Planning for a Library Project

• The Master Planning process for library capital projects at both the state and local levels in Delaware have greatly facilitated funding for library projects in the state.

• Working collaboratively across local government jurisdictions, has resulted in a statewide library network and achieved efficiencies of scale.

• A Library Needs Assessment is the first step to assuring what is built is what is actually needed.
Site Visits

• The RT9 Library and Innovation Center was conceived to provide services and inspire engagement in a community long considered to be underserved.

• Site Visits were conducted to other library systems identified as being “innovative” including a number of libraries in Colorado, Chicago, New York and Washington D.C.

• Maker Space activities were selected as a project focus as a result of the visits.
Public Engagement

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Volunteers from our community helped with the message.
Route 9 Library – Opened September 2017
The Route 9 Library was designed to provide typical library services, as well new spaces that reflect emerging trends.
Spaces for Meeting Up:

Available via our online Application

Multipurpose Room A (55) • Multipurpose Room B (65)
A + B = Up to 120 people • Conference Room (up to 12)
Scriptorium (up to 27) • Black Box Theater (up to 158)

6 Tutoring Rooms (one room for 2, others for up to 4)
6 Group Study Rooms (for up to 6 people)

No Reservation Required
Our new children’s librarian: Marissa Parker (shown here holding a snake for Delaware Nature Society’s Traveling Zoo, so that the kids in attendance wouldn’t be scared).

Next to her: Baba-Bomani teaching African American history using rhythm, rhyme, and movement.
Our first Rt. 9 Chess Tournament drew 18 participants, who competed for these 3D printed trophies!
Christina Cultural Arts Center is sponsoring and organizing artist residencies at Route 9:

10/24: Hip Hop Dance
11/26 & 11/28: The Movement of Music
Upcoming Performances

DE Art Museum presents a multimedia dance performance inspired by historic incidents in Nigeria. **11/5**

DE Shakespeare brings a nontraditional performance of Merchant of Venice. **11/4**
We are adding new members every week!
Recent Programming Highlights

• Expungement Fairs

• Voter Registration every week

• Books, Balls & Blocks

• National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

• NASA Programs: “UV kid” and “Taking the Earth’s Temperature”
The Eatery menu provides a fresh and healthy variety of items five days per week. Of the 6 William Penn High School students working at the Route 9 Library this past summer, 5 were with the Eatery. Students developed the Eatery logo (shown here), menu, and marketing plan.
New Castle County Libraries
Re-Wire To Be Re-Hired Job Search Workshops:

• **Job Search Techniques**
  First Things First, Managing the Stress of Job Search, Available Resources, and Planning Your Daily Schedule.

• **Job Search Basics**
  Determining Your Job Interest, Transferable Skills, and Researching Occupations.

• **Resume Preparation**
  Resume Writing, Using and Identifying Key Words, Cover Letters, and Professional References.

• **Resume and Job Search Lab**
  Technical Assistance Resume and Job Search Lab.

• **Job Search Strategies**
  Building a Network, Direct Calls, Informational Interviews, Interview Preparation, Managing Your Career, and various other strategies.
Delmarva Power Energy Assistance Program offers programs and services to help those in need, including energy assistance, help for customers with special needs, and ways for neighbors to help neighbors.

FIND OUT MORE:
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1-4:30 p.m.
Partnership:

Social workers from DHSS Community Partner Support Unit will help with:

- ASSIST application process
- Applying for food benefits
- Medicaid
- Long-term nursing care
- Childcare
- Home energy assistance
- Learning about other DHSS agencies
- Referrals to partner organizations
- Employment & training

Social Workers at the Library
Community Health workers will meet with you one on one, or with your family to help with:

- Gaining prescription coverage/health insurance
- Programs to help you be a better parent
- Finding the right doctor or mental health counselor
- Understanding your medical conditions and your doctor’s instructions
- And more

Mondays 1-5pm
Fridays 10-2pm
Follow-up from July 18\textsuperscript{th}, 2018 Meeting:

\textit{Route 9 Community Members’ Priorities:}

- Dedicate a display case for New Castle County Job information (YES)
- Provide an online Meeting Room Form (YES)
- Provide access to the Delmarva Energy Assistance Programs (YES)
- Quicker turnaround time for Volunteer Certification (YES)
- Plan a Black History Celebration (TONIGHT)
The news is not good – 20 point decline

“The library’s perceived value and relevance to the community has declined.” 2008 – 73% / 2018 – 53%

“Fewer voters are likely to see the library as a resource for children.” 2008 – 71% / 2018 – 51%

Facts don’t deliver votes, solutions do.

Libraries solve problems.

- Cathy DeRosa
“I have been intending to send off congratulations for the library system and for all who labor there to make it wonderful. This is definitely a good use of my tax money. I know safe water and efficient sewer are necessary along with traffic lights, but libraries feed the soul. It was exciting to look for a book, that I considered obscure, but YOU HAVE IT! Actually, it is rare that the system doesn't have the book I want. You are great.

Pass this on to the County Council because they are always looking for something to cut. It shouldn't be the library. Thank you for the good work.

I use Kirkwood Library but other libraries are great because they may have a book for which I am searching. I think everyone in the system should know they are appreciated.”

- DE Library patron, October 2018
https://libraries.delaware.gov/planning-future/
Dewey Trend Data

Reference Questions
Highest activity in assistance with devices and traditional Reader’s Advisory

Program Attendance
Summer Reading, Arts, Jobs, and STEM are most popular

Circulation
Fiction is most popular
Build it, and they will come…

FY2016 & FY2017
Garfield Park Lending Library

FY2018
Route 9 Library & Innovation Center
Unleash Your Potential

For learners of all ages and all interests, a Learning Journal becomes a treasured keepsake that traces lifelong learning and inspiration.

DelawareLibraries.org

Begin today — track your learning for a lifetime!
Download your free kit at http://guides.lib.de.us/unleashinnergenius
Get a Delaware library card today!
Delaware Library Card Campaign
First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney, Honorary Chair

Goal: Half of Delawareans have a library card... help us reach 100% to achieve a Stronger Delaware!

In Delaware, only 52% of children read at grade level by third grade; that number drops to 37% in 17 low income zip codes, including Wilmington, Dover and Western/Central Sussex County.
Children who are competent and passionate readers by 3rd grade have a strong foundation for success in school and in life!

What if you read 4 picture books a day with your child in the first 5 years?

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