



PENNSYLVANIA  
LIBRARIES

You may have seen the PA Forward logo on recent publications produced by Bosler. We wanted to let you know more about the PA Forward initiative and the importance of the five essential literacies.

PA Forward aims to make sure that libraries have what they need to help people reach their greatest potential and meet the demands of 21st century life. This initiative builds upon the belief that libraries are uniquely positioned to help Pennsylvanians improve their command of five type of literacy essential to greater success in all vital roles of life, from citizens, students, and parents, to employers, employees, and consumers. These five essential literacies and their goals are:

PA Forward's Basic Literacy initiative envisions a Pennsylvania with one of the highest literacy rates in the country, a trained and skilled workforce, and a growing economy, tax base, and population.

BASIC  
LITERACY

INFORMATION  
LITERACY

PA Forward's Information Literacy Initiative envisions a Pennsylvania where citizens know how to use online resources and current technology to improve their education, to enhance their job skills, and to fully participate in a digital society.

PA Forward's Civic and Social Literacy Initiative envisions a Pennsylvania where citizens have the knowledge and skills they need to improve their lives, to participate and contribute effectively to their communities, and to connect with one another through discourse.

CIVIC AND SOCIAL  
LITERACY

HEALTH  
LITERACY

PA Forward's Health Literacy Initiative envisions a Pennsylvania with active citizens able to manage their own and their family's well-being, empowered to be effective partners with their healthcare providers, and living longer, more productive lives.

PA Forward's Financial Literacy initiative envisions a Pennsylvania where citizens are informed consumers and individuals, small businesses, and organizations contribute to the economic vitality of their community through innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development.

FINANCIAL  
LITERACY

Bosler is committed to supporting PA Forward and the five essential literacies. A large majority of programming, services, and collections at Bosler is centered around addressing at least one of the literacies. By attending a storytime you are enhancing you and your child's Basic Literacy, checking out a book on how to budget enhances your Financial Literacy. You can register to vote and learn more about local elections by visiting our Civics Center, which supports the Civic and Social Literacy. You can schedule a Tech-Time appointment and get help with Microsoft, eBooks, etc. and enhance your Information Literacy. Register and attend a program on stress relief or to gain a better understanding of Alzheimer's and improve your Health Literacy. Bosler is working to address these literacies and make our community grow and improve. Watch for these logos in our Carlisle Institute and Growing Learners Library booklets as well as our Services and Collection guides to find programs, services, and collections addressing these needs.