

Dear Patrons of the Passaic Public Library:

The Passaic Public Library is committed to provide excellent library services to our community. With over 180,000 items in our collections, we expand this selection further by providing access to collections in over 100 other libraries throughout the counties of Passaic, Bergen, Essex and Morris; this service is called Open Borrowing.

Open Borrowing has little or no cost to the Passaic Public Library when materials are borrowed from PALS Plus Member Libraries, located in Passaic and Essex counties. However, when items are borrowed by Passaic cardholders from BCCLS Member Libraries, mostly located in Bergen County, the Passaic Public Library pays a fee per item borrowed through this service. In the current fiscal year ending June 2010, we anticipate expenses to run \$24,000 for the Open Borrowing Program. With impending budget cuts from the State of New Jersey, the sustainability of this service will be evaluated once again. We ask Passaic residents to only use the Passaic Public Library.

We appreciate that Passaic residents are coming to the Passaic Public Library more and more. In calendar year 2009, there was an increase of over 34,000 items borrowed from our library. We thank you.

More patrons are returning materials borrowed from other libraries to that library, thus saving us costs of delivery. We thank you.

Reservations for materials and renewals of items you have borrowed may be made on the Library's webpage: www.passaicpubliclibrary.org or by calling the Library at 973-779-0474, ext. 0. We thank you.

We are now able to automatically remind you when the item you borrowed is due once you give us your e-mail address. We thank you.

We have replaced every computer in the Library with state-of-the-art hard drives and large flat screen terminals. More adults, teens and children are visiting us to use our computers—a 68% increase in computer use for the first three months of 2010. We thank you.

We have decided to open on Sundays 1:00pm – 5:00pm during the summer months of July and August 2010-- to accommodate the needs of every one of all ages in the community. We look forward to seeing you on Sundays this summer.

We invite you to visit us at either one of our two locations: Forstmann Main Library, 195 Gregory Avenue (corner of Passaic Avenue) and Reid Memorial Branch Library, 80 Third Street.

We thank you for your continued support of the Passaic Public Library. We are here to serve all your information needs!

The Board of Trustees --May, 2010