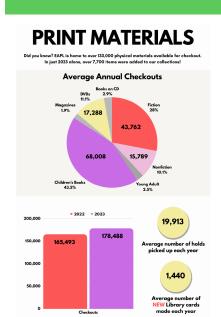


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New and Noteworthy



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2023 in Review -- Love Data Week

We participated in Love Data Week in February and celebrated the Easton Area Public Library with data highlights from 2023. This data shows how YOU, the Easton Community, show your love for EAPL's resources and services by checking out books, attending programs, asking us questions, and using our online resources. Where do you see yourself in the data?

Did you know? EAPL is home to over 133,000 physical materials available for checkout. In just 2023 alone, over 7,700 items were added to our collections! In 2023, 178,488 physical items were checked out. An average of 1440 NEW library cards are made each year.

Learn more and take a look back at 2023!



Story Sculptors at the Main Library

Unleash your creativity and become a literary trendsetter with Story Sculptors. Design and curate your own display showcasing your favorite reads. Inspire other kids to explore new literary worlds and leave a lasting mark on our library. Applications open now – join the excitement and curate the extraordinary! Open to young book enthusiasts! For more details, visit the Youth Services Department at the Main Library or email Amber at ambert@eastonpl.org.

Museum Passes at EAPL

Want to visit local museums for free? Use your library



card to gain free access to popular attractions across the Lehigh Valley and beyond. These Museum Passes are available to all EAPL cardholders for checkout from the Main Library only.

EAPL patrons can check out 1 Museum Pass per adult card for a 2-week period. For more information about Museum Passes and other items we have beyond books, visit our website.

Visit the Main Library for more details!

Easton Area Public Library



Overdrive Duke Classics Collection

Duke Classics titles are now available to EAPL patrons. The collection includes over 4,000 classic literature titles, many with refreshed covers that will appeal to readers of all ages. These eBooks are available to patrons without waitlists or holds, making them perfect for book clubs and supporting students of all ages. Popular authors include Jane Austen, Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, and more!

Visit the collection and check out a classic!



Dueling Donations at the Main Library

Have fun, make a difference! Your support enriches our community by fueling Library programs, services, and resources! Visit the Main Library and add your donation to the box that aligns with your choice in our friendly duels. Don't forget to keep an eye out for updates on winning topics! All donations go directly to the Library.

January theme: Chiefs vs 49ers -- Chiefs won!

February Theme: Puppies vs Kitties



Tax-Aide at the Main Library

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older. Appointments will be offered Thursdays from 2:00-4:00pm, February 8 through April 11 in the Catharine Drake Room of the Main Library.

Appointments are required. No walk-ins, no drop-offs. Patrons must call 484-272-5933 to make an appointment for the Main Library location. Library staff is not responsible for making appointments for patrons.

The Friends of the Library Annual Scholarship

The Friends of the Easton Area Public Library will be awarding one \$500 scholarship to a local graduating



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high school senior. For more information, pick up an application at the library or visit eastonpl.org
Applications are due Wednesday, May 1 by 4:00pm.

Visit our website for more details.



SAVE THE DATE! Spring Book Sale

Save the date! Our Spring Book Sale is April 24 - 29, 2024! The book sale will be held at the Main Library, 515 Church Street in Easton. We hope to see you then.

Visit our calendar for more details!

Now is the perfect time to donate your old books so you have space for new ones! The Main Library is accepting book and media donations ONLY on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Because our donation collection is run by volunteers, we will not accept donations outside of these specified times.

Upcoming Closures

The Easton Area Public Library and its Palmer Branch will be closed on the following days:

Memorial Day: May 25 and 27
Juneteenth: June 19

OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN!

The Easton Area Public Library has a wealth of <u>online resources</u> available to our patrons!

Feeling crafty? Creativebug

Want to watch a tv show, movie, or documentary? Kanopy

Looking for ebooks and audiobooks? **Libby**

Want to cook something new?

A to Z Food America and A to Z World Food

Looking for financial tools? **Financial Rating Series**

Want audiobooks, ebooks, music, movies, and more? Hoopla

Want to read a magazine? Libby and Hoopla

Brushing up on academic skills or preparing for a test?

<u>Learning Express Library</u>

Exploring your family history? **HeritageHub**

Want to learn a foreign language? **Pronunciator**

and don't forget PA's Electronic Library! Power Library

Programs for Adults

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Intro to Crochet (Main)

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00pm.

For adults only. Registration required.

Join us to learn the basics of how to Crochet! We recommend bringing your own crochet hook and yarn, in order to continue the project after the session has ended, but crochet hooks and yarn will be available for in library use only.

Board at the Library (Main)

Thursday, March 7, 6:00pm.

For adults only. Registration required.

Join us for Board at the Library, a board gaming club for adults! We meet from 6-8 pm on the 1st Thursday of each month, and focus on a different game each time we meet. It's a great way to try out new games for free! This month we'll be playing Ticket to Ride, a game of building railroads across North America, on a quest to connect cities and complete tickets. Games are facilitated by a library staff member with the board game collection available for checkout after the program.

