

Pennsylvania
Library Association

A Voice for
Pennsylvania's Libraries

"Clarion County Library System does a great job of offering ... services for the underserved population of Clarion County. The libraries ... have been expanding ... their large print and audio book collections which is a great achievement for the seniors of the Clarion County." — Mary Schill, Clarion

"Thanks to our 13 libraries throughout York County, residents have computer access and WiFi wireless capabilities connecting them to the world." — Lori Mitrick, President, York County Board of Commissioners

"Chester County Library help[ed our business] properly structure our company, formulate a solid business model and identify other companies to work with to implement our business plan." — D.J. Metcalf, Principal, Expert Service Providers

Finding New Readers in the Community

Clarion County Library System – Clarion, PA

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Clarion County libraries are taking their show on the road – literally. Using an informative display board and specially-designed brochures, the system is educating new audiences at the county's Township Supervisors' Day and the local Senior Expo. Township Supervisors, gathered for a day of meetings, have an opportunity to learn more about library services in their communities and to understand how libraries use public funds to provide services. The libraries also exhibit at the Senior Expo, where they meet senior citizens from all over the county. Seniors sign up for library cards, and learn about special services and programs of interest to them, including audio book and large print book collections. Having an organized display makes the libraries ready to go to new events at a moment's notice.



Library Cooperation & Effective Resource Management

York County Library System – York, PA

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Computer literacy is a hallmark of a successful 21st century community, and the York County Library System leads the way in helping residents learn technology skills. From technology training programs that serve residents and government officials to popular technology-based children's programs, the library system is meeting the needs of the community. In fact, York County libraries offer more free public access computers than any other area organization. Free wireless Internet access is available throughout the system. Library information technology staff are also recognized as experts by community organizations, often being called upon by other agencies that need technology assistance. All in all, the library system is using its public resources to produce greater technology awareness and education in York County.



Small Business at Your Library

Chester County Library System – Exton, PA

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The Chester County Library System provides business materials and trained staff to support the success of local businesses. The Business Outreach Librarian helps business owners and entrepreneurs find print and electronic resources that help them develop and grow their businesses. The library system also provides programs targeted to the small business community, and participates in local Chamber of Commerce programs. Since the program's inception in 2002, nearly 7,000 people have attended library business programs. The program is a direct response to library customers' needs, and plays an important role in the county's economic development.

