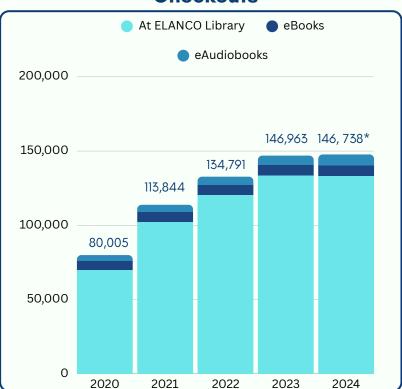
LIBRARIES REMAIN RELEVANT

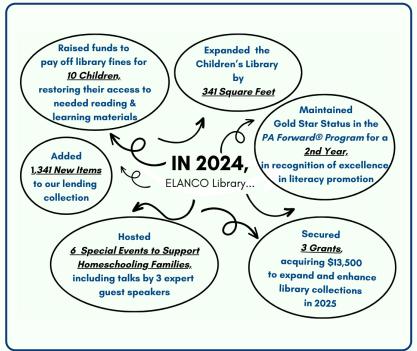
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Checkouts

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Community Impact



In 2024:

3,689 used the library's public computers for a total of 2,197 hours.

6,516 unique devices connected to the library's free WiFi network.

www.elancolibrary.org was visited 51,665 times.

Door Count

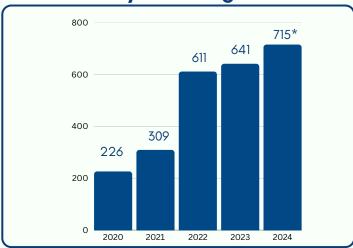


2022: 52,277

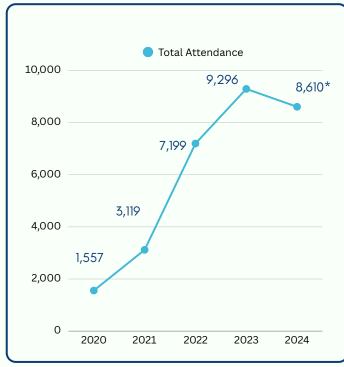
2023: 56,186

2024: 56,646*

New Library Card Registrations



Educational Programs & Special Events



ELANCO Library offered 299* programs in 2024!

*ELANCO Library's Children's Library, and the Library's entire Lower Level, closed for renovations on January 6, 2024 and re-opened on May 30,2024. During that time, approximately 30% of the Library's collection was UNAVAILABLE for browsing and checkout, and the library offered fewer programs than usual. Despite this, new library card registrations increased significantly, door count increased modestly, checkouts remained nearly identical, and program attendance decreased only modestly, from 2023 to 2024.



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Music & Movement: Our Multi-Colored Natural World

Mondays at 10:30am (Ages 0-6 & siblings)

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, all while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language.

Preschool Storytime: Transportation

Tuesdays at 10:30am (Ages 4-6 & siblings)

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

Toddler Thursdays: Transportation

Thursdays at 10:30am (Ages 0-3 & siblings)

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.

Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion

Monday, August 4 at 2pm

All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion about *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. For adults.

Trash to Treasure with Lancaster County Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, August 6 at 11am

The Conestoga River runs right through Lancaster County and into the Susquehanna. Along the way, glass products find their way into the waterway and become smoothed over time making a "sea glass" of sorts. Join us in learning a little bit about our local waterways and watersheds while giving new life to waste in making a water glass hanging. When completed, take it home and hang it somewhere that will catch your eye! For teens and tweens.

Beginning Origami Workshop with Kerrin Barelli

Saturday, August 9 at 2pm

Origami has long been recognized for its ability to enhance concentration, reduce stress, foster creativity, and improve problem-solving skills! This workshop is sponsored by the Center for Creative Exploration at Pennsylvania College of Art & Design and presented by instructor Kerrin Barelli. We will delve into the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, using a single square of paper to create simple yet beautiful designs. No prior experience is required! Notes: This is a seated one-hour class. Please bring a notebook for taking notes. Supplies are provided for your use. For adults and teens aged 16+.







PLEASE TURN IN YOUR READING LOGS BY AUGUST 16!

It's not too late to sign up for ELANCO Library's **Summer Reading Program, Color Our World!** Visit ELANCO Library to pick up your challenge log and get **started reading now** so that you can make the August 16 deadline! Everyone aged 19 and younger who completes the challenge will receive **a free scoop of ice cream at Fox Meadows Creamery** and a coupon sheet which provides **free admission to many exciting local destinations, free food at several local eateries, and much more!**Children aged 5 to 9 who complete the challenge plus five extra hours of reading will also receive a **Free Admission Ticket to Dutch Wonderland!**

Hooks and Needles: Yarn Craft Club

Monday, August 11 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 on the first floor of the Library! Beginners welcome! We'll get you started on your first project.

Glitter Critters with Lancaster County Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, August 13 at 11am

Learn about all that shimmers and sparkles in the animal world while looking at pictures and preserved specimens. Paint a beetle picture using natural mica glitter to take home. Best for ages 6-10 but all are welcome.

Social Security: Your Questions Answered, Presented by Allen Wessel

Thursday, August 14 at 6pm

Social Security likely will be the foundation of your retirement income. We'll discuss how Social Security fits into your retirement income plan, when you should start taking benefits, and tax considerations. Come prepared with your own questions, as there will be time for Q & A and discussion following the presentation. Allen Wessel is a Certified Financial Planner with over 25 years of experience. He currently works as a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones, New Holland.

A Trip to the Seaside

Wednesday, August 20 at 2pm

Adults experiencing dementia or other brain changes are invited to connect with others and enjoy *A Trip to the Seaside* by Kate Chesters, an adult book written and designed for adults with brain changes. Facilitated by Janie Martin, Dementia Educator and Consultant, ForgeWorks.

LEGO Creation Club

Thursday, August 28 at 6pm

Once a month, we'll build themed creations out of Lego® Bricks that will be displayed throughout the library. For ages 8+ and siblings.