Buildings may be closed, but libraries are still serving their communities!

Virtual Resources

**POWER Library** – is a portal to databases, PA library catalogs, and 24/7 Chat with a Librarian. Public libraries partner with K-12 schools to give students access to a variety of resources: eBooks, magazines, newspapers, historical documents, subscription databases, and photos.

- This is supported in the Library Access line in the state budget and has not been increased since 2013.
- Additional resources added during COVID-19 include college textbooks, elementary and secondary digital libraries, K-6 curriculum lessons, ScienceFLIX, and Audible Kids.

**Virtual programming** – Librarians are being innovative teachers! They use Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and library websites to host live and recorded story times, STEM and maker activities demonstrations, digital escape rooms, and trivia nights for students of all ages!

**No internet?** – Library staffs are calling patrons, particularly seniors, and sharing how residents can access library services from home, library locations where Wi-Fi is extended beyond the building, and even how to complete the Census or sign-up for a mail-in ballot. (Libraries with hotspots were already lending these out to patrons to support access for anyone).

**Never had a library card?** – You can get a temporary card issued right away! Demand for audiobooks, streaming movies and music, and ebooks is up. Library card/eCards have DOUBLED in the last month!