



LANCASTER  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Our Next Chapter







# Our Mission

The Lancaster Public Library inspires, empowers, and strengthens our community by connecting people with information, ideas, and enriching experiences.

By providing equitable access to vital educational resources, exceptional programming, and community building opportunities, the Lancaster Public Library is recognized as a dynamic center of knowledge and a cornerstone of a thriving Lancaster community.





# About Lancaster Public Library

350,000+

Visitors each year

700,000+

Items circulated  
including books,  
magazines,  
launchpads, and  
more

3,000,000+

Electronic  
retrievals of  
information each  
year

Adapted to Meet  
Needs

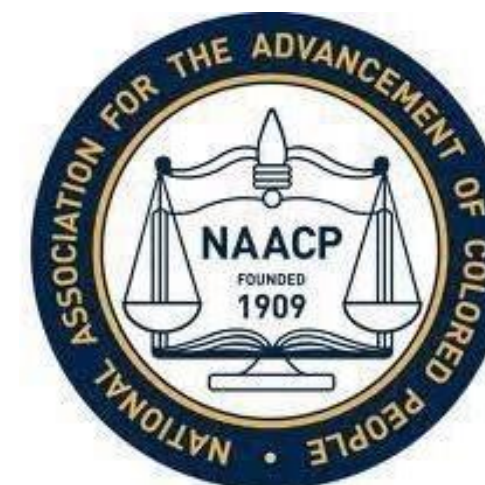
During COVID-19,  
the Library  
continued to deliver  
to patrons through  
curbside pickup and  
increased online  
resources.





# Building the Community

Partnerships allow for LPL to lift up community organizations and more efficiently serve Lancaster





