



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda

Library Board

Monday, February 10, 2025

5:30 PM

Emily Fowler Central Library

After determining that a quorum is present, the Library Board of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Emily Fowler Central Library at 502 Oakland Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This section of the agenda permits a person to make comments regarding public business on items not listed on the agenda. This is limited to two speakers per meeting with each speaker allowed a maximum of four (4) minutes.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. [LB25-011](#) Consider approval of the minutes of January 13, 2025.
Attachments: [Library Board Minutes - Jan 13 2025](#)
- B. [LB25-015](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Denton Public Library's Special Collections department.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Special Collections](#)
[Special Collections Presentation](#)
- C. [LB25-014](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Friends](#)
- D. [LB25-013](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Foundation](#)
- E. [LB25-012](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding:
- FY25/26 Budget Planning
 - Credit Card Payments at Print Release Stations
 - Staff Development Day
 - CloudLibrary Update
- Attachments:* [Agenda Information Sheet](#)

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Library Board or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutory recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

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File #: LB25-011, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION

Consider approval of the minutes of January 13, 2025.

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library – January 13, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, January 13, at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Eva Poole, Rebecca Fridley, Patricia Peters, Kathryn Pole, Ellen Sullivan, and Kerol Harrod

ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker and Marcella Lunn

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

E. LB25-007 The Board received an informational report regarding the Denton Public Library’s collections of kits and non-traditional materials.

- Makenna Madsourivong, South Branch Adult Services Librarian, provided a demonstration and overview of the different types of non-traditional materials available at the library. Denton Public Library offers multiple collections beyond print and audiovisual materials. The “library of things” collections include Discovery Kits for all ages, Tonies® and Yoto Players, wi-fi hotspots, and Adult Cognitive Enrichment (ACE) Kits.

A. LB25-004 Received nominations and elected the 2025 Chair and Vice-Chair for the Library Advisory Board:

- Kerol Harrod, Chair
- Rebecca Fridley, Vice-Chair

B. LB25-003 The Board received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction regarding updates to the Library Board Bylaws.

- The Library Board Bylaws were last updated in 2022 to have City Board and Commission bylaws consistent across the City. The 2022 changes updated Board officer election dates and titles. While the officer titles were also updated in the “Committees/Board Liaison Appointments” section of the bylaws,

the appointment time was not updated to match officer elections. Officer elections occur each year in January. Current bylaws indicate that Board Liaison appointments be made in October each year.

The Reevaluation of Library Materials Operating Policy was updated and approved by the Library Board on April 8, 2024. One of the updates was the establishment of an appeal process with the Library Board. The Library Program Operating Policy was updated and approved by the Library Board on October 8, 2024 with a similar appeal process. The Appeal Committee information was not added to the bylaws at that time.

Kathryn Pole motioned to accept recommended updates, Rebecca Fridley seconded, all in favor.

C. LB25-002

Library Board Chair, Kerol Harrod, asked for volunteers and appointed two members to serve as liaison to:

- The Friends of the Denton Public Libraries Executive Board – Eva Poole
- The Emily Fowler Library Foundation Board – Kathryn Pole

D. LB25-008

Consider approval of the minutes of December 9, 2024.

The Board accepted and approved minutes of the December 9, 2024 meeting. Rebecca Fridley motioned, Pat Peters seconded, all in favor.

F. LB25-005

The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting. Library staff is coordinating with Foundation Trustees to schedule a meeting in the new year.

G. LB25-006

The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The 2024 projects funded by the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries were completed:

- Study room furniture for new study rooms at Emily Fowler Central Library
- Sound abatement in the Teen Room at North Branch Library
- Adult Cognitive Enrichment (ACE) Kits-4 per library branch
- Author/speaker fees for authors Stacy Wells and Teal Gray and a performance by Indigenous ACEs
- Summer Reading Challenge prize books

The January Friends Executive Board meeting was rescheduled from Thursday, January 9 to Thursday, January 16 due to inclement weather forecasts. The library will be submitting 2025 funding requests at the meeting.

