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Bucks  
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Library

# Impact Report

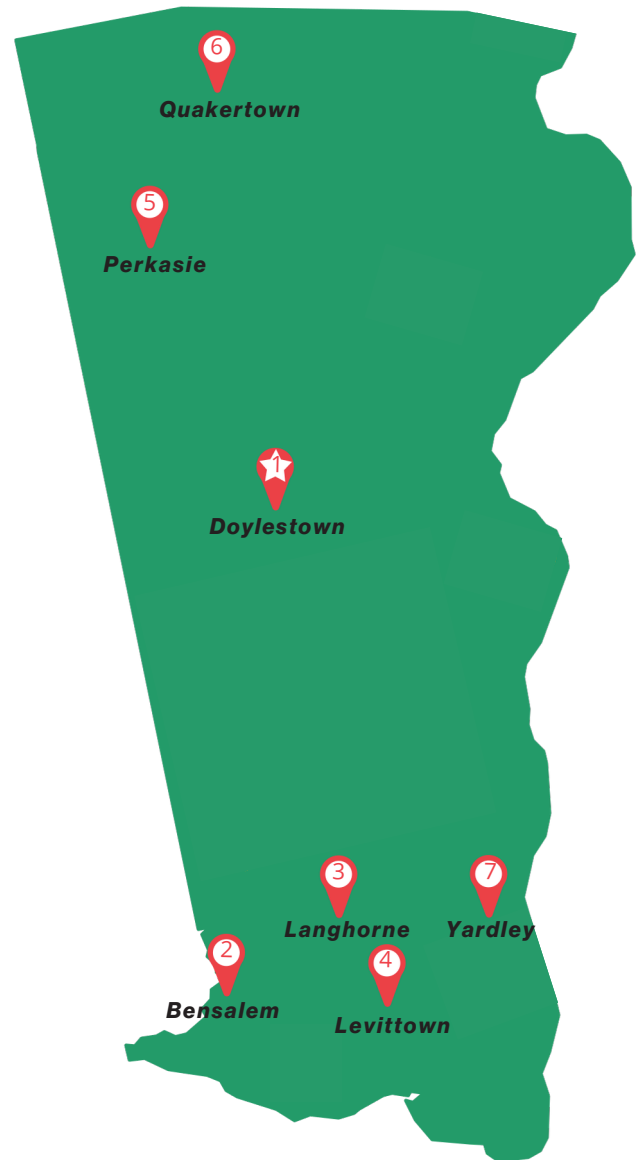
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# The Bucks County Free Library

is a seven-branch county library system with locations in Bensalem, Doylestown, Langhorne, Levittown, Perkasie, Quakertown, and Yardley-Makefield. Beyond our physical branches, BCFL makes our extensive collection of e-books and audiobooks available to all Bucks County residents.

Founded in 1956 by a resolution of the Bucks County Commissioners, BCFL is governed by a seven-member board appointed by the County Commissioners. As a designated Pennsylvania public library district, BCFL shares a public catalog with 11 additional public libraries in Bucks County. These libraries are independently governed and managed by their own boards and directors.

In everything we do, we are driven by our mission: “Expanding minds through opportunities for learning and discovery in welcoming spaces.”





# Letter from the CEO

As we reflect on the past year and look forward to 2025, I am filled with pride and excitement for Bucks County Free Library's continued commitment to serving you. In everything we do, we are driven by our mission: "Expanding minds through opportunities for learning and discovery in welcoming spaces."

While this annual report focuses on the past year, it also marks the beginning of a new chapter, one I am thrilled to share with you. Since joining Bucks County Free Library in 2024, I have been wholly impressed by the steadfast support of the community we serve, and the dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment of our staff and volunteers.

The statistics and stories shared within these pages are a testament to the impact of our libraries and demonstrate what makes Bucks County Free Library such a vital part of our community. These achievements are built upon the solid foundation of our organization's legacy, and I am committed to honoring the past while exploring new paths for growth and innovation.

