



Protect Equal Access - Preserve Our Funding!

The State Library budget is now 25% lower than it was eight years ago. Additional cuts will impact the ability of Connecticut libraries to provide essential services to our residents.

No More Cuts!



**VALUED
DESTINATIONS!**

Did you know, last year:

- 20.7 million people visited a public library in Connecticut
- Over 28 million items were borrowed
- There were 3.3 million requests for information
- 2 million people attended library programs
- Internet computers were used 4 million times

It's not just about books! Connecticut Public Libraries also provide:

- Early-literacy classes for babies and their parents
- Resources and training for job seekers
- Technology access and instruction
- Entrance exam preparation and test proctoring for college students
- Citizenship preparation and ESL classes for immigrants
- Tax forms
- Homebound book delivery for seniors



**ESSENTIAL LIFE
SERVICES!**

Unbeatable return on public dollar investment:

Total expenditures for Connecticut's Public Libraries: \$195 million

Estimated total value of library services to Connecticut's residents: Over \$715 million!

For more information:

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100 amazing things you'll find at Connecticut libraries!

1. 3-D printers
2. Adaptive technology
3. Antique appraisals
4. Art exhibits
5. Athletic tournaments
6. Auctions
7. Book discussion groups
8. Book sales
9. Book scanners
10. Cameras
11. Chess clubs
12. Citizenship preparation
13. Community information
14. Compact disc players
15. Computer access
16. Computer instruction
17. Concerts
18. Cultural events
19. Daily newspapers
20. Downloadable music
21. DVD players
22. E-books
23. E-book readers
24. E-magazines
25. Early literacy classes
26. Electric transport chair
27. ESL Classes
28. Engravers
29. Exhibit space
30. Eyeglass recycling
31. Fax machines
32. Flag disposal
33. Food donation drop-off
34. Framed art
35. Game nights
36. Garden clubs
37. GED classes
38. Genealogical information
39. Government information
40. Health newsletters
41. Home schooling information
42. Homebound book delivery
43. Homework centers
44. Investment information
45. Job centers
46. Job skills training
47. Kill-a-Watt meters
48. Knitting clubs
49. Language instruction
50. Large print books
51. Lectern
52. Legal forms
53. Leisure programs
54. Magnifiers
55. Makerspaces
56. Maps
57. Medicare counseling
58. Meeting Rooms
59. Museum passes
60. Multicultural programs
61. New baby packets
62. Notary services
63. Paper shredder
64. Parenting workshops
65. Passport processing
66. Phone books
67. photo copy machines
68. Photography workshops
69. Piano
70. Play groups
71. Poetry readings and contests
72. Postage stamps
73. Pre-school orientation
74. Printers
75. Projectors
76. Puppetry
77. Robots
78. Scanners
79. Small business workshops
80. Smart boards
81. Study rooms
82. Summer reading programs
83. Tai chi
84. Tax forms
85. Tax preparation advice
86. Teen life skills classes
87. Teleconferencing
88. Telescopes
89. Test proctoring services
90. Term Paper Clinics
91. Therapy Dogs
92. Thermal leak detector
93. Translation services
94. Tutoring
95. Typewriters
96. VHS to DVD converter
97. Video equipment
98. Voter registration
99. Wheelchairs
100. Writing groups