2019 was an exciting year of community connection and civic engagement for York County Libraries. The launch of our uniquely branded capital campaign for three of our library facilities drew countywide interest and support as we neared our $5M goal at year-end. The inaugural graduation ceremony of ‘1000 Books Before Kindergarten’ and prominent State awards were a few other capstones of our year. Best of all, countywide service to 1.1M visitors speaks volumes as to how much York County values its libraries. A peek at what we’ve been up to is the story of our Community Benefit Report.

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2019 in Review

**Imagine. Discover. Connect.** YCL celebrated the April launch of a $5M community capital campaign to renovate and expand three of its library facilities. Martin Library, Kreutz Creek Library and Kaltreider-Benfer Library are poised to be transformed into state-of-the art library spaces. The campaign marks the first simultaneous, multi-location expansion project in York County Libraries 45-year history.

**Sensory Story Times.** York County Libraries countywide Sensory Story Times reached young children ages birth to pre-K, with Interactive Story Time sessions bringing children fun and education through interactive play, games, music, and more.

**Part of the Story.** YCL’s county-wide book program gave teens ages 13 to 18 the opportunity to learn about real-life issues and their impact on our community. Author K.M. Walton’s ‘Cracked’ gave insight into violence and bullying, topics of the program’s 2019 theme. Teens attended author workshops, culminating in the creation of billboard designs to capture the powerful theme. Judges selected the winning design which was prominently featured on four billboards in York County.

**2019 Best of...** York County Libraries was well-represented at the 2019 Pennsylvania Library Association Conference, with five of ten awards presented to our libraries and staff. Best Practices by category: Pride Dance - Martin Library (High School category); Escape Book Club - Kaltreider-Benfer Library (School Age category); Beyond Our Walls: Read Me a Story - York County Libraries (Family/Multi-generational category). Humanities in Action Award and the David J. Roberts EXCEL Award “Best of the Best” were presented to the Youth Empowerment Summit - York County Libraries.

**A Universe of Stories.** York County Libraries 2019 SummerQuest partnership with “Get Outdoors (GO) York!” of WellSpan Health served an enthusiastic 9,607 participants reading an impressive 5,882,139 minutes and hiking a healthy 29,053 miles throughout our York County parks.

**Honoring Community Members.** York County Libraries hosted six Honors Events in 2019 recognizing individuals for their commitment to the community. Honorees: Paula Gilbert (Martin Library); Georg Sheets (Martin Library); Dan & Sue Frey (Guthrie Memorial Library); Tom & Betty Healy (Paul Smith Library of Southern York County); Sean Clark (Kreutz Creek Library); Dr. David Renaut (Glatfelter Memorial Library). Community members and supporters enjoyed special tribute events at their treasured local library.

**Community Support:**

- Anne & Philip Glatfelter III Family Foundation
- BB&T Bank
- The Donald B. & Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation
- The Donley Foundation
- Glatfelter Insurance Group
- The Graham Group
- M&T Bank
- PeoplesBank
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- York Traditions Bank
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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten — a simple premise with profound results. Read 1000 books with your newborn, infant, toddler, or preschooler before they begin kindergarten and they’ll benefit for a lifetime! More than 2,000 children reading books with their families participated in our program’s first year, doubling our goal of 1,000!

On August 1, 2019, York County Libraries celebrated the achievements of 68 young learners in the first annual graduation event. In just nine months each of these remarkable graduates reached a milestone of reading 1000 books. Keynote speaker Kelly Starling Lyons, award-winning children’s author, spoke to the graduates and their families.

Parents and educators participated in a daylong workshop about trends in early education, diversity, equity and inclusion, helping child victims of trauma, and new and diverse children’s literature.

York County Libraries is excited to expand the program in the coming year.

Sources of Funds:

- $2.3M Business Revenue
- $2M Private Support
- $4.7M Government Support

Total Budget: $9M

Key Results:

- 1.1M visitors to 13 library locations
- 1.8M website visits
- 8,468 programs offered to 187,945 attendees
- 377,741 computer uses
- 1.5 million items borrowed
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DILLSBURG
DOVER
ETTERS  Red Land
GLEN ROCK  Arthur Hufnagel
HANOVER  Guthrie
HELLAM  Kreutz Creek
JACOBUS  Village
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