Two Friends Officers attended the Friends and Foundations Summit on December 7 in Euless, TX. They met with the Director of Libraries in December to discuss ideas including additional fundraising projects and participating in the first national Library Giving Day on April 1, 2025.

H. LB25-009

The Board received an informational report and held a discussion regarding:

Winter Reading Program - The annual Winter Reading Program kicked off December 1, 2024, and runs through January 31, 2025. The initiative promotes literacy, encourages the development of a love of reading, and supports lifelong learning.

Library Speakers Consortium - The library has subscribed to the Library Speakers Consortium. The service provides live and recorded interviews and talks with bestselling authors. The events have been added to the library's online calendar of events.

I. LB25-001

The Board received an informational report and held a discussion regarding the proposed 2025 Library Strategic Plan action items:

- The 2024 Library Strategic Plan action items have been updated to show the status online:
[https://performance.envisio.com/dashboard/Library Strategic Plan](https://performance.envisio.com/dashboard/Library%20Strategic%20Plan)

Some projects are multi-year and will be included in the 2025 Library Strategic Plan action items. Proposed action items include twelve multi-year projects that started in 2024 and nine new initiatives. Library staff recommends approval of the proposed 2025 Library Strategic Plan action items.

Pat Peters motioned, Ellen Sullivan seconded, all in favor.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Kerol Harrod, Chair

Jennifer Bekker, Director of Libraries
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: _____



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AGENDA CAPTION

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Frank Dixon
DATE: February 10, 2025

SUBJECT

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BACKGROUND

Denton Public Library's Special Collections department includes local history, genealogy, Texana, and a Municipal Archive. Housed at the Emily Fowler Central Library, the Special Collections department works with community members, local and state organizations, and researchers from across the country to provide access to unique historical records and data. Head of Special Collections, Laura Douglas, will share information about the collections, resources, and services. The presentation is attached as Exhibit 2.

EXHIBITS

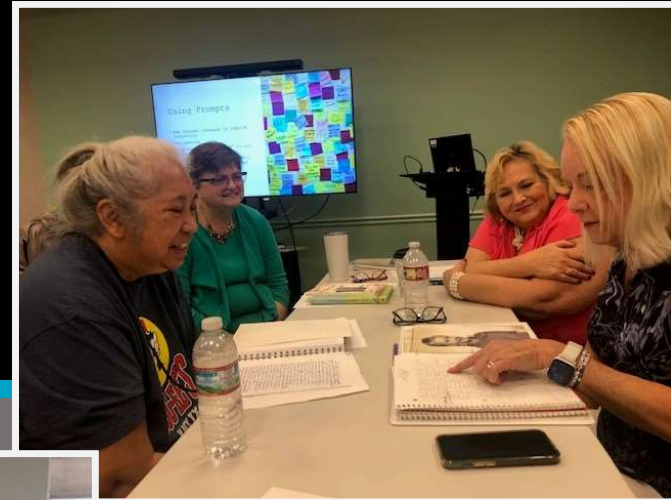
1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Special Collections Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

