

Pennsylvania
Library Association

A Voice for
Pennsylvania's Libraries

"Our staff routinely use CentreCountyInfo.org to access timely information about social services in Centre County. We have also participated in updating the database information. As a result, we have been able to eliminate ... our own internal database thereby saving ... limited resources." — Tammy Gentzel
Executive Director
Community Help Centre

"The Bookmobile is our most exciting Thursday activity and the kids race to read their favorite books."—Laura Trehar, Director, Prince of Peace Day Care.

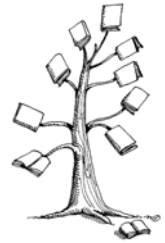
"We love being able to go to the museum, it's a great place to take our children. It has got to be one of the best library resources for parents and families!"—Mrs. Martin, Lititz

Community Resources Online: CentreCountyInfo.org

Centre County Federation of Public Libraries – Bellefonte, PA

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Centre County residents can look to their libraries to provide up-to-date information on health and human services, whenever and wherever they need it, thanks to a 24/7 database available on the library's website. Teaming up with five county organizations -- the area helpline, the health organization cooperative, the council of human service organizations, a website of nonprofit organizations, and the child service / parenting cooperative -- the Centre County Federation of Public Libraries developed a one-stop database of local information. The database contains information from more than 300 area organizations, including links to their websites. Use of the database has grown from 802 hits in February 2006 to more than 3,000 hits just six months later.



Race2Read

Beaver County Library System – Monaca, PA

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Superman, SpiderMan - SPEEDREADER? Speedreader, the new mascot for a partnership among the Beaver County Library System Bookmobile, the BeaveRun Motorsports Complex, area schools, businesses and colleges, encourages people to use the bookmobile and other library services. County residents often see this new

Celebrating 35 Years



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superhero racing around the area on the library system's redesigned bookmobile, drawing attention to county library services available to all residents. A family-oriented Race2Read program also introduced the mascot and featured a variety of community events and activities, including rides in real race cars.

Speedreader remains very busy, visiting twenty community stops regularly including Senior Centers and Day Care Centers.

Families, Libraries & Museums: A Winning Combo!

Library System of Lancaster County – Lancaster, PA

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The Library System of Lancaster County Family Museum Pass offers Lancaster County families free entry into the North Museum, where they can experience the wonders of science, natural history, and local Native American culture. Museum passes are available for 'checkout' from each library in Lancaster County. Up to six family members can receive free admission to the museum on each pass. This program reaches out to youth and families who may have limited financial means, providing them the opportunity to experience this valuable resource. The program is so popular that the passes are in regular use — over 500 families have reserved the passes since the program began.

