



2022 ■ COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

York County Libraries are grateful for so much in 2022 as we progress through a busy and productive 2023.

We are grateful for library professionals throughout our county who serve our visitors and members with professionalism, civility, kindness, and knowledge each week. We are grateful for all members of our dedicated and gracious Boards of Directors who have served with distinction and forged a promising future. We are grateful for you, our supporters, donors, customers, and cardholders, and the more than one million annual borrowing of resources. We thank you all.

Libraries bring us together, and they serve all. They unite us. Our libraries are us. They are the healthy heartbeats of our town and county seat. They personify the best of us and the best of York County. They represent a grand quest for building educated curious workforces, strong circular economies, and beloved communities.

Thank you so much for supporting, visiting, and energizing libraries throughout York County.

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2022 in Review



Oceans of Possibilities. York County Libraries' SummerQuest program celebrated its 15th year of partnering with "Get Outdoors (GO) York!" of WellSpan Health. Participation rose to nearly 7,500 registrants, a 37% increase over 2021. Library members of all ages read an impressive 4,708,168 minutes and attended 1,082 events and activities offered both online and in our 13 libraries around York County. SummerQuest was made possible by the support of The York Water Company, WellSpan Health, and The GIANT Company.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten. York County Libraries celebrated 88 children completing 1000 books in a celebration ceremony held at Martin Library. These enthusiastic learners read a combined total of 97,035 books! Since the program's launch in 2018, a total of 786,265 books have been read by children from birth to pre-k. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten was made possible by funding support from the Richard S. & Ann B. Barshinger Family Foundation.



Part of the Story. Part of the Story 2022 took place in the newly opened Kreutz Creek Library, featuring *The Grief Keeper* by Alexandra Villasante. The author led an interactive workshop for teens in grades 9-12 about her book, its themes, and her writing process. This unique and engaging book-based program had 75 teens discussing topics with real-life impact.



Expanding Horizons. York County Libraries offered five reading challenges for adults. Reading challenges are designed to inspire, motivate, and encourage the love of reading, and YCL offered a variety of themes allowing participants to focus on exploring cultures and learning about themselves through self-reflecting activities. One participant shared "...sometimes the value and impact of the new knowledge can help break barriers and open conversation with others." During these goal setting activities, 657 adults read a total 324,910 minutes. Thanks to funding from The York County Community Foundation and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, YCL is growing a diverse inventory of collections.



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Thanks to all who support York County Libraries, including our partners and sponsors:

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Imagine — Discover — Connect!

In 2019, York County Libraries launched a campaign to reimagine and transform three libraries: Martin Library, Kreutz Creek Library, and Kaltreider-Benfer Library into state-of-the-art library facilities. The renovations and expansions would enhance each location’s capacity to grow its services to meet the ever-changing needs of York County’s children, teens, and adults.

In 2022 the first of our library projects was complete, with a Ribbon-cutting and Grand Opening Celebration at Kreutz Creek Library in April, welcoming members to enjoy the new, larger space. Martin Library soon followed, with celebrations kicking off in July with a Ribbon-cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening events. A Block Party concluded the celebrations with hundreds of York residents enjoying food, fun, and music. 2022 also marked the start of construction at Kaltreider-Benfer Library in Red Lion with plans for re-opening in Spring 2023.



These three projects mark the first simultaneous, multi-location expansion in York County Libraries’ 48-year history. Thank you to our generous donors and supporters for making these projects happen!

\$7.2M Total Budget

Sources of Funds:



Uses of Funds:



Key Results:



- 3,063 programs offered to 71,765 attendees
- 137,809 wi-fi uses; 28,282 computer uses
- 1,229,659 items borrowed



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