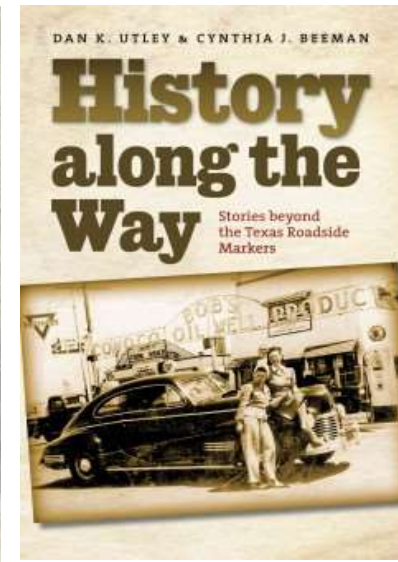
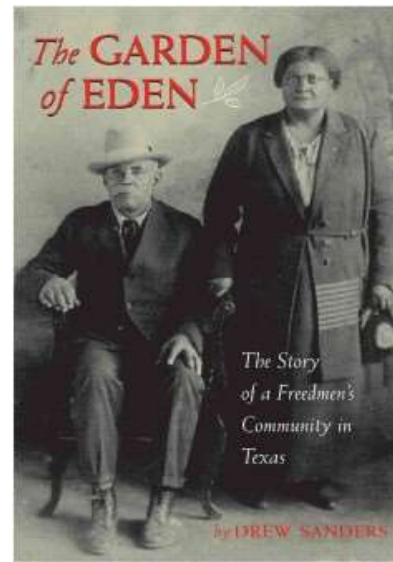
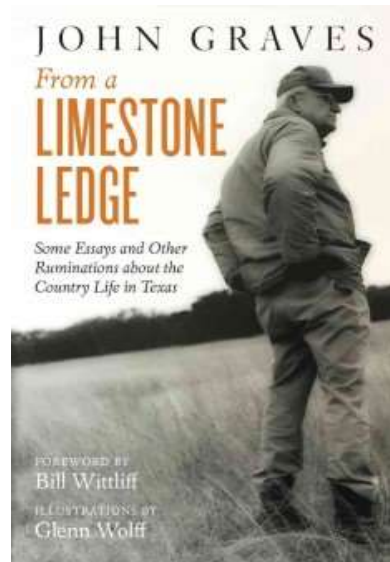
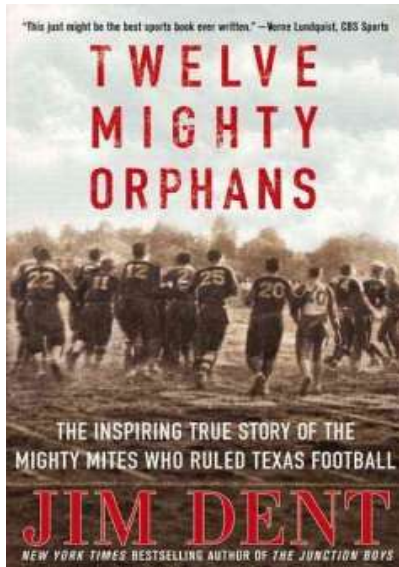
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Special Collections

at the Emily Fowler Central Library



Texas Collection



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Denton Texas Collection

- Books
- Videos
- Oral Histories
- Scrapbooks
- DRC Archive
- Photographs
- City / County Histories & Reports
- Ephemera
- Vertical Files
- Artwork
- Diaries
- Letters
- Cookbooks

Readers, rejoice City's newest library makes its debut

By Deborah Ross
Staff writer

Librarians won't be hashing chatter Thursday at the North Branch Library. That's because the grand opening of Denton's newest library is scheduled to have a live band, a magician, loans and storytelling to celebrate its debut.

"Who still unpacking boxes, furniture is still arriving," Eric Poole, Denton's director of libraries, said Wednesday. "But we'll be ready for tomorrow."

Mr. Poole said books, videocassettes and DVDs were stacked on the shelves, the library's 70 computers were being installed, and finishing touches were being put into place Wednesday.

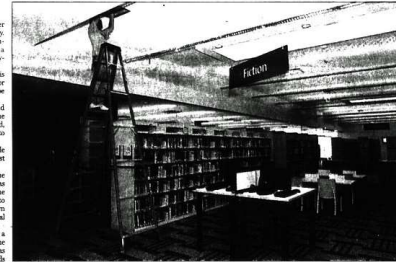
"Everything is out and ready for people to look at and check out," he said. "It's just a whirlwind of activity over here."

Construction began in August on the new \$2.5 million library. The library was built to serve its growing clientele in the northern part of the city, who, in order to use a library, had to travel to downtown Denton to get to the Emily Fowler Central Library.