Book Folding with Betty Ann! (Main)

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Warm Beverage Book Club (Off-Site)

Saturday, March 23, 3:00pm. Nature's Way

For adults. Registration required. Join EAPL's Warm Beverage Book Club to slow down, mindfully interact with literary ideas, and connect with other like-minded readers over a warm drink. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite mug! This month we will discuss the world of Maya Angelou over tea at Nature's Way located at 143 Northampton Street. Tea and hot water will be provided. *Thank you, Nature's Way, for partnering with us and offering a space for literary discussion.*

Cognitive Screenings for Adults (Main)

Monday, March 25, 5:00pm

For adults only. Registration Required.

We are teaming up with the Occupational Therapists at Physical Therapy at St. Luke's to provide Free Adult Functional Cognitive Screenings to the public. The results are only discussed between you and the therapist. They will educate on strategies to optimize and maintain your cognitive health.

Bullet Journal Club (Main)

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00pm.

For Adults and Teens. Registration required.

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Good Librations Silent Book Club (Off-Site)

Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 - 7:30pm. County Seat Spirits.

For adults 21 and over. Registration recommended.

Bring your book, and join us at County Seat Spirits at the Silk Mill on the last Wednesday of the month from 5:30 - 7:30pm for some Good Librations. As a Silent Book Club, there's no assigned reading, and participating is easy. Just select a book within the month's theme and join us! Upcoming themes include True Crime, Historical Fiction, and Memoir/Biography

Diverse Voices (Virtual)

Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm

March: Against the Loveless World by Susan Abulhawa.

Join us for Diverse Voices! Each month we focus on diverse voices across various mediums and meet virtually for discussion. Registration is required.

Craft Supplies Swap (Main)

Saturday, March 23, 11:00am - 4:00pm

For all ages! No registration required.

Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted or unused arts & crafts supplies! Shop the stash with your special Early Access Swap Pass from 11am-1pm! If you didn't have anything to donate, you can still claim free supplies from 1pm-4pm. Happy crafting!

Craft Supplies Drive (Main)

We will accept donations until March 14, 2024. Drop off donations at the Circulation Desk at the Main Library or Palmer Branch. Donate your unwanted arts & crafts supplies between now and March 14 and receive special early access to the Swap on Saturday, March 23 from 11am-1pm. If you don't have anything to donate, you can still claim free supplies from 1pm-4pm.

We will accept almost any art or craft supply: yarn, stickers, buttons, fabric, unopened paint, clean brushes, knitting needles, crochet hooks, pens, markers, clean stamps, beads, scrapbooking materials, and coloring books. Donated items should be in good, usable condition. Any unclaimed items after the Swap will be used in library programs or donated elsewhere.

Quilters' Circle (Main)

Monday, March 4 and 18, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, March 16, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Members range from beginners to accomplished quilters. Each member is working on their own project. Individualized help is available for anyone wanting to learn a new skill. Occasionally, there will be an opportunity to participate in a group project. No registration is required

Grave Gardeners Program (Main)

Saturday, March 9, 11:00am. For adults. Registration recommended. Learn about Grave Gardening at the Easton Cemetery! Hear the story of the founding of The Woodlands Grave Gardener volunteer program and see what many Grave Gardens look like today. Information about how to become a volunteer at the Historic Easton Cemetery will be shared. Hosted in partnership by the Friends of Historic Easton Cemetery and the Marx Local History Room at the Easton Area Public Library.

Spice Club (Palmer)

For adults. The Spice of the Month Club is a great way to try out new spices! Members will receive a sample packet of each month's spice, a recipe that features that spice, and a bit of history about it. Participants are invited to attend a Spice Club Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 to share one of their favorite dishes! Those with food allergies should be aware that allergens may be present.

Registration is required to participate and receive spices. March's spice is caraway. Spices can be picked up from March 4 – March 16. Please register before coming to pick up your packet.

Paint Night (Palmer)

Wednesday, March 13, 6:00pm

For adults 18 and older. Get ready for spring with a bright painting fit for the season. Participants will follow a guided, step-by-step tutorial and make a painting on a 9x12 canvas. All materials will be provided. Registration is required.

Forever Young Adult Book Group (Palmer)

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00pm – *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline For adults. Forever Young Adult is a book group for adults who enjoy reading teen/young adult fiction. Join the <u>FYA Facebook group</u>! No registration required.

Palmer Adult Book Group (Palmer)

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00pm – *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby van Pelt For adults. The Palmer Adult Book Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join the conversation! Contact Toni at palmeradultbookgroup@ eastonpl.org to sign up for our mailing list and periodic email reminders. No registration required.

Programs for All Ages

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Read to a Dog at the Library (Main)

Tuesday, March 5 and 19, 10:45 - 11:30am

Ages 0 - 18 with an adult. Come to the library and read to a certified Dog Therapy International canine! Although we encourage children to read in this program, they may also show the dog pictures from a book, or simply pet them. Janet Grube, a trained professional handler, will accompany the dog. No registration is required, but participation is on a first-come basis.

