numbers that seem accurate to our 2009 estimated report of 85,000 annual visitors.

2011 Operating Budget preliminary drafts are ready for finance committee review and consideration. The shortfalls are a challenge.

The Book Buzz is hosting author, illustrator, artist; Karen O'lonc Hahn on Friday Nov 5th to add to the Art Stroll and opening festivities surrounding our Ben Franklin Exhibit. There is no further news about the potential lease of the store front space and plans for the book store's future remain unsettled.

Grant and Campaign News. Our package to the 1675 Foundation was received, complete and in order. The committee will review applications in early December. The template for other major donor outreach is in place and our financial packet for competitive bank finance quotes is organized. Gail Pietrzyk has present several wonderful ideas for campaign print materials and a preview of the revised brochure with price quotes is ready.

New funding sources for capital include: Mount Cuba Foundation, Philadelphia Foundation, and DCED.

Annual Appeal – awaiting follow-up and committee directives, we have a capable volunteer cleaning our donor database and preparing for a second 2010 appeal mailing. BUT...

Online Donations – should be up and running on our website this week. I have compared Vanco Services and PayPal for website online donation management and credit card support to our website and circulation service desks. My choice is Vanco at \$25 per month. I hope this additional convenience will increase donations and fine/fees revenue. Consider a techno-campaign for donations outreach in lieu of a mailing. This kind of effort may increase our donor base and reach a different target market?

I have attended the usual librarian, board and community outreach meeting this month keeping OPL present and vital in our community-at-large. This season I continue to volunteer with the Rotary to work concession stands at Lincoln Field for Eagles home games to raise money for local rotary support (including the library).

We continue to try finding assistance to move our donated piano for the community areas.

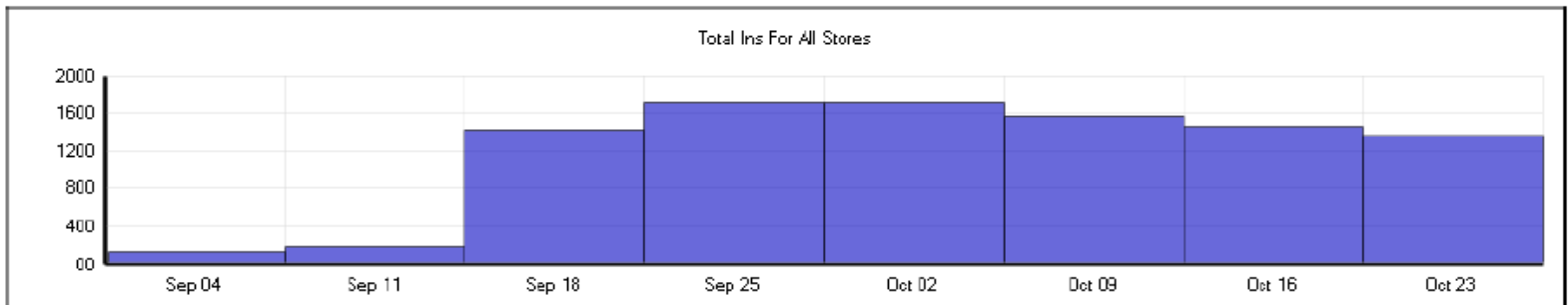
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Door Count Trends -

Trend Report



**Eight Week Rolling Trend For ccl
Week Ending On Saturday, October 23, 2010**



Site Name	Sep 04 in	Sep 04 out	Sep 11 in	Sep 11 out	Sep 18 in	Sep 18 out	Sep 25 in	Sep 25 out	Oct 02 in	Oct 02 out	Oct 09 in	Oct 09 out	Oct 16 in	Oct 16 out	Oct 23 in	Oct 23 out	Total In	Total Out
OX1 OX	144	123	187	178	1,431	1,262	1,725	1,574	1,724	1,535	1,574	1,521	1,476	1,719	1,363	1,412	9,624	9,324
Total	144	123	187	178	1,431	1,262	1,725	1,574	1,724	1,535	1,574	1,521	1,476	1,719	1,363	1,412	9,624	9,324

