

The of the Community




**Simsbury
Public Library**
So much happens here.

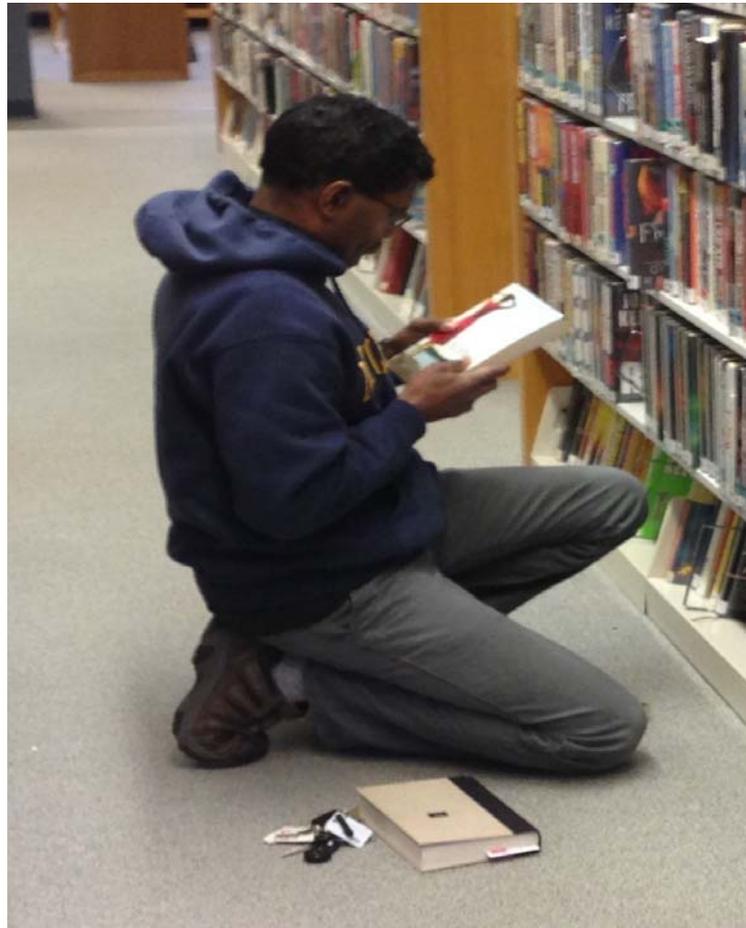
In the Community's Own Words



“I like to come here.
It allows me to
engage with others.”



254,745 Visits



461,477 Materials Borrowed



117,676 Internet Sessions



59,085 Reference Transactions



**27,935 people attended
1,010 programs**



Highest Per Capita

- # of Visits (10.8)
- Circulation (19.5)
- Program Attendance (1.18)

in the Capitol Region

Recognition

Rated 3rd highest in CT in our budget category by Library Journal Index of Public Library Use 2013

behind Darien and New Canaan



Business Resource Center



New Energy, New Ideas,
New Programs
with
New Coordinator
Jenna Mayotte

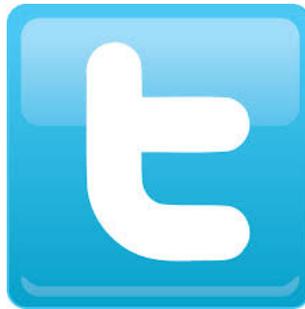
Value Added Services

**Over 185
documents notarized
since the service
began 5 months ago**



Reaching out through Social Media

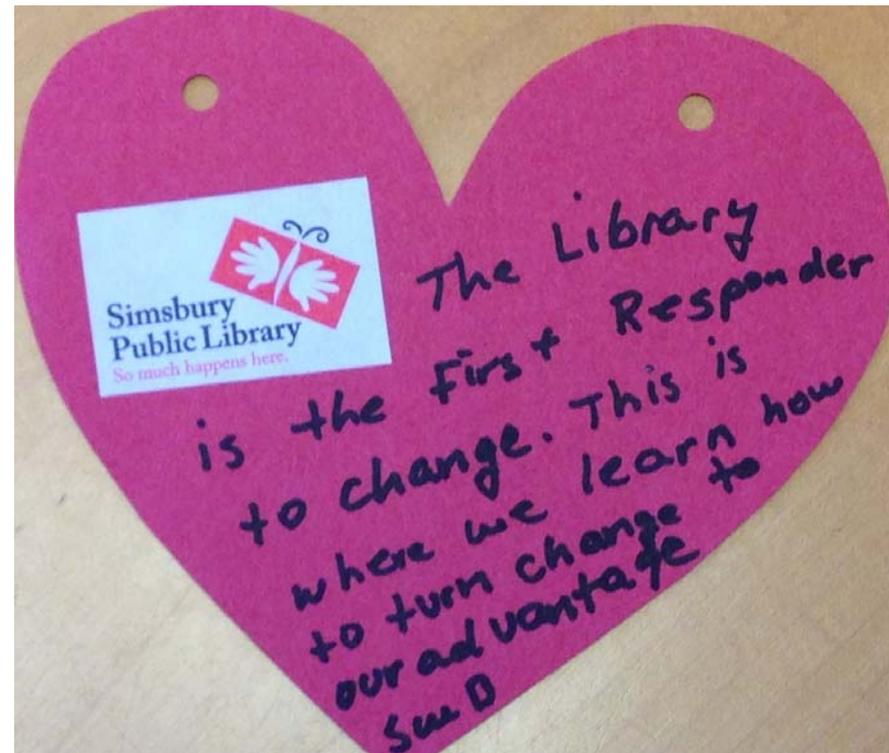
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Not the Library of yesterday

The Library continually reinvents itself to meet the needs of its community.