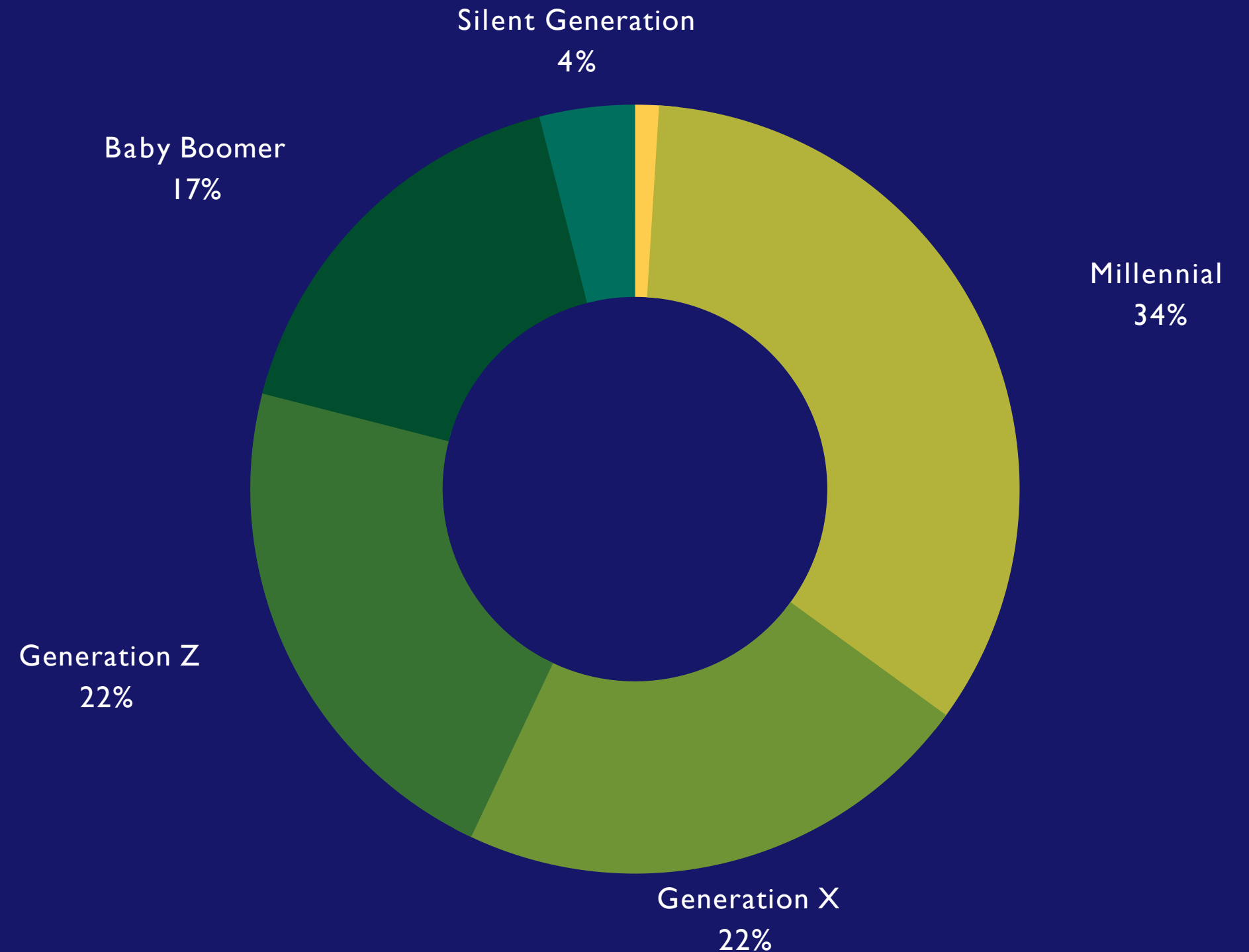
# Historic Past, Continued Future

LPL has over 58,000 cardholders of all ages. Over 78% of patrons are Generation X or younger.

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## All are welcome at LPL

Lancaster Public Library is committed to welcoming people of all backgrounds to the Library, free of charge.








## Beyond the Books

- Duke Street Business Center
- Autism Resource Center
- Lancaster Collection
- Hotspot devices
- eResources – including eBooks, eAudiobooks, and streaming services
- Youth and Adult Programming
- American Girl dolls, table top and lawn games, museum passes, baking pans, musical instruments





# Key Facts & Figures



## Robust Collection

Over 192,000 items in our collection including an extensive collection of electronic resources.

## LPL Offers Most Materials in County

LPL's large collection is shared countywide. Other libraries can access our materials within our system.

## Provides Superior Service

LPL has more MLS holding librarians than any other library in the county.





The Library's Annual Budget is

# 63%

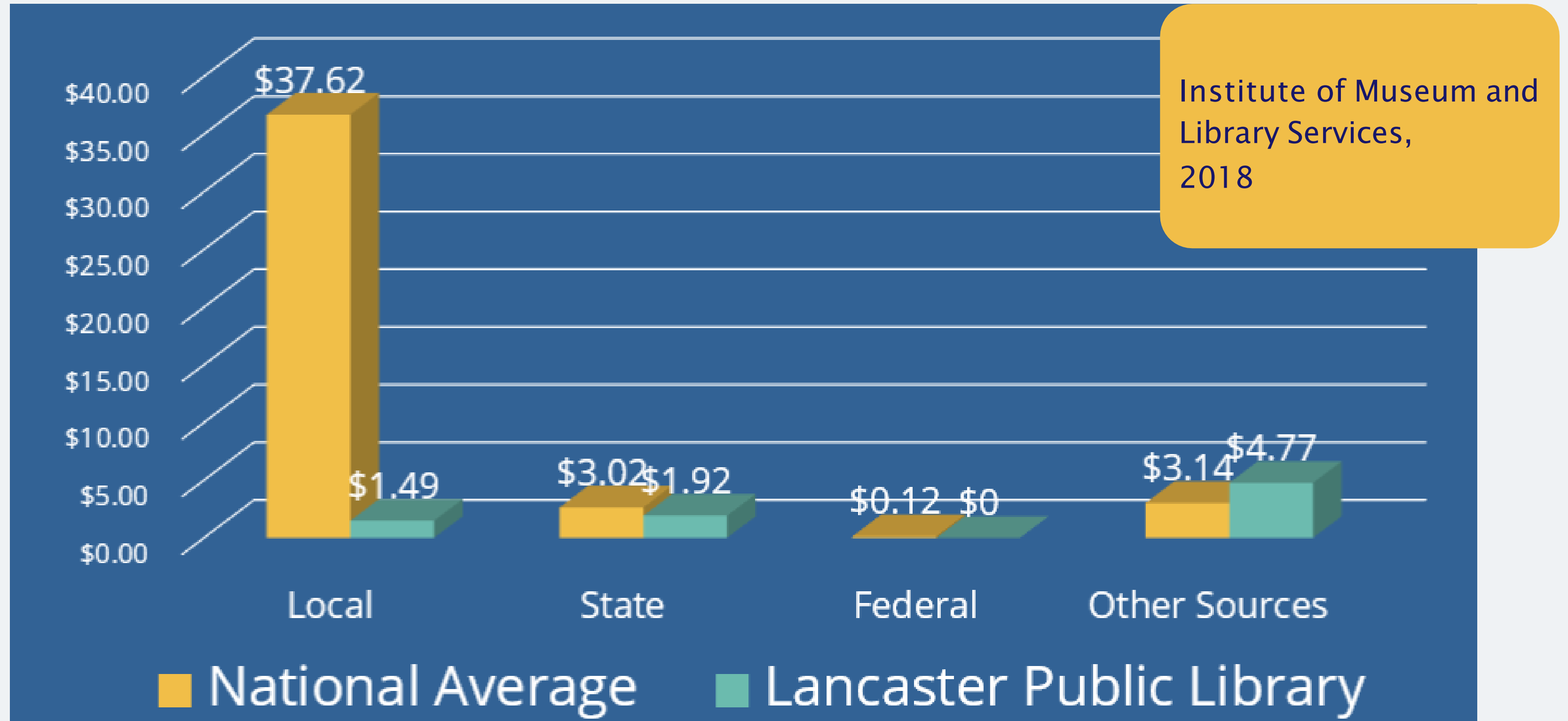
**Library Generated.**

Library Generated funds are from  
Fundraising, Fines, and Fees.





