

ADAPTING FOR ACCESSIBILITY WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

ADAPTACIÓN PARA LA ACCESIBILIDAD CON SU BIBLIOTECA

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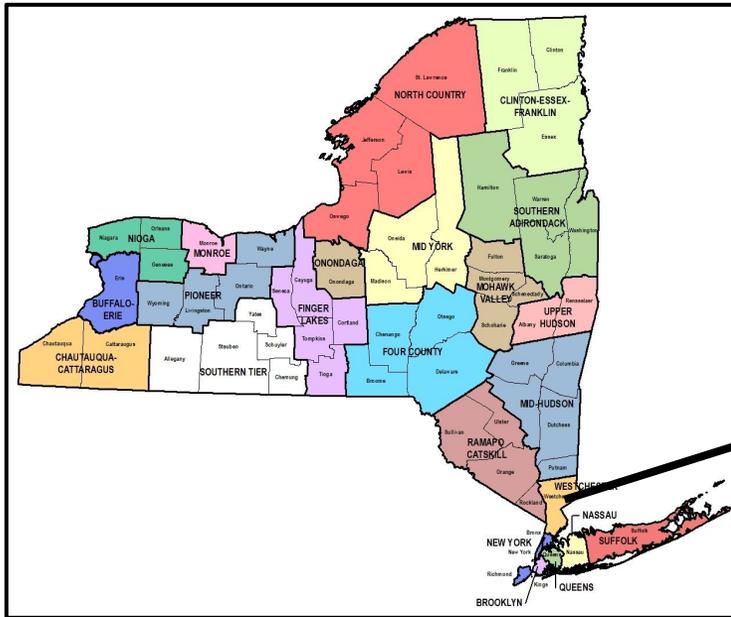
The purpose of this webinar is to help you get the most out of your library

Agenda

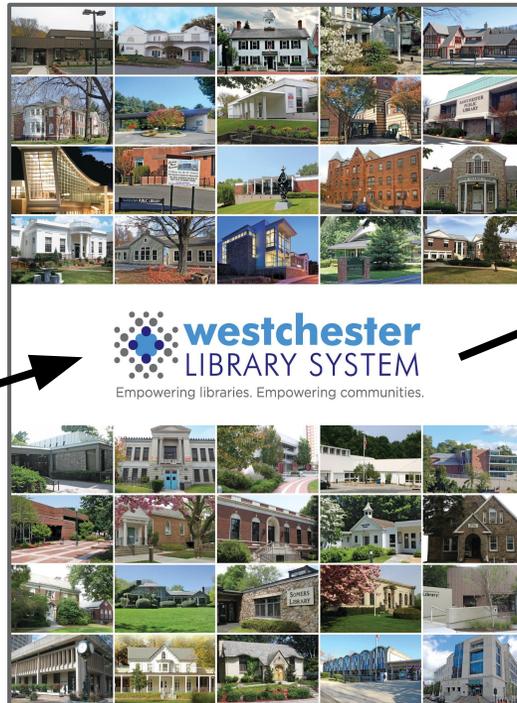
1. What are those libraries up to?
2. What do I mean by accessibility?
3. How can my library help?

What is WLS Outreach?

23 Public Library Systems



38 Libraries
in Westchester



Almost 1 million
residents with
different needs



WLS VisionLabs



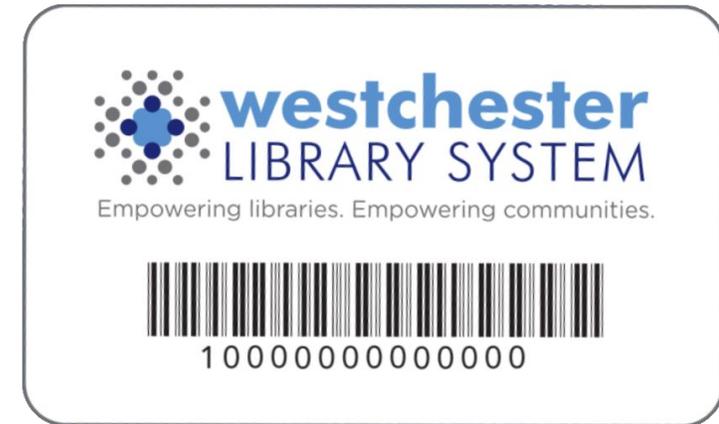
1. Information
2. Equipment
3. Referrals

Part 1: Checking in on the libraries

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Got free library cards?

- Live, work, school, or own property
- Use at any county library
- Form of ID & proof of address
- Renew every 3 years
- NOT required to walk in



Are the libraries open?

- Live programs
- Online & hybrid programs
- Contactless pickup

Do I have to go in person?

- Online programs
- Books, audiobooks, music, movies, periodicals, and more on your device

Part 2: Accessibility

1. What are those libraries up to?
- 2. What do I mean by accessibility?**
3. How can my library help?

“...the degree to which a product, device, service, environment, or facility is usable by as many people as possible, **including** by persons with disabilities.”