Mr. Poole said the new library marks a lot of firsts for the library system. It has the first distance-learning center. It also has the first library meeting room that holds up to 100 people, and for the first time, Denton will provide public library service until 9 p.m. four nights a week.

"To know that all of these things are there in one place, I think is exciting," said Ann Greenlaw, chairwoman of Friends of the Denton Public Libraries organization, which is funding the grand opening festivities.

The distance-learning center houses about 20 computers. Mr. Poole said the primary purpose will be computer skills



Denton Record-Chronicle/Al Key

Electrician Ronny Fabian puts some finishing touches on the new North Branch Library Wednesday afternoon. The library, at 2020 N. Locust St., will open its doors to residents at 10 a.m. Thursday, followed by a grand opening celebration.

training for the public, but the center can also be rented to local businesses. In the event, instructors or lecturers from anywhere can use videoconferencing to communicate and teach people to dance at the library.

Patrons will also find a corner table to sip a cup of cappuccino or bite into a fresh

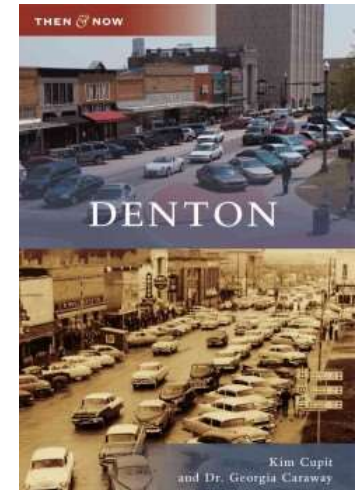
pastry inside the Ravellin Library Cafe, opening Saturday in the foyer of the new branch.

Eric Holland, who owns Ravellin Bakery on Locust Street, said the cafe will offer the same breakfast croissants and pastries now offered at the Locust Street library plus small cookies, chocolates and individ-

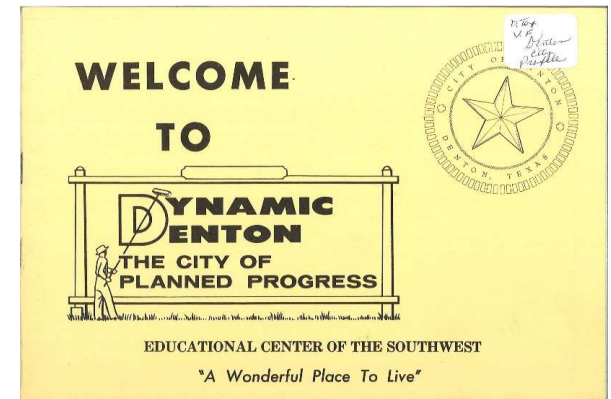
ual servings of such items as cheesecake. All of the menu offerings will be made fresh daily at the main library and taken to the cafe, Mr. Holland said.

