

WLS OUTREACH PROGRAMS BY AUDIENCE

Each project/program strengthens our network of community relationships. All programs are funded by a mix of governmental and private sources.

UNDER / UNEMPLOYED

EDUCATIONALLY
DISADVANTAGED

JUSTICE-IMPACTED
INDIVIDUALS

DISABILITY (PHYSICAL
OR COGNITIVE)

SENIORS

FAMILIES / CAREGIVERS

AT RISK YOUTH

SPANISH-
SPEAKING

ADULT LEARNING SERVICES

firstfind.org

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

✓ ✓ ✓

FAMILY RESOURCES

✓ ✓ ✓

HSE CONNECT!/READ BETTER

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

JOB SEARCH SERVICES

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

OLDER ADULT SERVICES (55+)

seniors.westchesterlibraries.org | seniorlawday.info

MUSIC AND MEMORY @ THE LIBRARY

✓ ✓ ✓

SENIOR BENEFITS REFERRAL

✓ ✓ ✓

SENIOR LAW DAY COLLABORATIVE

✓ ✓ ✓

VISION LABS: READING FOR A LIFETIME

✓ ✓ ✓

REENTRY SERVICES

connections.westchesterlibraries.org

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SUPPORT

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

REENTRY SERVICES

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

GENERAL SERVICES

conversations.westchesterlibraries.org | westchesterdigitalequity.org

OUTREACH & RESOURCE PROMOTION

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

WESTCHESTER RESILIENCE/WESTCHESTER BREATHES

✓ ✓ ✓

Outreach staff facilitate monthly adult and youth services meetings and offer regular opportunities for library staff to become familiar with outreach programs, including a review of the service environment and client needs. Our aim is for staff to be able to direct patrons to resources at the point of need or to support referral to Outreach staff. Additionally, promotional materials are circulated to member libraries. Patron-directed materials are available for library events and programs; see our latest [Publications Catalog](#).

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LIBRARY SYSTEM

Empowering libraries. Empowering communities.

WLS OUTREACH PROGRAMS 2023 - SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND PARTNERS

ADULT SERVICES ([FIRSTFIND.ORG](https://www.firstfind.org))

- ▶ **College Guidance** – one-to-one counseling and workshops; bilingual service. Key partners: Member library hosts - MAM, NEW, high school guidance departments, Community Resource Center.
- ▶ **Family Resources** – early literacy and special education guidance. Key partners: Department of Social Services, Headstart (Family Services of Westchester, WestCOP), Student Advocacy.
- ▶ **HSE Connect/Read Better** – 1-1 remote coaching in use of an online GED study and literacy resources (also relevant for ESL students). Key partners: BOCES, Department of Social Services, Westchester Educational Opportunity Center.
- ▶ **Job Search Services** – 1-1 remote coaching for job search. Key partners: Westchester Educational Opportunity Center, Department of Social Services.

OLDER ADULT SERVICES ([SENIORS.WESTCHESTERLIBRARIES.ORG](https://seniors.westchesterlibraries.org) | [SENIORLAWDAY.INFO](https://seniorlawday.info))

- ▶ **Music & Memory at the Library** – assistance in eResource use for those caring at home for a friend of family member with dementia. Key partners: Member libraries, Alzheimer's Association, Local Offices for the Aging.
- ▶ **Senior Benefits Referrals** – orientation towards information and assistance for Medicare and other benefits. Key partners: Member library hosts - YWI, YRK, Department of Senior Programs and Services, Westchester Disabled on the Move, WestCOP.
- ▶ **Senior Law Day Collaborative** – free educational services, professional consultations and information resources. Key partners: Member Libraries Hosts (YWI and others), Westchester County Public Private Partnership for Aging Services, the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services, and attorneys, financial advisers and care managers from the public and private sectors.
- ▶ **VisionLabs: Reading for a Lifetime** – consultation for accessible library resources and available low vision services. Key partners: VISIONS, NYS Commission for the Blind, Westchester Disabled on the Move, Westchester Institute of Human Development, Westchester Council of the Blind.

REENTRY SERVICES ([CONNECTIONS.WESTCHESTERLIBRARIES.ORG](https://connections.westchesterlibraries.org))

- ▶ **Correctional Facility Support** – ILL and guidance for Bedford Hills, Taconic, and Sing Sing Correctional Facilities. Resources and programming for the Westchester County Jail. Key partners: NYS Department of Correction and Community Supervision, Westchester County Department of Corrections.
- ▶ **Reentry Services** – information and direct service, e.g., HSE and Job Search; 2022/2023 Reconnect with Tech program. Key partners: Westchester Reentry Task Force, Westchester County Department of Corrections, NYS Department of Corrections, Youth Shelter of Westchester, WEOC.

GENERAL SERVICES ([CONVERSATIONS.WESTCHESTERLIBRARIES.ORG](https://conversations.westchesterlibraries.org) | [WESTCHESTERLIBRARIES.ORG](https://westchesterlibraries.org))

- ▶ **Outreach & Resource Promotion** – presentations and 1-1 assistance to community organizations and potential patrons. Key partners: Member Libraries, Westchester County Service Agencies, Senior Centers, Community Groups.
- ▶ **Resilience Coalition / Westchester Breathes** – community-directed education on the impact of adverse childhood experiences and trauma on mental/physical health. Key partners: Member Library Collaborators (documentary screenings and events), NYS Office of Mental Health, Department of Community Mental Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Health, Resilience Coalition Members.