2024 IMPACT REPORT

Supporting Lexington for 229 years

Lexington Public Library
FOUNDATION

A note from our Executive Director

Our library serves as a pillar of the community with four key roles—trusted source, community connector, a place to learn together, and a community space. With six locations, a carefully curated collection, robust digital resources, and hundreds of free monthly programs, **we actively engage with and support Lexington every day**.

None of this would be possible without your support. It's your contributions—whether through public tax dollars, generous donations, or collaborative partnerships—that enable us to make an impact on lives across our city. On behalf of the entire team at Lexington Public Library, thank you for investing in your library and helping us continue to serve this incredible community.

-Heather Dieffenbach, Executive Director

2024 at a Glance

- **38,000** people voted at the library in the general election

- **265** offsite community events, 85% more than 2023

- **4,616,965** total checkouts for print and digital items

- **180,903** computer sessions, a 9% increase over 2023

Trusted Source

The library serves as a trusted source for the Lexington community by providing access to diverse, educational, and recreational resources. Our collection reflects the community's diversity, supports informed decision-making, and fosters civic engagement.

Highest
book turnover in KY
6 checkouts per book

162,022
cardholders
Over **50%** of Lexington

1,189,216
digital checkouts
17% more than 2023

"I love reading and I believe libraries are amazing, wonderful resources that everyone should be able to use." – anonymous patron

Community Connector

As a community connector, the library meets individuals where they are and connects them to essential resources both within the library and beyond. Through off-site visits, in-library services, and personalized librarian appointments, we strengthen our community and ensure equitable access to these resources for all Lexington residents.

1,088,095 Visitors in 2024

265 Offsite community events, 85% more than 2023

2,204 Book-a-librarian appointments for one-on-one help with jobs, technology, and more

Learning Together

The Lexington Public Library is a hub for lifelong learning, offering innovative programs, exhibits, and initiatives that empower our community with skills and opportunities. From summer programs to job fairs, the library plays a critical role in fostering growth and development for people of all ages.

3,745 Programs hosted at the Lexington Public Library in 2024, a **20%** increase over 2023

Attendees
2024	98,782
2023	65,283

2,317 Attendees at Spanish language, ESOL, and citizenship classes

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SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

33,613 Attendees

3,844 Lunches served in partnership with Fayette County Public Schools

900 Summer programs

Our biggest Summer Kickoff ever with **4,425** attendees at **6** events

The Lexington Public Library saw the largest number of patrons visit the library in June, with **104,711** visitors.

3,490 visitors per day!

Community Space

The library serves as a vital community space—a safe, welcoming place offering free meeting rooms, study areas, Wi-Fi, and computer access. It's where people come to learn, connect, and thrive.

"As a child, the library was a safe space for me. I am so grateful LPL can be that space to so many people."

— anonymous patron

8,786 meeting room reservations, 44% more than 2023

93,441 patrons who attended meetings and private events

306,745 Wi-Fi sessions initiated on a laptop or mobile device

180,903 computer sessions, a 9% increase over 2023

Thank You

We are grateful for the many ways you've shown up for Lexington Public Library and we're proud to have your philanthropic support. In 2024, the Library Foundation welcomed over 450 donors who fervently believe in the mission of the public library. Whether you are a first-time donor or have been partnering with us for many years, we are proud to have your support and together we empower our public library system for all of Lexington.

Thank you for choosing to support unique library programs and dynamic spaces that are available for free to everyone.

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