"It's going to lend itself more to an atmosphere of reading a book or coming in

See LIBRARY on 8A



Kim Cupit and Dr. Georgia Caraway



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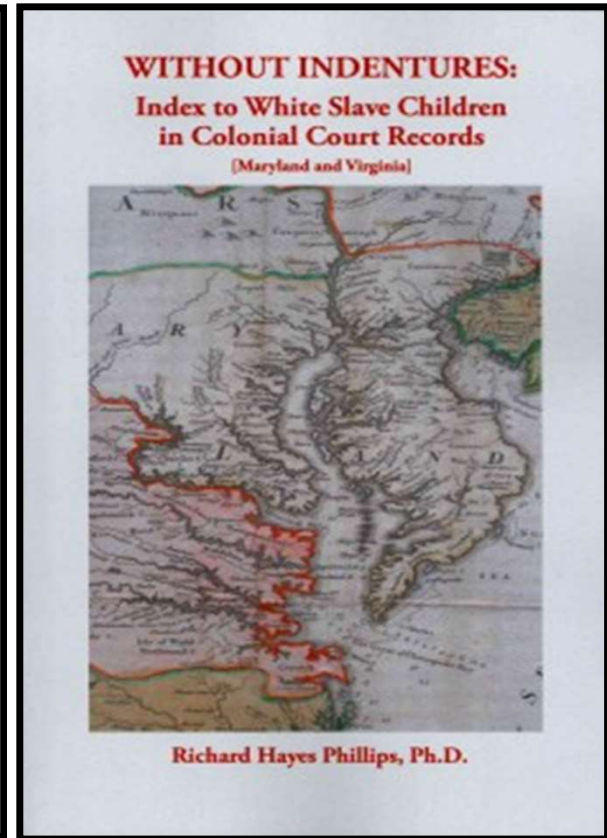
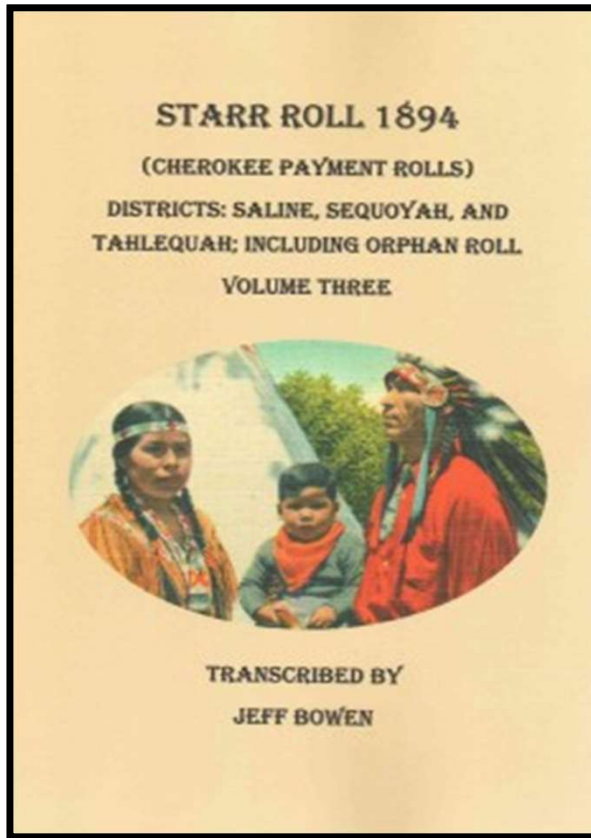
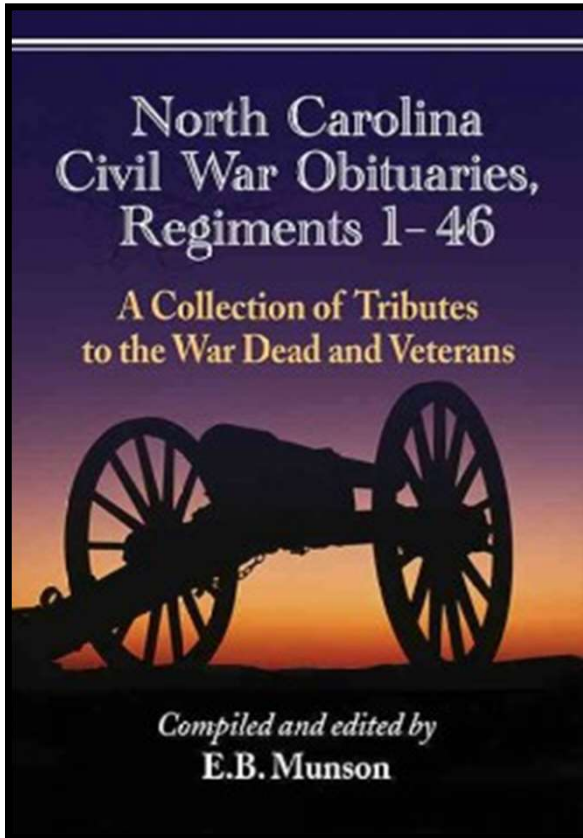
Genealogy Collection

Resources for those researching their Denton roots.



