

Westchester Library System (WLS) Free Direct Access Plan – Revised 4/1/2021

In preparation for submission of WLS's Plan of Service 2022-2026 to the New York State Division of Library Development, the Free Direct Access Plan was reviewed. In addition to needed revisions to dates and a page footer, one item was also added to Section 1 in response to a request by the Public Library Directors Association (PLDA). This addition, shown below in ***bold italic underscored*** font, was made to support the member libraries in allowing limitations to the use of their meeting rooms.

As defined in Commissioner's Regulation §90.3 (a)(8) and required by §90.3 (d)(i), on-site use will be available to any Westchester County resident. However, the following limitation may be imposed as per Section (d)(2)(iii) of Commissioner's Regulation §90.3 and the Division of Library Development Guidelines:

- Member libraries may give preference to the residents of their taxing district for attendance at library programs.
- Member libraries may give preference to the residents of their taxing district in the use of computer and Internet resources.
- ***Member libraries may give preference to the residents and organizations of their taxing district in the reservation and use of meeting rooms.***

In accordance with Section 8 of the Free Direct Access Plan, the proposed revision was reviewed by the Public Library Directors Association (PLDA) and the WLS Board of Trustees and the revised document is being submitted to the 38 member libraries for approval.

Directors are asked to put this matter on the next possible library board meeting agenda for approval and to inform WLS of the board's decision by sending a copy of their board meeting minutes indicating the Free Direct Access Plan vote to Elise Burke either by electronic copy via email [eburke@wlsmail.org] or by hard copy via the routed mail. A simple majority of the 38 member libraries will constitute approval.