

Proof of Concept: Frank E. Merriweather Jr. Library

- ◆ Opening April 1, 2006 the City's Frank E. Merriweather Library directly replaced the aging N. Jefferson Branch and, due to Erie County budget cutbacks, provides service to those who used the former Kensington and Fronczak Branches which closed in late 2005.
- ◆ The new, bigger, better library has been extremely well received by the community. **In September 2006, the library circulated MORE than the three former libraries COMBINED** circulated in September 2005. Computer use was **EVEN HIGHER** than use of the three libraries in 2005, making Merriweather the **2nd busiest library for computer use in the entire B&ECPL** (behind the Central Library).
- ◆ The new library is completely accessible to those with disabilities and provides ample, flexible meeting space; a full service auditorium; convenient and well-lit parking; and attractive, comfortable areas for patrons to utilize the collections, technology, programs and other resources.