Resources for those researching their roots elsewhere.





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Municipal Archives

3 Repositories

Denton Municipal Archives

🏠 Repository

Parent Institution: Emily Fowler Central Library, Denton Public Library
Number of Collections: 10

Denton, Texas Collection

🏠 Repository

Parent Institution: Emily Fowler Central Library, Denton Public Library
Number of Collections: 9

Genealogy

🏠 Repository

Parent Institution: Emily Fowler Central Library, Denton Public Library
Number of Collections: 3

Keyword Years: From To





Included in these collections are more than 10,000 books, family histories, microforms, scrapbooks, yearbooks, city directories, photographs, maps, and oral histories that focus on local and state history, and genealogy.

To make a research request for local history or genealogy information, please contact us at:

✉ genealogy@cityofdenton.com

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OR

DPL Special Collections

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Denton Public Library is a Family Search Affiliate library.



Online Resources

Accessible in the Library



Online Resources

Accessible from Home

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★ fold3™
by Ancestry

★ ProQuest
African American
Heritage

FamilySearch



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Record-Chronicle
NewsBank inc.



NewspaperArchive



HeritageHub

obituaries, death notices & news articles



The Portal to
Texas History

The Portal to Texas History

At a Glance

18,926 Items	14 Types	56 Titles
17 collections	17 Decades	4 Languages
33 Counties	10 States	2 Countries
1,137,435 Usage	15 years, 8 months ago Partner Added	7 months, 1 week ago Last Updated



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Digital Collections

INTERNET ARCHIVE WEB TEXTS VIDEO AUDIO SOFTWARE IMAGES SIGN UP | LOG IN | UPLOAD Search

ABOUT BLOG PROJECTS HELP DONATE CONTACT JOBS VOLUNTEER PEOPLE

Denton Public Library Share Favorite

Photographs, oral history interviews, library videos, old newspapers and other oddities that help describe some of the items that belong to the Special Collections Department. The collection may be accessed in person at the Special Collections Department of the Emily Fowler Library located at 502 Oakland Street in Denton, Texas.

Please refer suggestions for edits to genealogy@cityofdenton.com.

UPLOADS LOANS LISTS POSTS REVIEWS COLLECTIONS WEB ARCHIVES

388 Results

Sort by: Weekly views Title Date archived Creator Search uploads

Year Published
1897 - 2023

Media Type

- image 169
- movies 106
- audio 77
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Year

- 1980 32
- 1975 30
- 1957 17
- 1983 11
- 2008 10
- 1995 10

Item 1: Denton Downtown Square and Main Street - 1880s
archived Sep 18, 2024
3 views, 0 likes, 0 comments

Item 2: Arts, Antiques, and Autos
archived Sep 18, 2024
17 views, 0 likes, 0 comments

Item 3: [Oral History] Interview with Rocky Alexander
archived Jun 04, 2024
20 views, 0 likes, 0 comments

Item 4: Program on Civil Defense and Fallout Shelters, c1960
archived Apr 19, 2024
35 views, 0 likes, 0 comments

Item 5: Mrs. Floyd Graham Speech: "Declaration of an American Citizen at..."
archived Apr 19, 2024
32 views, 0 likes, 0 comments

Item 6: Early Schools in Denton, a Monologue by C. W. Woods
archived Apr 19, 2024
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Quakertown Park

Betty Jane Blazier
Memorial Play Wall

Fred Moore Park

George McKenna Park

Denia Park

Mack Park

Roberts Field

Milam Park

North Lakes Park

Goldfield Tennis Center

Joe Skiles Park

Owsley Park

Carl Gene Young Sr. Park

Spc. Ernest W. Dallas Jr.
Veterans Memorial Park

Denton's Parks: The History Behind the Names



Denton Parks and Recreation Department Employees Painting Signs. Denton Public Library. Image made available by The Portal to Texas History. Circa 1977.

