The Westchester Library System has 38 member libraries. Use this link for directions: www.westchesterlibraries.org/about-wls/member-libraries/.

In the past ten years, a number of libraries have either built new buildings or undergone major renovations, with spectacular results. Look at a map of Westchester County and see if you can check out some of these libraries on your way home.

For example, if you are headed north on the NY State Thruway towards the Tappan Zee Bridge, stop by the White Plains Public Library while you are in town, then head to the Greenburgh Public Library on Rt 119 west, which parallels the Thruway/Rt 287. Then continue west on Rt 119 to Rt 9A, head north to Tarrytown/Warner Library, just a few miles. If you keep going north on 9A a little further, you can see the Ossining Public Library. Catch Briarcliff Public Library on your way back south to cross the bridge.

New Buildings:

Greenburgh Public Library (Greenburgh, NY) has a new building, with a Teenburgh section as well as a large children’s space.

Ossining Public Library (Ossining, NY) has a new building with spectacular views of the Hudson River and the Palisades. There is a theater and coffee shop, plus a great teen and children’s area.

Mt. Kisco Public Library (Mt. Kisco, NY) was built to match the style and ambiance of the historic buildings around it. However, the new green Mount Kisco Library is modern in every way. In the Children’s Room, the American Girl dollhouse wall contains a bay window display of dolls from all over the world.

Renovations:

Mamaroneck Public Library (Mamaroneck, NY) opened its new renovated building in 2011. It features, among other elements, bright and attractive children’s and teen spaces. There is a recently-installed mural made by a local Girl Scout troop.

Larchmont Public Library (Larchmont, NY) features the newly renovated Burcell Children's Room, voted Best of Westchester in 2012. The walls are lined with activities, and there is a special reading area, designated “Razzie's corner,” (after a black Labrador retriever,) in which kids can cuddle up with stuffed animals as they read.

Briarcliff Manor Public Library (Briarcliff Manor, NY) was formerly housed in a 1909 Tudor-style train station. The new library building, finished in 2009, is in the same architectural style and includes a children’s room and dedicated teen space.

The Youth Services Section (YSS) of the New York Library Association (NYLA)
**Warner Library** (Tarrytown, NY) has a 1929 building in the Beaux Art style, featuring beautifully restored reading rooms and circulation area, meeting rooms with an incredible view, and vibrant children’s and teen sections.

**Port Chester-Rye Brook Public Library** (Port Chester, NY) underwent renovation improvements including the installation of an elevator, creation of 2 meeting rooms and doubling the size of the Children’s Department.

**Hendrick Hudson Free Library** (Montrose, NY) has a new café and lounge plus recent design additions to the Children’s Room and Teen Room.

**Pound Ridge Library** (Pound Ridge, NY) opened a new Children’s Room on December 7, 2013. The new room is a state-of-the-art facility complete with AWE computers and iPads, plus a lovely reading alcove.

**North Castle Public Library** (Armonk, NY) has had a couple of recent renovations of the teen room. New furniture has been added to give kids more separate areas, and allow for a better flow and more open space.

**John C. Hart Memorial Library** (Yorktown, NY) has recently undergone a renovation in its Children’s Room. The long-overdue update includes brightly painted walls, vivid carpet, and primary colored reupholstered furniture. The “Read & Grow” theme is depicted through beautiful artwork.

**White Plains Public Library**, in White Plains, has a new teen area, The Edge, with a gaming section, learning lab and makerspace. The Trove is the imaginative Children’s Library, renovated 8 years ago with 4 program rooms, computer lab and play area.

**Other Information:**

The **White Plains Metro North Train station** is a short taxicab ride from the Crowne Plaza. Catch a train to New York City! You may want to visit the New York Public and Queens Libraries referred to in the “Science For Kids, Hands-on Style” workshop at the Spring Conference.

And right around the corner from the Crowne Plaza you will find...

The **Westchester Mall** is immediately adjacent.

**Whole Foods** is across the street on the other side of the Cheesecake Factory. It features a great hot and cold salad bar, take-out or eat-in, and is open late.

**Stop & Shop** is a few blocks in the opposite direction, on the other side of the Westchester Mall.

Be sure to check out the **White Plains Business Improvement District White Plains Dining Guide** and discount card available at the conference registration table!