

Buildings may be closed, but libraries are still serving their communities!

Library/eCard registrations more than **DOUBLED** in the last month

Libraries continue to provide virtual resources to their communities

Libraries help fill the educational gaps for students and teachers

Virtual Resources

POWER Library – is a portal to **databases**, PA library catalogs, and 24/7 Chat with a Librarian. Public libraries partner with K-12 schools to give students access to a variety of resources: eBooks, magazines, newspapers, historical documents, subscription databases, and photos.

- This is supported in the **Library Access line** in the state budget and has not been increased since 2013.
- Additional resources **added during COVID-19** include college textbooks, elementary and secondary digital libraries, K-6 curriculum lessons, ScienceFLIX, and Audible Kids.

Virtual programming – Librarians are being **innovative teachers!** They use Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and library websites to host live and recorded story times, STEM and maker activities demonstrations, digital escape rooms, and trivia nights for students of all ages!

No internet? – Library staffs are calling patrons, particularly seniors, and sharing how residents can **access library services from home**, library locations where **Wi-Fi is extended beyond the building**, and even how to complete the Census or sign-up for a mail-in ballot. (Libraries with hotspots were already lending these out to patrons to support access for anyone).

Never had a library card? – You can get a temporary **card issued right away!** Demand for audiobooks, streaming movies and music, and ebooks is up. Library card/eCards have **DOUBLED** in the last month!

Libraries are struggling with limited financial resources:

-**73%** of public libraries had to cancel spring fundraisers that **average 25%** of their yearly operational funds and for some libraries **up to 75%** of their operations.

-**65%** of PA public libraries operate with just **0-2 full-time staff**. Overall, **63%** of the more than **12,000 library workers are part-time employees**.

-When permitted, libraries will gear up for curbside delivery, grab & go, home delivery or other customized solutions to each library's community needs.

Questions?

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