

Greetings,

JANUARY 2022



and warm wishes to you as you begin a new year. I'm Anna D'Agostino, the new Director of the Eastern Lancaster County Library, and I'd like to tell you a little about where the library has been, where we are going, and; most importantly, ask,

What can the library do for you?

The library was here for our community during the global pandemic, offering storytime events, cooking classes, book discussions, exercise classes, and more virtually through our social media and Zoom. Staff created weekly "take-and-make" kits themed for toddlers, preschoolers, and STEM, allowing families to extend their learning at home. We reopened as soon as possible, offering curbside pickup; a building reorganized & optimized for socially-distanced browsing, checkouts, & computer use; and other creative solutions to offer maximum service, access, and learning, while maintaining an environment conducive to health and safety.

And now, following a transitional year, we are back to offering even more! We are open our full 51 hours per week, including evening & weekend hours. ***Weekly Preschool & Toddler storytimes have resumed, in-person & indoors***, as have lively book discussions & craft clubs. Other in-person programs & special events are gradually being re-introduced, while some options for curbside pickup, virtual programs, and take-and-makes will continue.

Of course, we're about more just than books & storytimes! ***We aspire to be a community center aiding in the creation of a stronger and healthier community and civil society.*** It's my vision as Library Director to make this aspiration a reality, ***by partnering with local governments, business organizations, educational institutions, and community groups to position the library to be the ELANCO Community's all-inclusive resource for education, empowerment, enlightenment, enrichment, and entertainment.*** To give but one example of what this looks like: In January-March, we're collaborating with the Eastern Lancaster School District & Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health to offer a seven-week *Strengthening Families* program, an evidence-based, nationally recognized curriculum designed for parents/caregivers & youth ages 10-14, to strengthen family bonds, encourage resilience, and avoid substance use by learning to manage emotions, build peer pressure-resistance skills, set goals, and make good decisions. Other offerings are in the works! Please visit the library & check our website often to find out about new initiatives.

My question to you is, ***how does what the library can offer fit in with YOUR goals? What can we do for you?*** Please call or email any time you'd like to chat, float a request or suggestion, or arrange for a personal tour of the library. Also, I'd like to offer to meet you at your office or at another location *of your convenience*, Monday-Saturday, 8am-3pm, to brainstorm how the library can help you – contact me to arrange something. Representatives from the Library's Board of Trustees will continue to attend evening municipal meetings January-April, and I will be joining them for some meetings May-September.

Thanks for all you do for the ELANCO Community, and I look forward to working together this year.

Sincerely,

Anna D'Agostino

Director, Eastern Lancaster County Library

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

REGULAR HOURS

Monday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

2022 HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

CLOSED: Saturday, January 1, 2022

CLOSED: Monday, January 17, 2022

Close at 2pm: Friday, April 15, 2022

CLOSED: Monday, April 18, 2022

CLOSED: Monday, May 30, 2022

CLOSED: Monday, July 4, 2022

CLOSED: Monday, September 5, 2022

Close at 4pm: Wednesday, September 28

CLOSED: Friday, November 11, 2022

Close at 2pm: Wednesday, November 23, 2022

CLOSED: Thursday, November 24, 2022

CLOSED: Saturday, December 24, 2022

CLOSED: Saturday, December 31, 2022

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The ELANCO Library Board Board of Trustees is seeking a new member. Would you like to have an influence on library services & programs, take on a volunteer leadership role with the library, and serve & connect with others in our local community?

Email Anna at adagostino@elancolibrary.org to learn more.

Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion

Monday, January 3 at 2 p.m.

We'll be exploring & pondering *The Nickel Boys: A Novel* by Colson Whitehead. Everyone is invited to join us!

Buckhill Sleuths' Book Discussion

Monday, January 24 at 2 p.m.

We'll be discussing *One Last Lie* by Paul Doiron.

All are welcome!

Preschool Storytime - Indoors!

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

For Ages 3-6, siblings welcome!

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, or movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

Toddler Thursdays - Indoors!

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

For Ages 1-3, siblings welcome!

Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot and hop between stories selected to promote language development. All adults are expected to participate and encourage the children to join in the fun.

A ROYAL Winter Reading Challenge (for ages 5 to 15)

To play:

- Visit the library to get your reading log.
- Read for 20 minutes a day for 30 days between November 15 & February 1, 2022. (The 30 days do not have to be consecutive.) Log your reading.
- Bring your completed log to the library.
- Receive a coupon with a code that gets you a FREE Kid's Ticket to a Reading Royals Hockey game.