Special Read to a Dog time for adults from 10:00 - 10:45am.

Sign Language Storytime (Main)

Saturday, March 9, 11:30 - 12:15pm

Ages 0 - 18. Come and join us for an ASL interactive story experience. No registration is required for this program. No registration is required.

Programs for Younger Children

Visit our online calendar to register for programs at EAPL! CLICK HERE.

Family Storytime with Miss Amber (Main)

Mondays from 11:00 - 11:45am

Ages 0 - 5. Older siblings welcome! Join us for a themed Storytime in which we will read books, sing songs, and get our wiggles out! Storytimes will be followed with a small craft that encourages the development of fine motor and prewriting skills. No registration is required.

Lunch Bunch (Main)

Mondays from 11:45 - 12:15pm

Ages 0 - 5. Older siblings welcome! Bring a packed lunch to enjoy with your friends! Lunch Bunch is designed to give children an opportunity to socialize and become familiar with structured, cooperative meal times. No food will be provided by the Library. No peanuts or seafood will be permitted. No registration is required.

Family Storytime with Miss Jenny (Main)

Wednesdays at 9am, 10am and 11am.

For ages 0 - 5. Join us for a themed Storytime in which we will read books, sing songs, and get our wiggles out! No registration is required.

Mother Goose Storytime (Main)

Friday, March 1, 15, 29 from 10:00 - 10:30am

Ages 0 - 4. This special Storytime is just for our littlest friends! Enjoy developmentally appropriate books, music, playtime, and more! No registration is required.

Toddler Time (Main)

Fridays from 10:30 - 11:15am

Ages 0 - 4. Toddler Time utilizes child-led play to help our little friends develop gross and fine motor skills, communication, social skills, and social-emotional intelligence. No registration is required for this program.

Katie Ukulele (Main)

Friday, March 8, 10:00 - 10:30am

Ages 0 - 5. Older siblings welcome! Sing along with Katie Ukulele for a mornings of musical adventure! Registration is required for this program.

Tinkering Tykes (Main)

Tuesday, March 12, 11:00am

Ages 1 - 5. Help your child develop their sequencing skills by engaging in explorative play with our early STEM toys! No registration is required.

Music and Movement at Night (Main)

Thursday, March 14, 6:30pm

Ages 2 - 5. Join us for a special Music and Movement session at night! Children will get to explore music and rhythm with songs, simple instruments and more. Be prepared to move and groove! Registration is required.

Music and Movement (Main)

Tuesday, March 5 and 19, 10:30am

Ages 2 - 5. Ready to get moving? Join us for some of our favorite music and movement activities. Children will get to explore music and rhythm with songs, simple instruments and more. Be prepared to move and groove. Registration is required.

Milk and Cookies Storytime (Main)

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Ages 2 - 5. Come in your jammies and join us for a time of silly songs, stories and rhymes. We will finish the evening with a yummy bedtime snack of milk and cookies. Sponsored by Easton Baking Co. Registration is required.

Palmer Branch Weekly Storytimes

No registration required.

<u>Little Storytime</u>

Ages 0 - 2

Mondays at 10:00am

Big Storytime

Ages 3 - 5

Tuesdays at 10:00am Thursdays at 10:00am

STEAM Train (ten-week session ends March 20)

Ages 3 - 5

Wednesdays at 11:00am

Introduces little ones to basic STEM concepts. From penguins to pizza, we will explore different interactive themes each week.

Sensory Friendly Storytime

Ages 2 - 5

Thursdays at 11:00am

Designed for children who have sensory sensitivities or are neurodivergent.

Snacks in the Stacks (Palmer)

Friday, March 8, 11:00am

Ages 3 - 5. Celebrate National Nutrition Month with a special storytime all about healthy eating. We'll read stories and have fun with hands on activities all about yummy, healthy foods. Registration is required.

Pete the Cat Party (Palmer)

Saturday, March 16, 11:00am

Ages 3 and up. Join Pete and his friends for stories, arts & amp; crafts, music, games, and some of Pete's favorite snacks. Registration is required.

Bedtime Storytime (Palmer)

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00pm

For children ages 3 - 7 with a caregiver. Wear your jammies and bring a stuffie for a cozy bedtime-themed storytime. Every child will receive a craft kit to take home. Registration is required.

Programs for Older Children



Rotating Craft Club - Learn to Crochet! (Main)

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Homeschool Happening: Field Trip to the Marx Room at the Main Library

Wednesday, March 6 at 1:00pm (at the Main Library)

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Just Dance Night! (Main)

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Teen Take and Makes (Palmer)

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Teen Writers Workshop (Palmer)

Saturday, March 2, 1:00pm

For ages 12 - 17. The Teen Writers Workshop is an informal, teen-led group that helps teen writers understand how to write creatively and gives them an opportunity to share their writing with peers. Contact Katie at katiec@eastonpl.org for information. Registration is recommended.

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