

DISCOVER, GROW, ENJOY FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Travel Near and Far with Your Library Card!

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The Pennsylvania Library Association's 21st Century Literacies Initiative, PA Forward®, was conceived to give voice to what the library community already knows, and what other states throughout the nation are also recognizing:

With the right support, libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens.

Libraries have moved far beyond just being book repositories. They're agile institutions serving real-life needs. Libraries are the key to powering progress and elevating the quality of life in Pennsylvania by fueling the types of knowledge essential to success.

PA FORWARD  **PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARIES**



Talk Derby to Me

Save the Date for the third annual Kentucky Derby Party! This event benefits the Coyle Free Library and will be held on May 3rd at 5pm. Tickets and more information are available [here](#)!

Near & Far Beanstack Challenge

Our next Beanstack challenge - Near & Far with Your Library Card - begins April 1st and runs through April 30th. Sign up online or stop at your local library branch for more information.



UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES

Easter Holiday

Friday, April 18



Saturday, April 19

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26



Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19



Independence Day

Friday, July 4



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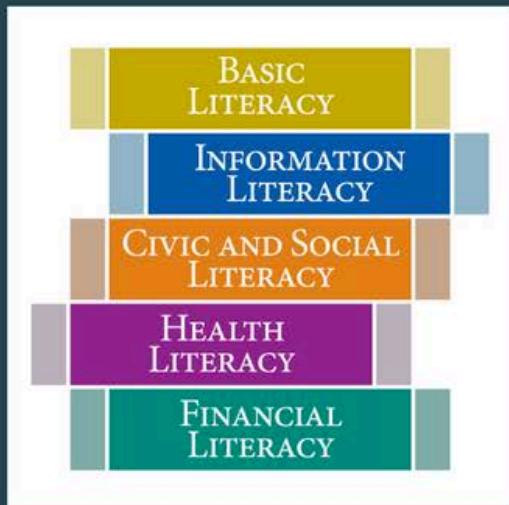
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FCLS = Silver Star PA Forward Library

The Franklin County Library System is working toward Gold Star status in the PA Forward initiative. We've already achieved our Bronze Star and the Health Literacy Silver Star, and we're working toward silver stars in the remaining four literacies. Read on to learn more about why PA Forward matters.

WHAT IS PA FORWARD[®] PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARIES AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

PA Forward is an initiative aimed at showcasing the importance of libraries and their position in their communities as “community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens” (PA Forward website).



Libraries are more than just books, we are learning institutions that “create learning opportunities that lead to personal discovery, growth, and enjoyment” (FCLS website).

The five literacies identified by PA Forward fuel the types of knowledge essential to success and by following the Star Program, libraries can further show that they are an integral part of our societies that add untold value to their communities.

HEALTH

Perhaps the most obvious of the five, health literacy revolves around one's ability to meet their physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental health needs. At FCLS libraries, we offer an array of programs and resources focused on health literacy including books, online resources, in-person programs, and community partnerships.

BASIC

Basic Literacy is the foundation of learning and includes reading, writing, math, job research and the application process, and the overall life skills needed for prosperity. At FCLS, we thrive on basic literacy programs ranging from storytimes for little ones to computer classes for all ages.

INFORMATION

Information Literacy centers around cognitive thinking and the ability to recognize fact vs. fiction. Understanding and communicating in different ways is another essential part of furthering oneself in life. Our ever-expanding library collection includes more than just books - we have tools, baking equipment, games, tents, kites, appliances, and more to further this literacy.

FINANCIAL

The most stressful of all literacies: financial. Understanding how to earn, save, spend, and donate money responsibly is what financial literacy is all about. FCLS has a partnership with F&M Bank centered around helping our patrons become more fluent in financial literacy, as well as materials and programs.

CIVIC/SOCIAL

Civic and Social Literacy focuses on engagement in discourse while remaining respectful of other viewpoints and opinions. Our monthly book clubs, encouragement of staff to volunteer their time in their community, and materials available at our libraries all help to promote this literacy in our libraries.



Our mission is to create learning opportunities that lead to personal discovery, growth, and → → enjoyment.

Our libraries keep serving the Franklin County community.

Print Books

232,972 borrowed



eContent

65,466 borrowed



Children Items

138,737 borrowed



24,364 active library cardholders
(4,069 have e-cards)

In 2024, 2,632 physical cards & 1,369 e-cards were created

Library Visits

A total of 184,610 people entered our buildings and bookmobiles.

There were 91,998 users and 185,978 sessions on the library system's webpage.

Reference Questions
29,312 questions were answered by our knowledgeable staff



Hours Open
Between our five library branches and outreach visits, we were open 10,003 hours for public use



Top 10 Checkouts of 2024



Adult Fiction

1. The Exchange, by John Grisham
2. The Covenant of Water, by Abraham Verghese
3. Resurrection Walk, by Michael Connelly
4. Dirty Thirty, by Janet Evanovich
5. Tom Lake, by Ann Patchett

6. Long Island, by Colm Tóibín
7. The Five-Star Weekend, by Elin Hilderbrand
8. Storm Watch, by C.J. Box
9. Someone Else's Shoes, by Jojo Moyes
10. I Will Find You, by Harlan Coben

Adult Nonfiction

1. Spare, by Prince Harry
2. The Wager, by David Grann
3. Killing the Witches, by Bill O'Reilly
4. Walk the Blue Line, by James Patterson
5. Break the Cycle, by Dr. Mariel Buqué

6. Master Slave Husband Wife, by Ilyon Woo
7. Oath and Honor, by Liz Cheney
8. Never Give Up, by Tom Brokaw
9. My Name Is Barbra, by Barbra Streisand
10. The Art Thief, by Michael Finkel

Young Adult Fiction

1. What the River Knows, by Isabel Ibañez
2. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder, by Holly Jackson
3. Nick and Charlie, by Alice Oseman
4. The Stolen Heir, by Holly Black
5. Murtagh, by Christopher Paolini

6. Divine Rivals, by Rebecca Ross
7. Check & Mate, by Ali Hazelwood
8. House of Roots and Ruin, by Erin A. Craig
9. These Infinite Threads, by Tahereh Mafi
10. Cloak of Scarlet, by Melanie Dickerson

Juvenile Fiction

1. Mary Anne's Bad Luck Mystery, by Cynthia Yuan Cheng
2. Scaredy Squirrel Gets Festive, by Melanie Watt
3. Big Nate Nailed It!, by Lincoln Pierce
4. Agents of S.U.I.T., by John Patrick Green
5. The Everybody Experiment, by Lisa Moore Ramée

6. Sweet Valley Twins: Best Friends, by Nicole Andelfinger
7. Spy Camp: The Graphic Novel, by Stuart Gibbs
8. Dead Sea Squirrels: Squirrelnapped!, by Mike Nawrocki
9. The One and Only Ruby, by Katherine Applegate
10. I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871, by Lauren Tarshis and Cassie Anderson

Picture Books

1. The Crayons Go Back to School, by Drew Daywalt
2. The Sour Grape, by Jory John
3. How to Make a Peanut Butter Sandwich in 17 Easy Steps, by Bambi Edlund
4. Simon and the Better Bone, by Corey R. Tabor

5. How Dinosaurs Went Extinct: A Safety Guide, by Ame Dyckman
6. One Leaf, Two Leaves, Count With Me!, by John Micklos Jr.
7. Llama Llama's Little Lie, by Reed Duncan
8. Duck Duck Taco Truck, by Laura Lavoie
9. The Loud Librarian, by Jenna Beatrice
10. If I Was a Horse, by Sophie Blackall

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