2020 ♦ COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

We are grateful and inspired by the resilience and perseverance of our community during the course of a global pandemic. We are proud of how our libraries stepped up to serve, reaching communities through technology in ways never done before. With support from our county, donors, and designated grant funding, libraries created safe spaces for the community to access resources, and to help students successfully navigate a remote learning environment. As communities are restored to a safe place of normalcy, our libraries continue to meet the ever-changing needs of those we serve.

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2020 in Review

Libraries went above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding resources to meet the needs of our users. Whether in person or virtually, libraries offered opportunities to explore new worlds and discover best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.

**Imagine. Discover. Connect.** York County Libraries’ Capital Campaign topped our $5M fundraising goal! Exciting plans for construction, renovation and expansion roll out in 2021.

**Imagine Your Story.** York County Libraries 2020 SummerQuest partnership with “Get Outdoors (GO) York!” of WellSpan Health served an enthusiastic 3,637 participants reading an impressive 2,085,477 minutes and hiking a healthy 17,788 miles throughout our York County Parks.

**Youth Empowerment Summit (YES).** The annual summit celebrated its 14th year with 18 teens in grades 9 through 12 representing nine York County school districts attending the exclusive online event. Noted a 12th grade participant, “I am very thankful for this opportunity, and I feel like the experiences and connections I have made in the last couple of hours are really going to open some amazing opportunities for me in the future.”

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten.** York County Libraries culminated a successful second year by recognizing 192 children and their families during the Second Annual 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration. Program participants collectively read an impressive total of 199,228 books!

**Celebration of Poetry.** We celebrate our newest poets right here in south central Pennsylvania! Each year, students from across York and Adams Counties submit their best poems for our annual Celebration of Poetry. Students from 1st to 12th grade submitted 379 poems; winning poems premiered on YouTube in April.

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**Community Support:** Our thanks to our partners, sponsors and all who support York County Libraries.

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2020 Messages from the Community

“Thank you! We appreciate all the story times and videos for our children. They love to be able to ‘reread’ books they like the most.”

“A huge thanks to the ladies at the library! Your welcoming of the girls and their message made a really positive impact! They have been enjoying all the art and STEM packets. They have been a wonderful addition to a very unplanned summer... Thank you for all your hard work!”

“I am so appreciative of the library and of you. It’s a little bit of normal for the kids.”

“I am SOOOOO excited about the library opening up! I think my daughter read 600 minutes in two days and is desperate for more books!”

“Thank you for unlocking the imaginations and building up the minds of generations of York countians for years and years to come. One of York’s invaluable treasures!”

“Thanks for all you do to continue to allow us to read and keep us safe!”

“There was a grin under my mask. I was so happy to be ‘home’ for a quick visit.”

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$8.4M Total Budget

**Sources of Funds:**

- $1.6M Business Revenue
- $1.2M Private Support
- $5.6M Government Support

**Uses of Funds:**

- $5.7M Personnel
- $1.3M Operations
- $1.4M Collections & Programs

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288,485 visitors to 13 library locations
106,369 website visits

**Key Results:**

- 2,876 programs offered to 33,620 attendees*
  *277 live virtual programs; 350 STEAM programs with 4,381 attendees.
- 812,128 items borrowed

33,000 computer uses
Our Locations

BROGUE  Collinsville
DILLSBURG
DOVER
ETTERS  Red Land
GLEN ROCK  Arthur Hufnagel
HANOVER  Guthrie
HELLAM  Kreutz Creek

JACOBUS  Village
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