



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: June 9, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding:

- North Branch Facility HVAC replacement (August 2025)
- 2025 TLA-HEB Summer at the Library Grant Award
- Ticketing at Story Times and Large Audience Events
- Storage Units
- Summer Activity at DPL

BACKGROUND

The North Branch Library HVAC units will be replaced August 16-20. The building will be closed and the parking lot inaccessible while the cranes are working. Library staff will work at other branches during the closure. The closure posting along with information about extending holds due to the closure will be made available several weeks before the facility improvement.

The library has been awarded \$2,000 from the 2025 TLA-HEB Summer at the Library Grant. Dawn Terrizzi, Adult Services Librarian, wrote and submitted the grant to support literacy. The grant project allows children and young adults who may not have access to the library to participate in a Summer Reading Challenge and receive prize books at one of three local non-profit agencies serving youth and families. Denton County Friends of the Family, Denton Juvenile Detention Center, and Explorium Denton will support the program by having participants read at least 30 minutes for five days. Once they complete the program, participants will be able to select a free prize book, funded by the grant. In addition, approximately 30% of the grant funding would purchase books for babies, early readers, and elementary and middle-grade students to provide books for clients of those agencies.

To meet safety requirements, the library has begun ticketing for Baby-Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time programs as well as any programs expecting large audience attendance. Ticketing is based on the maximum occupancy of the meeting and program rooms:

- Emily Fowler Meeting Room-82
- South Branch Meeting Room-88
- North Branch Program Room-88
- North Branch Meeting Room-100

The library rents storage units to house shelving components. There is no storage space available at any library facility to house the components. With the help of Facilities Management, the shelving in the

three storage units will be moved into another storage facility and organized to maximize space. The move will consolidate items and reduce costs.

Summer is the busiest season for the library. Library visits, program attendance, and circulation are the highest of the year in June and July. A few summer library event and program highlights are below:

- **Summer Reading Challenge** June 1-July 31—All ages are encouraged to register, log reading, and earn prizes.
- **Splish Splash Story Time**—Thursdays June and July (no program 6/19)—a special Story Time in the Children’s Play Pool at Water Works Park, for ages 1-5 with their caregivers
- **Denton’s Public Art: Adding Color to Your World**—Thursday, June 12 7 p.m. @ Emily Fowler, for ages 18+
- **A Journey Through African Dance**—Saturday, June 14 11 a.m. @ North Branch, for ages 6-10
- **Denton Jazz Workshops Family Jam**—Saturday, June 14 2:30 p.m. @ Emily Fowler, for all ages
- **Juneteenth 101 with Donald Cox**—Wednesday, June 18 3 p.m. @ South Branch, for all ages
- **Music & Magic in Polka Color**—Saturday, June 21 2 p.m. @ North Branch, for all ages
- **Murder Among the Mateys** (registration required)—Wednesday, July 9 6:30 p.m. @ South Branch, for ages 11-17
- **Chalk Color War & Popsicles Summer Reading Challenge Event**—Wednesday July 16 6-8 p.m. @ South Branch, for all ages

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet

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