

As we look back on 2025, we celebrate a year fueled by purpose and partnership, defined by bold growth, and measured by powerful impact. 2025 was a year of strategic momentum, as we brought our community together with programs and events focused on literacy and lifelong learning.

**Strengthening Our Programs.** Partnering with the York Symphony Orchestra, we conducted our first Symphony Story Time in six of our libraries for our youngest members and their families. We expanded our Youth Empowerment Summit for teens to a two-day event on campus at York College of Pennsylvania.

**Building Financial Sustainability.** We added two new signature fundraisers, Beyond the Books and Literacy for Change. Guided by our 2023–2025 strategic plan, these initiatives seek to address the uncertainties of public funding while sustaining our mission.

**Planning for the Future.** Our 2026-2028 strategic plan charts a clear path for growth. We will continually review and refine it to stay on course, maximize our impact, and achieve our goals.

We recognize with heartfelt gratitude the invaluable contributions from our dedicated staff, Boards, Friends, volunteers, and community supporters. Success is driven by their commitment to furthering our mission to strengthen the York County community and to enrich individual lives.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support! We look forward to another year of growth and positive impact in York County.

## 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

**129,863**

Active Card Holders  
34% Kids & Teens/66% Adults

**616,150** Visitors

**1,422,557**  
Total Items Borrowed

**\$29,244,760**

Total Value of Items

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# York County Libraries

***In 2025, York County Libraries launched two signature fundraisers, following a strategic planning process which identified the need to strengthen long-term financial sustainability. We are proud to share the results of these initiatives!***



Above: David Baldacci with attendees at The Appell Center.

The inaugural **Beyond the Books** author event was held on May 21, 2025, at the Appell Center for the Performing Arts featuring international bestselling author, David Baldacci. More than 500 enthused attendees joined us for the chance to meet the author for an autograph and capture the moment with a photo. Beyond the Books promotes reading and community engagement.

Left to Right: Baldacci with **Presenting Sponsor John M. & Maria A. Polli**, speaking during the event, and during the book signing.



*I don't know what we would do without the library. It's more than just books. It's the whole community. It's a whole family. — Joy Best, Collinsville Community Library Member*



With the generous support of our Partner Foundations and hundreds of other individuals and businesses, York County Libraries launched **Literacy for Change**. Together, we raised critical funds, expanded access to literacy initiatives, increased community awareness, and strengthened lifelong learning throughout York County.

Together, media partners, fundraisers, library members, Board of Directors, and staff championed the library's essential role in literacy and lifelong learning. Our community responded with 497 generous contributions totaling \$238,115.

While Literacy for Change culminates in an annual Day of Giving, it represents a year-round commitment to expanding access to education, information, and support. Literacy for Change is a change engine that lifts up our shared community, while strengthening the individuals and families who call York County their home.



Meagan Given with our Literacy for Change signpost

# 2025 Program Highlights

**SummerQuest** "Color Our World" offered kids, teens, and adults endless ways to stay active in mind and body all summer long. Registered participants of all ages logged an incredible **4,389,524 minutes** of reading. We hosted free, fun activities for **33,990 attendees** who attended **1,029 events** across York County.



SummerQuest Kickoff at Glatfelter Memorial Library



**1000 Books Before Kindergarten** is a research-backed program preparing children for school success by increasing letter recognition, building vocabulary, and fostering a lifelong love of reading. We registered **795 new participants** and recognized **147 children** at a special celebration at Dover Library as they reached 1000 books!

1000 Books Celebration with Tia Flora character at Dover Community Building



**GOAL: Grade One At the Library** helped **2,215 first graders** from **178 classrooms** around York County receive books, special programs, and technology accessed by their very own library card. Each year, library staff visit first grade classrooms and encourage students to join GOAL.



GOAL Celebration with Author Laura Gehl at Kaltreider-Benfer Library



**York Cosplay!** YCL's teen program fosters authenticity, inclusivity, and confidence through creative self-expression. Three hands-on workshops culminated in the York Cosplay! Con and teen fashion show with **130 teens** who brought their favorite fandom characters to life!

York Cosplay! Con at Martin Library



**Story Time** sessions increase attention span, early group experiences, and opportunities for children and caregivers to bond. **1,196 story sessions** reached **33,391 children** in 2025!

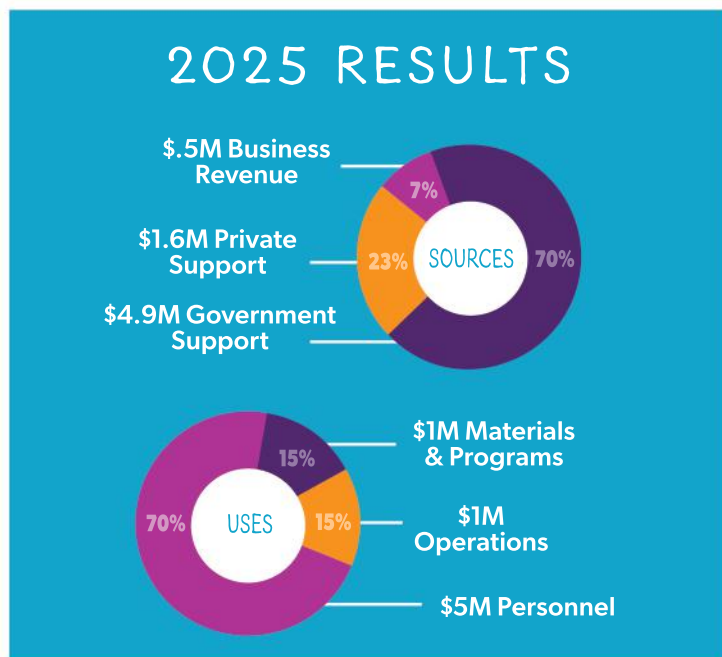
Outdoor Story Time at Springettsbury Township Park



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**DILLSBURG**  
**DOVER**  
**ETTERS** Red Land  
**GLEN ROCK** Arthur Hufnagel  
**HANOVER** Guthrie  
**HELLAM** Kreutz Creek  
**JACOBUS** Village  
**RED LION** Kaltreider-Benfer  
**SHREWSBURY** Paul Smith  
**SPRING GROVE** Glatfelter  
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**YORK CITY** Martin

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