



LANCASTER
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hourglass First Friday Forum

June 5, 2026

MISSION

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

VISION

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.





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Overview

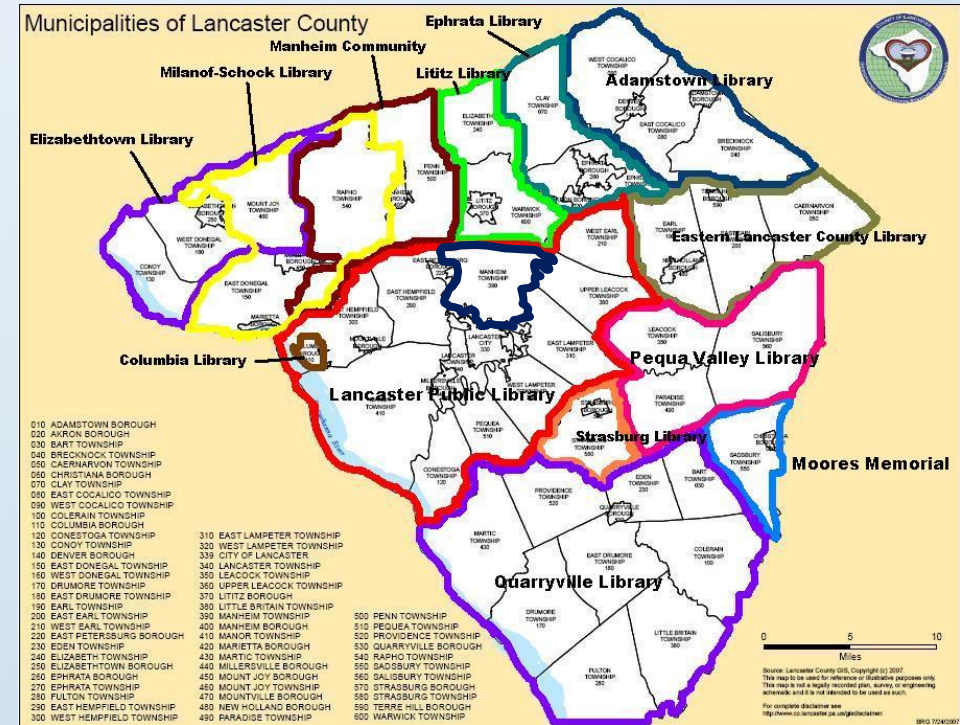
A STORIED HISTORY: 267 YEARS AND COUNTING

Founded in 1759, Lancaster Public Library is one of the oldest operating libraries in the United States.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN LANCASTER COUNTY

There are 14 independent public libraries in Lancaster County that are supported by the Library System of Lancaster County.



THE LPL COMMUNITY

Lancaster Public Library serves 14 municipalities in Lancaster County with two branches—Lancaster City and Mountville.

