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Leonia Public Library

 Books	 Programs	 Meeting Rooms	 Internet pc's
 DVDs	 Audiobooks	 Wi-Fi	 Music CDs
 E-Books	 Story Times	 Art Exhibits	 Reading Garden
 RSS	 Personal	 Museum	 And more
 201-592-5770	 Service	 Passes	

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*You are a very important part of our community.
 Keep up the good work. Sincerely, S. H.*

The Leonia Library is alive and thriving. Between the months of January and December, 54,580 people walked through our doors, a 4% increase over 2010.

112,193 items were checked out, 4,532 more than last year. We registered 450 new library users. Over 62% of Leonians actively use their library cards.

Through our membership in BCCLS Leonians are able to borrow dvds, cds, and books from 75 other libraries. In 2011 our library loaned 31,700 items and Leonians borrowed 25,814 items. Our lending more than we borrow results in money back from the consortium.

Through our membership in BCCLS we're also able to receive a substantial discount on e-books and audiobooks. In 2011 Leonians downloaded 227 items.

The library participates fully in the life of the community. The Friends of Leonia Library sponsored a table at Leonia Day, and the library was open for business. We helped sponsor Leonia Art's *Meet the Artists* and collected food for the Rotary of the Palisades. This year the Friends of Leonia Library sponsored a t-ball team.

In 2012 we're planning to invest more heavily in technology. Through BCCLS we'll be able to offer more e-books and music.

Today's library is not the same library as that of yesterday. While our tasks may have changed, our commitment to serve the citizens of Leonia is unwavering

Our Website gets about 865 hits per month, and we have 144 monthly active users on Facebook.



Leonians enrolled in 58 courses through the online continuing education database which was

purchased by the Friends. The most popular courses were Excel 2007, Medical Terminology 101, and Meditation.

Other innovations have been the purchase of an online travel database, where library card holders can download up-to-date information for over 200 countries and cities.



The library staff has been instrumental in helping people learn how to use their Kindles and Nooks. A day does not go by without someone asking for assistance in learning how to use their e-books. Through the BCCLS website (<http://www.bccls.org>) patrons can download free e-books.



In 2012 we plan to purchase several Kindles and Nooks for patrons to check out., as a *Try Before Your Buy* service, and offer classes in using them.

2011

The Library is the Community Center



Focus group feedback indicated that residents wanted more programs for families. In response, we started running a

Friday after-hours Halloween party. This year, over 300 parents and children painted pumpkins, ate refreshments, and walked through the spook house.

For the past four years we've held the popular Lunar New Year Program for families, in which Broad Ave restaurants furnish food and we provide entertainment.



For children, we offer a wide variety of programs which include story times in both English and Korean. Leonia High School students ran a weekly Spanish story hour for a month.

Our summer reading theme was world travel, and children marked their reading progress (in minutes) by traveling continent to continent.

We had 226 registrants who read a total of 91,380 minutes — that's 64.5 days straight reading.



Teens had their own program in which they "traveled" the world, doing crafts and reading books from other countries.



Adults also participated in Summer Reading, and won prizes donated by local businesses.

Other adult programs included *How to Publish Your Book*, *Green Building Principles*, free tax assistance, flu shots, poetry festivals, author talks and travelogues.

Another service for adults is our on-staff notary. In 2011 we did 81 notarizations which the library offers free to Leonians.



Our staff archivist put together an exhibit titled *Old News is Good News* — old newspapers, photographs, and handwritten documents from the 1820's and 1830's.



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The library served as a second home to people who needed to cool off in the summer, or charge cell phones, log into our Wi-Fi or get warm during the October storm's aftermath.

We offer several ESL classes every week, and in 2011, helped over 80 to learn English and civic skills. Grants



from our local Community Chest, the State, the American Library Association and the Dollar Store help us do that.

I'm studying ESL with teacher Judy in the Leonia Library. I love this class. I want to show my gratitude to the Leonia Library for providing a good chance to learn English. CK (Note accompanying check for \$100)



The Friends of Leonia Library ran another successful books sale, netting \$2,200.

Community Groups Using the Library in 2011

Writers' Group . League of Women Voters . Girl Scouts . Daisies . Spring St. Neighborhood . Community Chest . Annual Senior Luncheon . Leonia Sports Boosters . Leonia Arts . PEO . Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction . Bergen Co. 4-H . Leonia Soccer Association . Community of Friends in Action . Women's Club . Leonia Latinos . Downtown Revitalization

Leonia Library By the Numbers

Visits to the Library

154580 people

Circulation

Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction	32,713 books
Young Adult	4,877 books
Adult Media	26,983 DVDs, MP3s, Playaways, Audiobooks, CDs
Childrens books	35,830 books
Childrens Media	11,790 DVDs, Wii games, Audiobooks, CDs
Downloadables	227 items

Library Cards

New cards	467
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Museum Passes

Children's Museum of New York
Intrepid Museum

Large Donations and Grants

- Community Chest \$1,375 to purchase 30 *Easy English News* subscriptions
- Friends of Leonia Library—\$2,200 for children's materials and programs.

Hours Open Per Week

54, September through June