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Bucks  
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# Impact Report

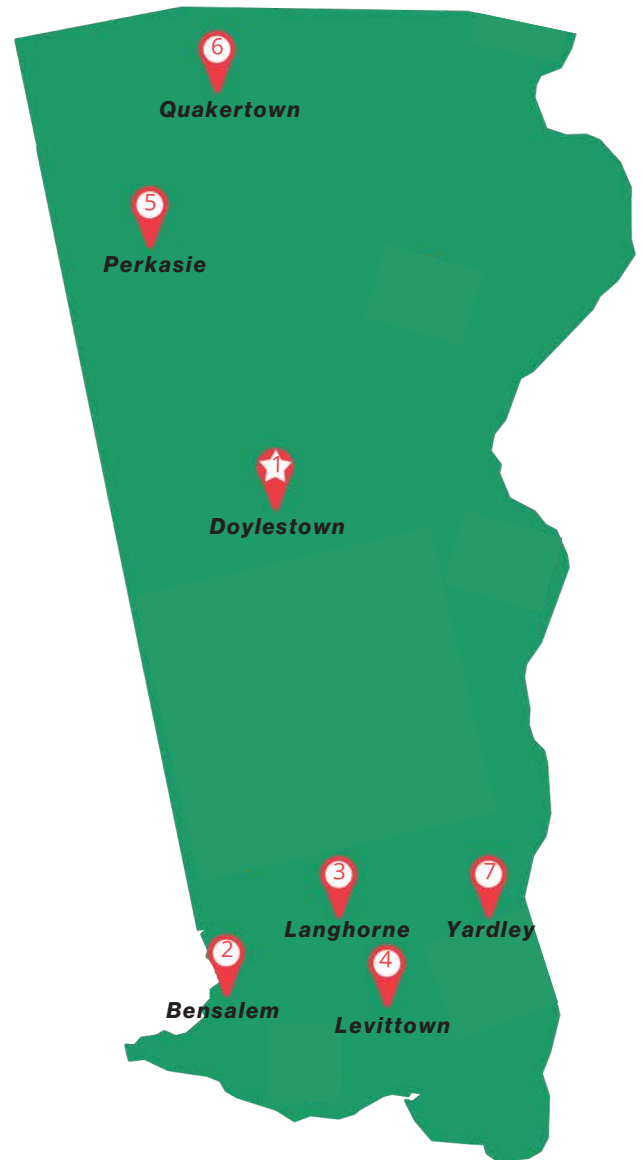
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# The Bucks County Free Library

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

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

2026 is already shaping up to be a remarkable year for Bucks County Free Library. With renewed energy, strong community support, and meaningful investments in our future, we are entering this year with momentum and a clear sense of purpose.

We are proud to share that Bucks County Free Library is on solid financial footing, thanks to increased funding from the County, growth in State Aid, and the success of our annual appeal. This stability allows us not only to sustain our services, but to expand them in ways that better serve the evolving needs of our community.

This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate two important milestones: America's 250th anniversary and Bucks County Free Library's 70th anniversary. These occasions invite us not only to reflect on our shared history, but also to consider the vital role libraries play in bringing people together, fostering lifelong learning, and strengthening communities.

Throughout 2026, our programs and partnerships will showcase this spirit of connection, curiosity, and celebration. We are especially excited to offer:

- collaborative programs with the Michener Art Museum, including Eric Carle-inspired storytimes, interactive scavenger hunts, and expanded community outreach;
- the For All initiative honoring America's 250th anniversary, featuring kindness-focused storytimes and community reads;
- a Community Information Fair connecting residents with valuable local resources and services;
- Summer Quest 2026 where curiosity takes center stage with an exciting theme centered on dinosaurs, paleontology, and archaeology – inviting readers of all ages to dig into discovery;
- a celebration of Bucks County Free Library's 70 years of service, honoring our history while looking ahead to the future;
- the return of our Local Author Fair for its 7th year, highlighting the talents and voices of our community;
- Storytimes with Gordy the Library Gecko, a favorite of our young visitors; and
- a full schedule of engaging programs and events for all ages across our library locations.

These initiatives are part of a broader commitment to the goals outlined in our Strategic Plan. We continue to invest in our collections, enhance the experiences we provide in our spaces, and strengthen the connections that make our library system such an essential part of daily life in Bucks County.

This annual report captures a year of progress, but more importantly, it reflects a library that is growing, adapting, and looking ahead. I am grateful for the staff, volunteers, partners, and residents who make this work possible.

Thank you for being part of the Bucks County Free Library story. We look forward to welcoming you throughout the year—because in 2026, now more than ever, the library is a place for everyone.

Sincerely,



Dana Barber, Chief Executive Officer

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# Library Use



**125,135**

people attended a library program



**70**

outreach events in the community



**35,932**

reference questions asked



**12,712**

people participated in summer reading



**42,235**

log-ons to library WiFi



**79,161**

sessions on library computers



**3,425**

reservations of rooms

# Library Giving



**95**

adult volunteers



**4,538**

hours donated



**201**

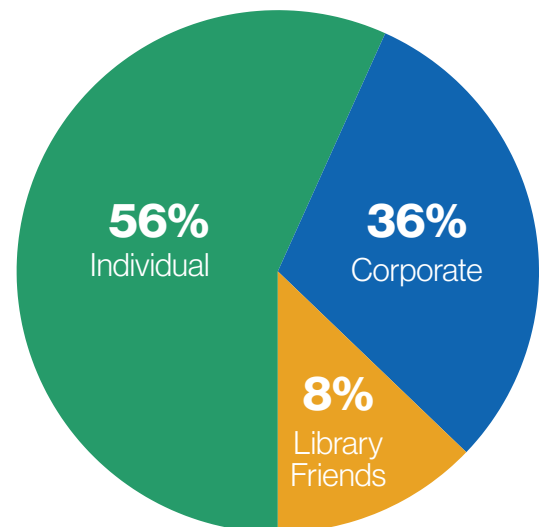
teen volunteers



**3,608**

hours donated

## Donations to the Library



# Your Library Community by the Numbers



**\$42,187,943**

amount the community saved  
by borrowing materials  
from the library



**18,912**

people got a new  
library card



**2,115,177**

people visited  
our website



**961,263**

people visited  
our branches



# Borrowing

2,502,473 items were borrowed in 2025:



**1,640,581**

physical items

borrowed across seven branches



**861,892**

digital items

from Hoopla, cloudLibrary, and more!

# Collection



**358,563**

new physical and digital items added



**682,743**

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**

Brian Reimers, President  
Amy Masgay, Vice President  
Andrew Laureti, Secretary  
Anthony Bush, Treasurer  
Mary Cwiklinski, Board Trustee  
Linda Goodwin, Board Trustee  
Shikha Prashar, Board Trustee

### **Chief Executive Officer**

Dana Barber

**BCFL**

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