183,850

Patron
visits

404,509

Materials
circulated

\$12,135,270

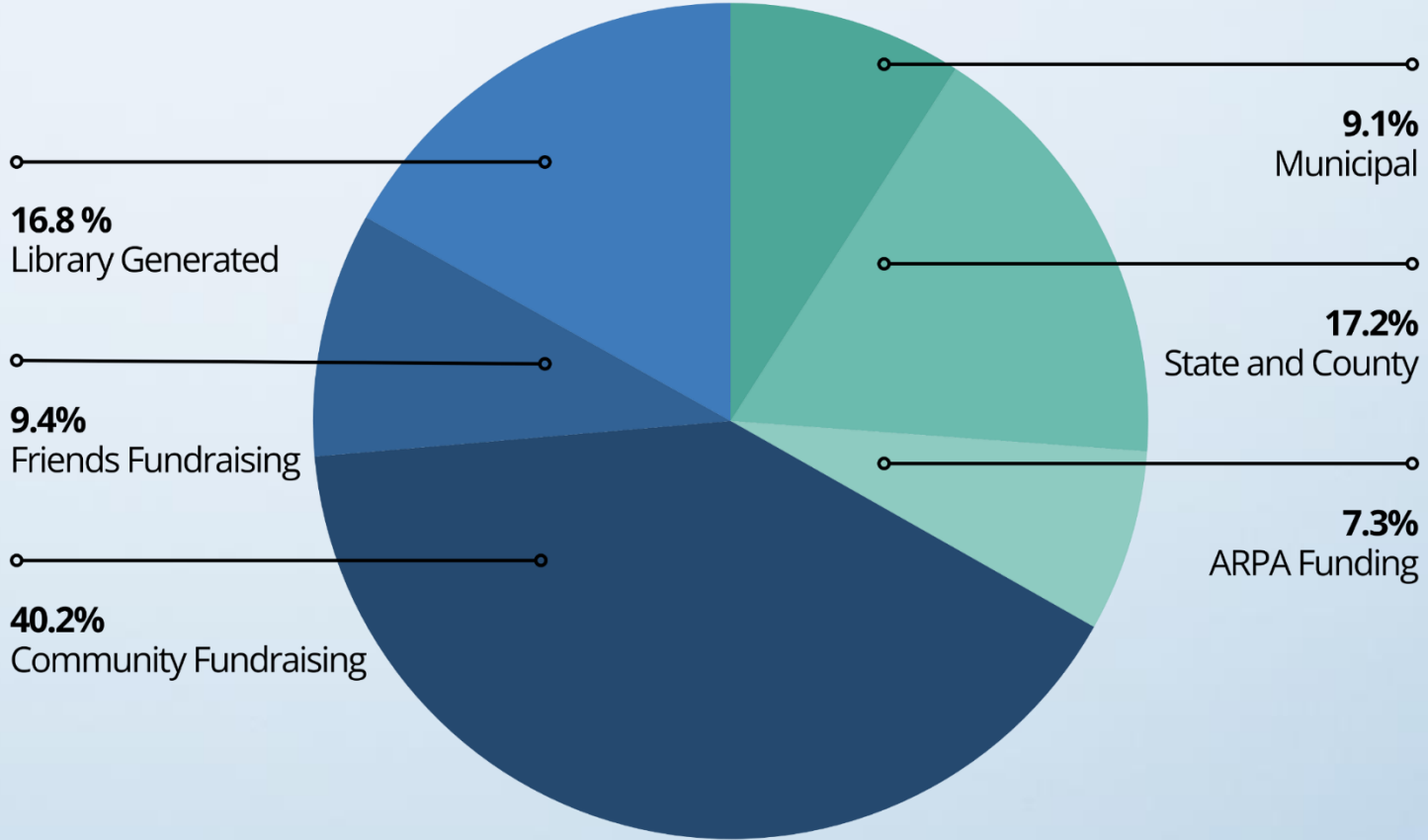
Materials
value

2025 statistics

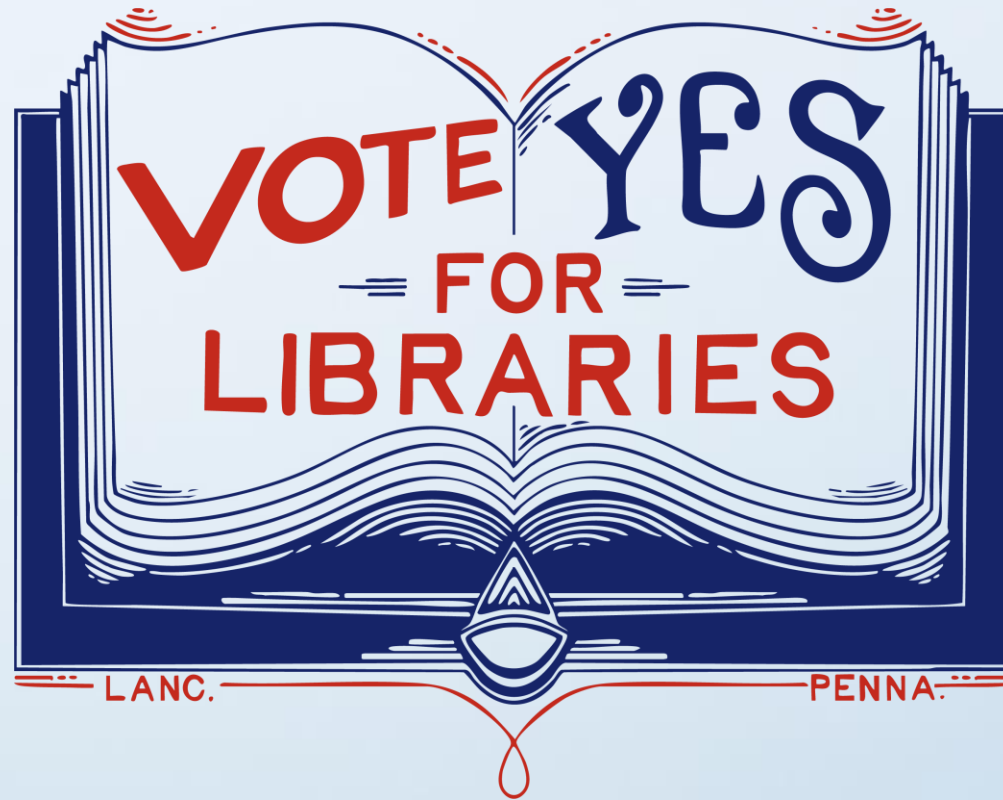


2026 FUNDING

64%
Library
sources



36%
Government
sources



VoteYes4Libraries.org

Resources & Partnerships

- Brave Place
- Autism Resource Center
- CAP (Community Action Partnership)
- United Way of Lancaster County/PA 211 East
- PA CareerLink
- Penn State Health
- Core Community Blueprint
- Domestic Violence Services
- RN Insurance Navigators
- Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon
- And more!





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Business & Reference Center

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A one-stop source for authoritative and up-to-date business and nonprofit information. Our Librarians help patrons navigate dedicated business databases, as well as conduct market research and grant research.

Reimagining Our Community Giving Circle

- Free meeting and event spaces for BIPOC small businesses and entrepreneurs





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LPL On-the-Go

On-the-Go Mobile Library

In 2025, we launched our long-dreamed-of outreach initiative to increase equitable access to library services by bringing the library into the community.

In its first year, our Outreach Specialist:

- Partnered with **28** community organizations
- Hosted **100** outreach initiatives
- Reached approximately **7,900** community members





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World Language Programming

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We strive to serve every family in Lancaster by providing programming, community, and materials in languages other than English.

Families can join us for storytimes in the following languages:

- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Swahili, *hopefully* coming soon





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Panel Q&A

LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

- Big Book Sale — June 20, 21, and 22
- Referendum
 - Sign a petition this summer
 - Vote YES for Libraries in November
- Tour the Library
- Tour the On-the-Go van
- Sign up for a Library card



QUESTIONS

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