

Mohawk Valley Library System: Essential Service



The Mohawk Valley Library System educates, empowers and supports Public Libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties helping libraries enrich their communities.

MVLS Services - Improving Libraries for Area Communities

- Delivery to every site every weekday expanding access to system resources
- A combined library catalog providing access to 2.3 million items
- Coordinating the summer reading program serving 3,000 children each year
- Connecting local libraries to state and national library trends and resources
- Introducing and facilitating access to new resources – e-books, audio, etc.
- Providing access to technology resources: laptop lab, iPads, e-readers
- Meeting the needs of outreach populations – literacy, disadvantaged, etc.
- Providing access to library service where there is no local library

MVLS Services - Saving money for local taxpayers and New York State

- Shared books and other resources save communities \$250,000 per year
132,000 items loaned @ typical cost of \$20 each
- Shared e-resources platform saves \$100,000 per year
13 additional access fees, additional copies of popular materials
- The shared integrated library computer system saves \$100,000 per year
13 stand-alone systems with technical support
- Shared computer and tech administration and support save \$100,000
Maintenance, set-up, repair, network administration & security at 22 libraries & branches
- Free training and consultations on library, building & technology topics
27 workshop sessions and 27,000 consultations in 2015

MVLS Services - Connecting Libraries to the Future

