



Serving The People Of Lackawanna County Since 1983

Lackawanna County Libraries Are Popular

- **60,000 cardholders**
40,000+ regular to heavy users
- **750,000 Visits Annually**
Lackawanna County residents make good use of their libraries.
- **1.3 million items circulated every year**

Lackawanna County Libraries Are Accessible

- **10 libraries**
Locations throughout the county, plus the bookmobile and Books by Mail, make library services convenient for all county residents.
- **Open 7 days a week**
Sunday through Saturday, member libraries are open as much as 71 hours per week.
- **24/7 Online**
Powerful reference databases and the LCLS catalog are available anytime at www.lclshome.org
- **New libraries opened since 1983**
Valley Community Library (Peckville) and North Pocono Public Library (Moscow)
- **New library buildings since 1983**
Abington, Carbondale, Valley, and Taylor
- **Lackawanna County Law Library**
Legal resources – online and in print – available to the public

Items You Need, When You Need Them

- **500,000 items**
The combined collections at LCLS libraries are available to anyone with a library card.
- **Your selection in 24 hours**
Books delivered among the libraries daily.

Electronic Services

- **www.lclshome.org**
At home or from a library computer, find the books you need or do research for school, home or business.
- **Downloadable eBooks and audio books**
Best sellers available without entering a library.
- **140 computers**
State-of-the-art computers in every library connected to the Internet for patron use.
- **Wi-Fi**
Free broadband access for wi-fi-equipped laptops or handheld devices.
- **Free computer classes**
Among many educational programs for library users.

Early Learning

- **Nearly 50,000 children and their caregivers attend library programs each year**
Story hours and special events teach children the value and excitement of reading.
- **More than 3,500 children join the Summer Reading Club every summer**
They read more than 35,000 books helping maintain and develop reading skills while school is out.

Collaboration

- **Everhart Museum**
Free passes can be borrowed from the library, just like books.
- **Scranton Cultural Center**
Joint programs and discounts to selected programs
- **Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority/NEIU #19**
Collaboration on programs and exhibits
- **Summer Passport Program**
Thousands of visits to the Electric City Trolley Museum, Steamtown, Lackawanna Historical Society, Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum, Everhart Museum – free for participants
- **The Times-Tribune**
The weekly item, "What We're Reading," is a joint effort of the LCLS and The Times-Tribune libraries.
- **Literary Collaborations**
Support for The Gathering, Pages and Places, and the Schemel Forum, among others.

Economic Impact

- **100 employees**
Well trained, friendly, knowledgeable
- **\$4.5 million annual budget**
\$3.5M from county taxpayers, \$950,000 state matching funds, remainder from grants and investments
- **Statewide, libraries return \$5.50 for every state and local dollar invested**

Locations

- **Abington Community Library**
- **Albright Memorial Library**
- **Green Ridge Branch Library**
- **Carbondale Public Library**
- **Dalton Community Library**
- **Lackawanna County Children's Library**
- **Lackawanna County Law Library**
- **North Pocono Public Library**
- **Taylor Community Library**
- **Valley Community Library**
- **Lackawanna County Library System Bookmobile**
- **Library Express at the Mall at Steamtown**

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