

County News Story Ideas

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Getting the Most Out of Your Law Library — *David Belanger, Delaware County Library System*

Counties are required to maintain a law library by state statute, which may not be used to their full extent. There are opportunities for collaboration with public libraries to enhance outreach and improve public awareness of the law library's resources. These opportunities include from answering legal reference questions; including law library holdings in the public library's online catalog; to housing the law library in a public library. (I'd have to survey libraries to confirm.) The article will profile some of collaboration being done across the state.

Communicating with Citizens — *Bernice Crouse, Franklin County Library System*

Public libraries are uniquely positioned in the community to:

- Act as dissemination points for county reports and newsletters.
- Be an authoritative and available public portal for civic information and local government documents.
- Provide venues for public forums and meetings on local issues.
- Provide public space for media, civic and cultural events.

Improving Quality of Life for Seniors — *Jonelle Darr, Cumberland County Library System*

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County-library partnerships focused on families and youth — *Molly Rodgers, Wayne County Libraries*

County departments of Behavioral Health & Early Intervention and Children & Youth are working harder than ever to improve Quality of Life for local families. Public libraries are partnering with county staffs by helping to reach out to and serve families, children, and youth in ways that are reassuring, safe, and welcoming. The article will provide examples of how programming and communication between county agencies, libraries, and other professionals are making a difference.

County-library partnerships focused on early literacy — *Denise Sticha, Berks County Libraries*
Library systems across Pennsylvania are reaching out to our youngest citizens. In Berks County they have two programs, Bookasaurus and our StoryRider, that provide early literacy programming to Head Start classes, preschools, and member libraries.