Circulation Reports YTD

Circulation Categories								
	Adult	Teens	Juv. Print	Preschool Print	Pre Juv AV	Unknown	Overdrive	Total
AT	904	110	477	596	419	3	18	2527
AG	5994	810	2477	2583	166	24	110	12164
BT	7631	361	2575	1992	447	0	147	13153
CS	1194	79	481	553	182	0	37	2526
CO	3309	310	1510	2011	122	9	74	7345
DO	3828	312	2268	2768	235	7	110	9528
EA	10874	2090	4462	4704	1188	4	221	23543
HB	3645	585	1097	1041	152	0	73	6593
MA	5818	500	1831	3861	556	9	147	12722
OX	5631	341	2409	2998	657	9	147	12192
PA	4856	224	879	1487	484	4	110	8044
PK	3952	300	1144	1691	868	2	74	8031
PH	10611	1052	3408	5284	860	33	257	21505
SC	1204	171	298	921	184	1	18	2797
TR	13651	980	2612	3449	989	7	257	21945
WC	6184	692	2581	3112	422	26	147	13164
CCL	70941	4207	16409	13528	7096	1123	1322	114626
HH	18612	1365	6738	9228	1902	27	404	38276
CCLS	178839	14489	53656	61807	16929	1288	3673	330681

The Chester County Library System: An Essential Resource for Education



Education is a cornerstone of a strong community and essential to its advancement. The core values of opportunity and advancement resonate with people because they are at the heart of the American dream. In Chester County, our young people need increasing support and resources to help them succeed in school and in life. There are dramatic economic costs when students are not prepared for school. In fact, the National Governors Association reports these costs are as high as \$16 billion annually.

The Chester County Library System plays a vital role in meeting formal and informal learning needs. Early childhood education and literacy are critical for building a foundation for a lifetime. While many factors influence a child's classroom success, early intellectual growth and opportunity play a particularly crucial role. In fact, children who are exposed to reading at an early age are more likely to be reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Students who don't read over the summer enter school in the fall one full grade behind their peers who are active summer readers.

The Institute for Learning Innovation tells us that in an information society, learning throughout the lifespan is critical and education should not end when school does. While adult literacy rates generally rose between 1992 and 2003, one in seven adults still has a literacy level defined as "below basic." Adults face daily learning challenges, and today's world demands confident, curious minds and the ability to adapt quickly to change.

A study by the Gates Foundation found that 50 percent of children surveyed use library computers to do their schoolwork and that youth from low-income families are more likely to use library computing resources. The Chester County Library System helps bridge this gap by providing what is often the only access to computers and the Internet for many people in our community.

The Chester County Library System values learning and recognizes its importance to a vital, stable community. That's why we are actively working to support the education and lifelong learning needs of our community through book clubs; storytime and other early literacy programs; homework help and homework centers/ homework collections; homework and testing databases such as SAT, civil service, etc.; classes on learning to use the Internet/email, researching your family tree, interlibrary loan, tax assistance, readers' advisory, literacy; and much more.



Chester County Library System
Value to the County

Individuals • Community • Economy

JUST THE FACTS

- In an information society, learning across the lifespan is critical.

Institute for Learning Innovation

- Public libraries provide the only access to computers and the Internet for many people who otherwise would not have access.

Pew Internet and American Life Project

- Children who are exposed to reading at an early age are more likely to be reading at the appropriate level by the end of third grade.

National Research Council Study

- Researchers estimate that 95 percent of children with proper exposure and systematic opportunities to develop foundational skills during early childhood will be successful readers.

U.S. Department of Education

- Students who are poorly prepared for school cost the nation as much as \$16 billion annually.

National Governors Association

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Gates Foundation

- Success in today's society requires information literacy, a spirit of self-reliance, and a strong ability to collaborate, communicate effectively, and solve problems. Combining strengths in traditional learning with robust investment in technology, public libraries are well-equipped to build the skills Americans need in the 21st century.

IMLS 2008