Technology has changed ways of thinking and learning.



Today's SPL is more about connections than collections

- Connecting people with people
- Connecting people with information
- Connecting people with opportunities
- Connecting people with hands-on learning

The Maker Movement

- Multi-generational
- Hands-on, Do-it-Together
- Collaborative problem solving
- Encourages creation and innovation

“We were looking to share projects and ideas and learn from each other”



Innovation



Innovators' Workshop
@ the
Simsbury Public Library
The next step in Library Service





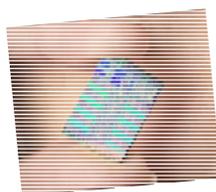
Wanted

Do you – or someone you know - have a skill, a gift or a passion and are willing to share it with others?

The Simsbury Public Library seeks people who are excited about sharing their knowledge with others as part of the Library's ***Innovators' Workshop***



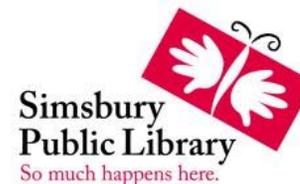
- Raspberry Pi
- Gardening
- Photography
- Art
- Arduino
- Computer Design
- 3-D Printing
- Textiles
- Cooking



Please send your recommendations to
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or calling at 860-658-7663 ext. 2108



Teens are Innovators



Teens are the Future

- Need a safe, supervised space in which to gather
- Need to be engaged beyond the school day
- Need access to technology and resources
- Need opportunities to develop workforce readiness skills
- Need to be empowered
- Need to have connections to other community agencies



SPL Teen Library Services

- Have been planned and positioned over a number of years
- Already established and built upon a core group of teen users
- Additional Teens are involved in planning and running programs in our Innovators' Workshop
- Versatile – Will serve Teens and Reference Departments
- Salary will be funded with savings through attrition



Cost of the Library

\$1.23 a week per capita



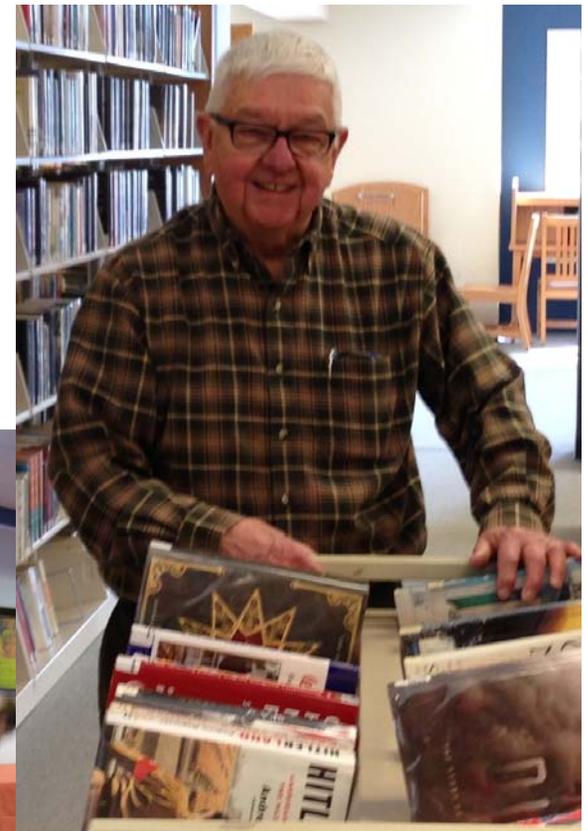
How we make our money go further

- Share services in our region
 - Computer system
 - Collections
 - Group purchasing



....and further

- Rely on volunteers



...and further

- Collaborate
 - Simsbury Historical Society
 - Miss Lisa's Montessori School
 - Simsbury Celebrates
 - Simsbury Free Library
 - Main Street Partnership
 - McLean
 - MakeHartford



...and further

- Partner with schools
 - High School Culinary Arts
 - Summer Reading Program
 - BOE Program Room Use
 - Teacher's Privileges
 - College Prep Workshops
 - Volunteer opportunities



...and further

- Leverage using grant funds

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Who Benefits?

Children & Families



Homeschoolers



Seniors



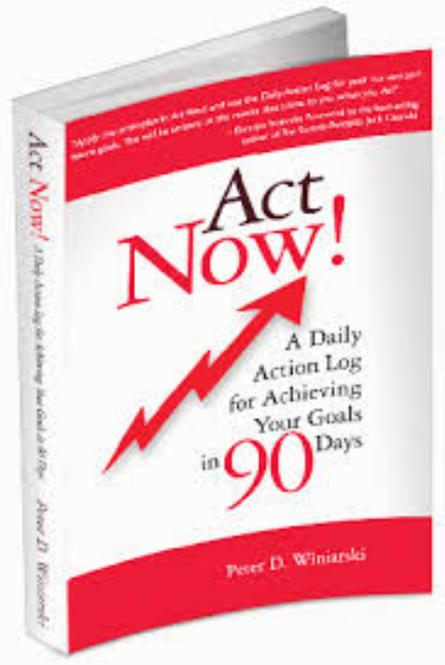
Students



Artists



Authors



Remote Community Users

24/7 access to

- Ebooks
- Audiobooks
- Consumer Reports
- Newspapers, Journals & Magazines
- Health information
- One-on-one job assistance
- Investment tools



Local Businesses and Entrepreneurs





**\$1.23 a week per capita
provides all this...and much more**