In 2025, Bucks County Free Library remains dedicated to providing you with the resources, programs, and spaces you need to thrive. Guided by our Strategic Plan, we are committed to achieving service excellence, community engagement, and sustainable growth.

This year's plans include exciting initiatives across all three strategic areas of focus:

- **Collections:** We are expanding our world language collections, improving accessibility, and enhancing our online and physical resources, including the Library of Things with kits for exploring hiking, pickleball, birdwatching, astronomy, and so much more.
- **Experiences:** We are dedicated to offering premier customer service, improving technology access and education, upgrading our facilities (including themed children's and teen spaces), and ensuring inclusivity and belonging through policy reviews.
- **Connections:** We are committed to creating dynamic programming for all ages, building strong community partnerships, enhancing fundraising efforts, and improving our communications to keep you informed and engaged.

This annual report provides a snapshot of our recent accomplishments, but it is just the beginning of the story. I am eager to work alongside our staff and community partners to continue building a brighter future for Bucks County.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission. I look forward to connecting with you in the months and years to come.

Sincerely,



Dana Barber, Chief Executive Officer

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# Library Use



**77,566**

people attended a library program



**63**

outreach events in the community



**42,900**

reference questions asked



**11,262**

people participated in summer reading



**39,519**

log-ons to library Wi-Fi



**80,135**

sessions on library computers



**1,406**

groups booked a room

# Library Giving



**75**

adult volunteers



**3,863**

hours donated



**188**

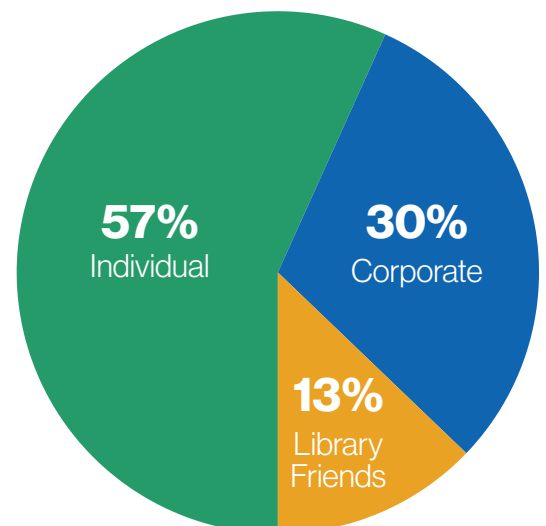
teen volunteers



**3,310**

hours donated

Donations to the Library





# Your Library Community by the Numbers



**\$40,420,506**

amount the community saved  
by borrowing materials  
from the library



**14,338**

people got a new  
library card



**1,767,778**

people visited  
our website



**926,475**

people visited  
our branches



# Borrowing

**2,433,269 items were  
borrowed in 2024:**



**1,557,374**

**physical items**

**borrowed across  
seven branches**



**875,895**

**digital items**

**from Hoopla,  
cloudLibrary, and more!**

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# Collection



**283,325**

**new physical and  
digital items added**



**601,953**

**total physical and  
digital items at BCFL**







**Bucks County  
Free Library**  
*buckslib.org*

## Locations

### **Bensalem**

3700 Hulmeville Road  
Bensalem, PA 19020

### **Doylestown**

150 South Pine Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901

### **Langhorne**

301 South Pine Street  
Langhorne, PA 19047

### **Levittown**

7311 New Falls Road  
Levittown, PA 19055

### **Perkasie**

491 Arthur Avenue Perkasie,  
PA 18944

### **Quakertown**

401 West Mill Street Quakertown,  
PA 18951

### **Yardley-Makefield**

1080 Edgewood Road  
Yardley, PA 19067

## Leadership

### **County Commissioners**

Robert J. Harvie, Jr.

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW

Gene DiGirolamo

### **Library Board**

Anthony Bush, President

Richard Rogers, Treasurer

Amy Masgay, Board Trustee

Brian Reimers, Board Trustee

Linda Goodwin, Board Trustee

Mary Cwiklinski, Board Trustee

Andrew Laureti, Board Trustee

### **Chief Executive Officer**

Dana Barber





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