# Funding Compared Nationally





# Comparison by Numbers

Pennsylvania has approximately 450 Public Libraries. Where Lancaster Public Library ranks in multiple categories is surprising

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“Other Revenue” Meaning Library Generated & Fundraising

8

Largest Service Area and Materials

28

Operating Expenditures

99

Total Local Funding

429

Number of Staff Per Capita

439

Local Funding Per Capita





## CURRENT LOCATION

The aging building demands time and funding that would be better used serving our community.







# Plot-Twisting Opportunity



In the Heart  
of the City





# A Modern Library





# Designed for Today's Patrons





# Better Place for Children

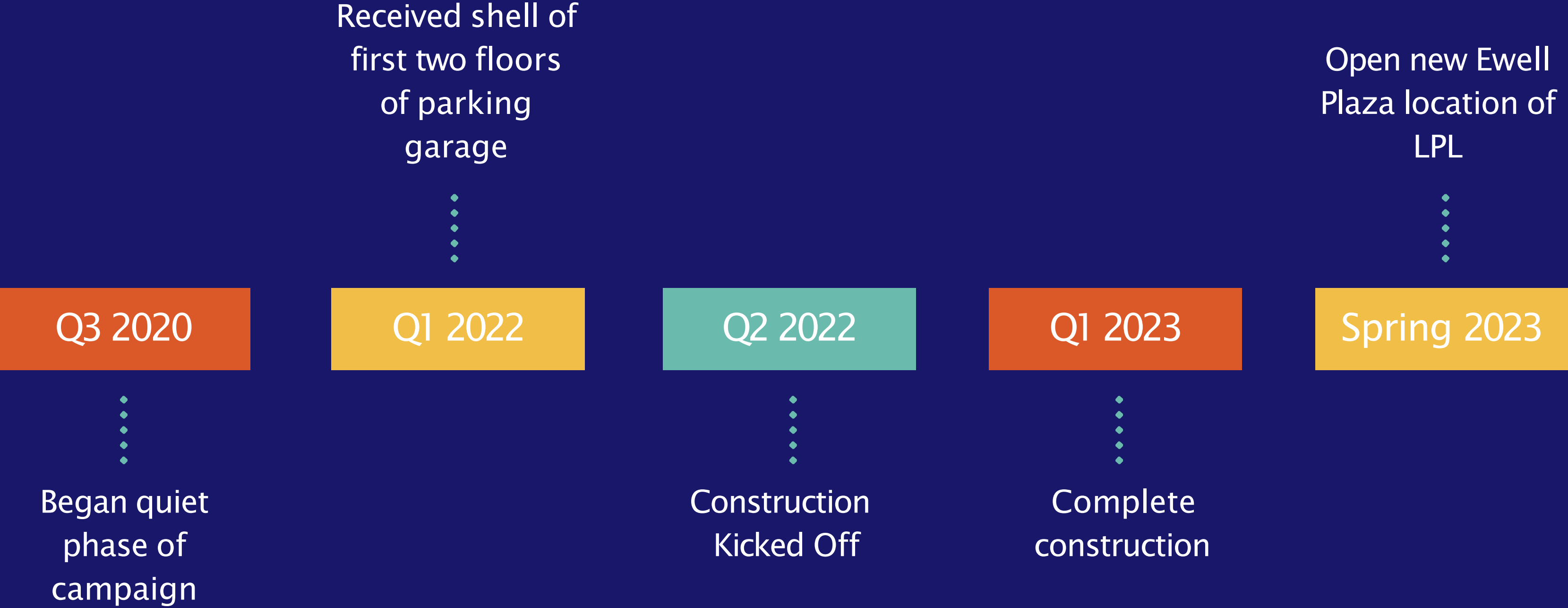




# A Community Hub for All



# Move to Ewell Plaza Timeline







# Campaign Plan

Capital Campaign Effort

\$6,500,000

*Includes cash gifts, multi-year pledges,  
gifts-in-kind, and qualifying estate gifts*

Existing Library Resources

\$3,500,000

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TOTAL

\$10,000,000





# Questions?

*stories of  
the library*

THE CAMPAIGN *for*  
LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
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