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2024 AT A GLANCE

OUR SERVICES

PaILS provides access to information resources by offering a collaborative, high quality, open source integrated library system that is equitable, cost-effective, and promotes resource sharing among libraries statewide.

OUR TEAM

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Joining the SPARK consortium, the international Evergreen community, open source software

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2024 HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2024
- Berks County Libraries join SPARK

MARCH 2024
- SPARK Annual User Group meeting held

APRIL 2024
- PaILS staff & User Group representatives attend the Evergreen International Conference online, presenting 3 sessions
- Kat Dannehl attends TSFX Futures Foundations training
- Mary S. Biesecker Library joins SPARK
- PaILS attends the OCL Return to Forum Celebration

MAY 2024
- Port Carbon Public Library in Schuylkill County joins SPARK

JUNE 2024
- Katie Greenleaf Martin attends the ALA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA

OCTOBER 2024
- PaILS staff attend PaLA Annual Conference in Harrisburg

NOVEMBER 2024
- SPARK system upgraded to Evergreen 3.13

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025:

FEBRUARY 2025
- Northampton Area Public Library joins SPARK

MARCH 2025
- SPARK Annual User Group Meeting

APRIL 2025
- Lansdale Public Library joins SPARK

ABOUT US

PaILS (Pennsylvania Integrated Library System) provides Pennsylvanians with a sustainable network of integrated library services and access to a statewide community of libraries and information resources.

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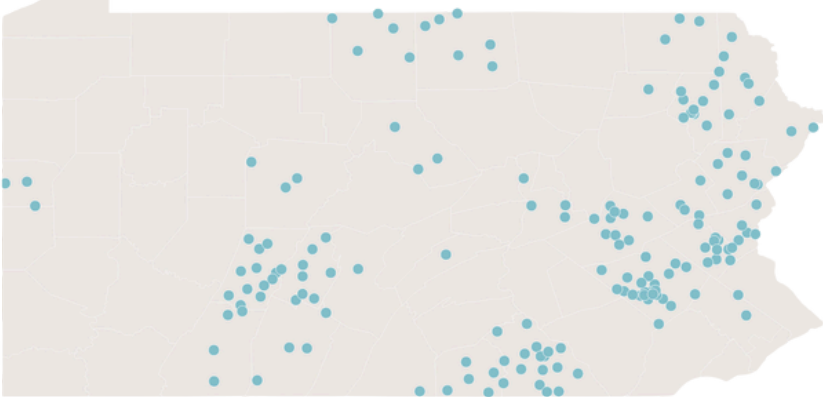
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SPARK IN THE NEWS

The public libraries of Carbon County, Lehigh County, Monroe County, and Northampton County are excited to announce the formation of the Multi-District Lehigh Valley Pocono Library Partnership.

Library patrons will have unprecedented direct access to an incredible number of items – more than 1.4 million, from 26 library outlets, across the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos.

This process is made possible by SPARK, the integrated library system (ILS), that each library uses for the management of their library materials.

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Locations

99.9%
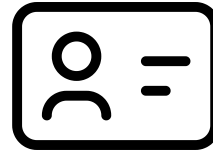Uptime

315,662
Items Added

28
New Locations

7,892,094
Circulations

2,883
Support Tickets

93,995
New Patrons

54
Locations began resource sharing
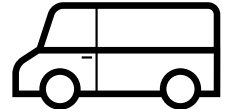
580,361
Transits for Holds

OUR MEMBER MAP

PAILS-FUNDED DEVELOPMENT IN 2024

- 5 Evergreen development projects
- Quipu project to streamline online library card applications generously funded by PA Department of Education

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