

SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO OUR COMMUNITY

MARCH 2025



Can we calculate it? Well, we can multiply the number of checkouts for various types of items by the average retail cost of that item. By that math, we can determine that *in 2024, ELANCO Library patrons got a physical item value of \$3,560,736!* That's an average of *\$536 per cardholder!* But the community space; the programs; the expertise; the support; the online resources; the *education, empowerment, enlightenment, enrichment, and entertainment from reading;* and everything else that comes with your local library? *Priceless.*

Other ways ELANCO Library made an impact in 2024...

During the Summer Reading Program, children aged 5 to 19 read for a total of **17,245 hours** – that's the equivalent of **726 days!** In addition, **14,968 books** were read aloud to children aged birth to 4. **1,374** children participated.

We distributed more than **2,300 free books** to residents of the municipalities we serve!

We conducted **58 outreach events** conveniently bringing library programs, materials, and services directly to schools & and other community venues.

A total of **8,610 people** attended the **299 community events** we offered!

3,689 people used the library's public computers for a total of **2,197 hours**; and **6,516** unique devices connected to the library's public wi-fi network.

715 people registered for a new library card!

ELANCO Library's 2024 door count was **56,646**.

ELANCO Library's cardholders checked out **186,345** physical materials in 2024.

159,957

BOOKS

1,416

KITS, TOYS, & GAMES

457

MAGAZINES

17,579

DVDS & VIDEO

6,806

AUDIOBOOKS & CDS

130

OTHER ITEMS

+ instant online access to materials
*pro-rated across county usage by percent of cardholders



626

POWER LIBRARY

research & entertainment resources through partnership with the Office of Commonwealth Libraries

14,724

EBOOKS, EAUDIO, & EMAGAZINES

Libby & Flipster

115,129

BUSINESS REFERENCE

business profiles & residential records through AtoZ Databases

54

LOCAL NEWS

including LNP articles, through NewsBank

65

TUTORING & TEST PREP

school and career help with Mometrix & other resources

120

EARLY LEARNING

with Tumblebooks and ABC Mouse

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Music & Movement: American Treasures

Mondays at 10:30am - For ages 0-6, siblings welcome!

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language. This month, we'll sing, listen, and read our way through the great musical traditions of the United States.

Preschool Storytime: Weather

Tuesdays at 10:30am - For ages 4-6, siblings welcome!

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Look up in the sky, what do you see? This month we will focus on stories and activities that explore weather and the seasons!

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 3:30pm

Join Miss Jen on Tuesdays during the school year for an hour of crafts, games, snacks and more! No registration required. For tweens and teens. Schedule:

3/4: Board Games Day

3/11: Social Issues (Artificial Intelligence)

3/18: 3-Dux Dream Apartment

3/25: STEM Robots

Toddler Thursdays: Weather

Thursdays at 10:30am - For ages 0-3, siblings welcome!

Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot, and hop with stories selected to promote language development. All adults are expected to participate and encourage the children to join in the fun. Look up in the sky, what do you see? This month we will focus on stories and activities that explore weather and the seasons!

Read Aloud with Pepper the Dog!

Saturday, March 1 at 2pm

Children of all ages are invited to spend some time with and read aloud to Pepper, a friendly and adorable Labrador Retriever who will be accompanied by Mrs. Carol Stark.

Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion

Monday, March 3 at 2pm

All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion. The book selection for March is: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins.

Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club

Monday, March 10 at 6:30pm

Are you crafty with a needle (or two)? Would you like a little company to talk shop with while you knit or crochet? Join us at the Library! Beginners welcome! We'll get you started on your first project. For all ages.

LEGO Creation Club

Thursday, March 13 at 6pm

Once a month, we'll build themed creations out of Lego® Bricks that will be displayed in the Library. Recommended for ages 8+ and siblings.

Happy Birthday Pennsylvania!

Saturday, March 8 at 12pm

Join us to celebrate King Charles II granting William Penn the charter to found the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a Happy Birthday Pennsylvania Party! This event will include a potluck lunch, a costume contest, and a dramatic reading of the entire Charter. Guests are invited (but not required) to bring a dish to share. Attendees are welcome to come in historical costume, if they like, and one adult and one child will be chosen as the winner of the best costume. The Charter will be read aloud by interested adults, teens, and children who attend the event - we will pass around a large-print copy, and many people will read a section each. For all ages.

Lunch & Learn for Homeschoolers: Intro to Online Learning

Saturday, March 15 at 12pm

Attention homeschool families! ELANCO Library has a plethora of online resources that can help supplement your curriculum, including...

- Reliable reference and information resources on science, history, social studies, current events, literature, and more
- Tools to assist with learning a second language
- Test preparation resources to help your student get ready for their next steps in college, career, or military
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines that you can borrow for free with your library card

Please join us in the library's Community Room for an introduction to these resources! Free pizza will be provided for those who do! To ensure that we have the proper amount of pizza, pre-registration is required. Visit www.elancolibrary.org to register. Come prepared with your own personal questions, research inquiries, and individual library needs - there will be plenty of time for Q & A! For a preview and more information on the library's online resources, see: <https://elancolibrary.org/lynx-eresources-for-everyone/>

Researching Family History: Getting Started, presented by Aimee Caya, LancasterHistory

Wednesday, March 26 at 2pm

The program will give attendees guidance on how to begin compiling family histories, with a focus on researching ancestors in Lancaster County. Aimee Caya is the Director of Library and Research Services at LancasterHistory, where she helps visitors to the Research Center look for information about their Lancaster County ancestors or satisfy their curiosity about local history.