[Indiana University, Understanding Accessibility](#)

Accessibility: the broad view

- We all depend on accessibility
- No fine line between ability and disability
- In person, online, and beyond

Assistive Technology

- Specialized equipment
- Software
- Your computers, tablets, and phones

Some helpful websites

[Hadley](#) - workshops and podcasts for adjusting to vision loss

[Emily Ladau's publications](#) on living with disability

Local service organizations



Westchester Disabled on the Move



Westchester Institute for Human Development



VISIONS Services for the Blind



Part 3: Library Accessibility

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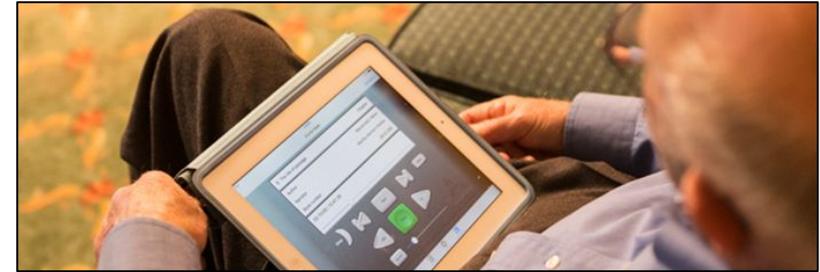
Talking Books and Braille Library

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Free audiobooks by mail or your device

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Borrow Accessible Tech

- Digital Magnifiers
- Large print keyboards
- Tactile bumps/dots
- and more!

More information on the [VisionLabs website](#)

Learn about your devices

- Built-in screen magnifiers
- Audio narration
- Accessibility settings
- General tech assistance

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eResources: Online Library Offerings

- Entertainment
- Education
- Research

Your Online Library - westchesterlibraries.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Westchester Library System. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a blue and grey circular pattern of dots next to the text "westchester LIBRARY SYSTEM". To the right of the logo is a search bar with the text "WLS Catalog Search" and a search button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with buttons for "Home", "Account/Catalog", "Listen, Read & Watch", "Research", "Learn", "Jobs & Careers", "Services & Programs", "Member Libraries", and "About WLS".

The main content area features a large banner for "WLS Career Coaching Services". The banner includes a photo of a woman on a laptop with a video call. Text on the banner reads: "WLS Career Coaching Services", "Presents", "Managing Your Career in Changing Times", and "Charitable Foundation". A small "NEW" badge is visible in the bottom left of the banner.

Below the banner are three smaller promotional boxes: "GET FREE TECH HELP FROM WLS", a red "Donate Here" button, and a "Community Calendar" box for "burbio".

At the bottom of the page, there is a tagline: "A strong cooperative library system empowers all of".

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Family Movies

Popular This Month

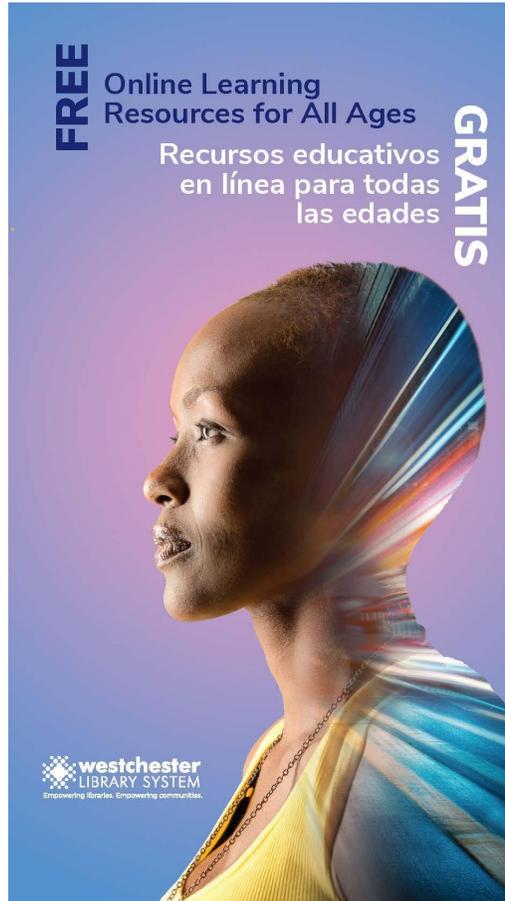
Get Started with Kanopy

BOOKSHOP

New & Noteworthy

**DOWNLOAD,
STREAM,
ENJOY!**

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FREE Online Learning Resources for All Ages

Recursos educativos en línea para todas las edades

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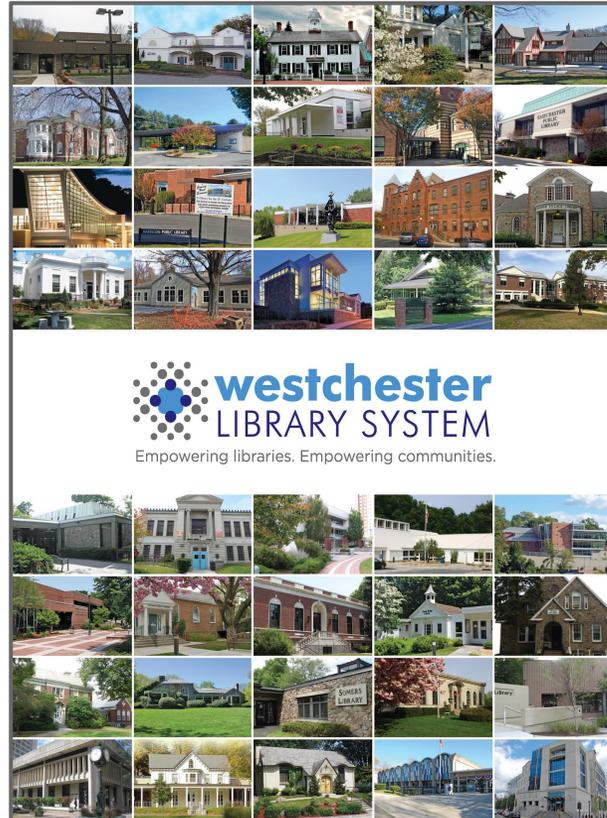
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Some useful features:

- Entertainment
- Education and Research
- Online Catalog
- Library Account Management

Where should you start? Your local library!

[Find your nearest libraries](#) on the WLS website





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