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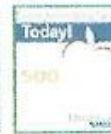


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“The Library is a Sanctuary”

The concept of *sanctuary* is one that certainly portrays our library, especially this past year with the devastation wrought by Hurricane Sandy. Hundreds of Leonians sought out the warmth and power that the library was able--and happy--to provide.

In another sense, the library serves as a sanctuary from a world where we are bombarded by “reality stars,” sound bites, and insipid or violent programming.

This peaceful sanctuary, though, is not passive. It is active. The library offers freedom--freedom for anyone to explore ideas and knowledge and creativity of all sorts, old and new and in between, and do whatever they like with them. In offering so many materials in various forms and for various interests, the library opens up new worlds and revives old ones.

We offer a plethora of entertainment and information in formats to fit your lifestyle. You can read a book in regular hardcover, obtain it in large print, listen to it on CD, or download it to your iPhone or Android. We have Taylor Swift’s latest hits as well as Mozart’s operas. Our DVDs in eleven languages other than English offer a range of titles from *Downton Abbey* series to *Casablanca* to *Pilates 101*.

You can log into *Universal Class* from home and take a class in bookkeeping, photography, or over 500 other topics. Browse through back copies of the *Record* or *Leonia Life* with our online service, *America’s News*, available on our website, <http://leonia.bccls.org>.

The library staff and Board of Trustees are dedicated to enabling you to have the library experience you want – whether it’s a haven in a storm, or an impetus to learn. We appreciate your support and patronage, and will continue to deliver the finest library service a town could offer its community.

Thank you for your support!

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In 2012 our website got 12,682 hits, and we had about 264 monthly friends on Facebook.



Twenty-nine people completed 135 lessons through Universal Class, our online non-college credit continuing education class program. The most popular classes were *Advocacy for Elderly Patients*, *ABCs of English Grammar*, and *Nutrition 101*.

Thirty-nine people downloaded audiobooks to their iPhones, iPods, or Androids using our easy new OneClick digital database. And 40 people read the *Record* or *Leonia Life* from our online database, *America’s News*.



Another 304 people downloaded audio--and e-books from the BCCLS website -eBCCLS.

Not only do we provide these online services, we support you with personal service and training. Our Outreach/Research/Young Adult Services Librarian, Shinae Hyun, offered morning and evening classes in using Kindles, Nooks, and other e-book readers. At any time, we can help you access any of the other services we provide. Feel free to call (201-592-5773), email (leonicirc@bccls.org) or come in for assistance.



Most people know about the library’s notary services. In 2012 we notarized documents for 103 people. This service is free for Leonia residents.