BORROWING BOOKS FROM THE UNDERTAKER

The Incomplete History of the Libraries in Southeast Denton. In my world-view the public library has always been a free and openly accessible place. I naively assumed...

DENTON'S DAYS OF NEON

Did you ever wonder who had the first neon sign in Denton? Probably not, but it wouldn't surprise you to know it was Voertman's College Store. Continue reading if you like neon signs and Denton history.

IN THE WEEDS: ROLAND LANEY, DENTON ARCHITECT.

There are what I call the Four Giants of Denton Architects: O'Neil Ford, Mount-Miller (Isabel Mount and Tom Polk Miller) and Roland Laney. The latter three working...

FROM THE ARCHIVES... DENTON'S FIRST MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On December 17th, Denton Enterprise Airport officially opened a new runway. It is thus somewhat serendipitous that while recently doing an inventory of maps and blueprints transferred...

Genealogy and Local History Blog



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The Legacy Lab is a self-service digital archiving and conversion lab that provides users with the tools and the training to digitize their materials independently.



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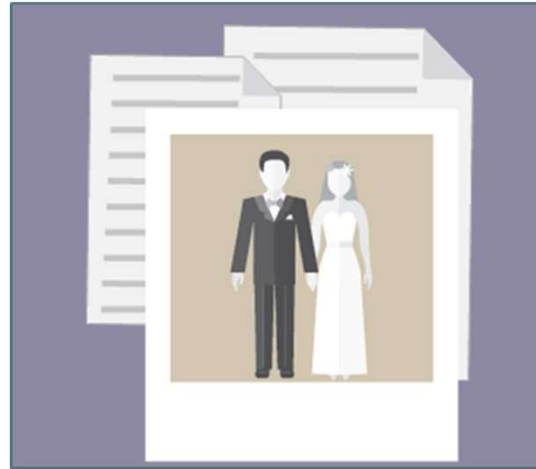


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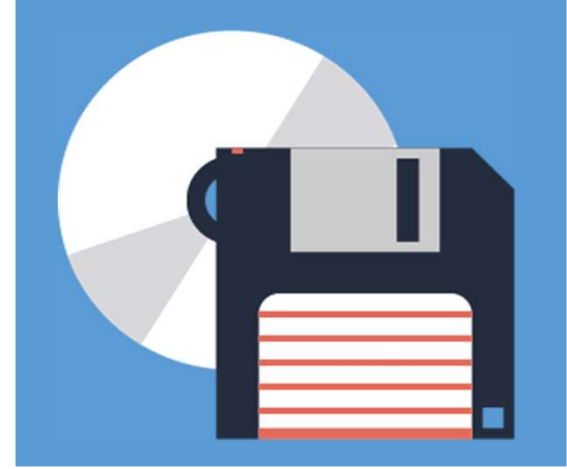
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8 mm & Super 8 Film
VHS Cassettes
VHS-C Cassettes
Audio Cassettes




Documents up to 11" x 17"
Photographs
Negatives
35 mm Slides



3.5 floppy disks
CD/DVDs
Memory cards
Smart cards
Zip drives

Discovery Kits



Record your Family Stories

+


Kit - 2019
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Family Tree Scrapbooking

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Digital Film Scanner


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Kit - 2023
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Discover Downtown Denton

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Programs



CONNECTIONS
a Genealogy Discussion Group



Annual State-Wide Genealogy Lock-In ~ Denton County Genealogical Society ~ Preservation Month ~ Guest Speakers



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Research Questions

“Ohhh my gosh - you have made my happy, it has been forever looking for his actual date of death and you found it. His daughter is listed in the article and she is my three times great grandmother. I am so happy and it solved a chunk on that branch, now I can look for some other items about him. Yayyyyy!”

“I would like to thank you so much for your time and research. I would have responded much sooner, but I am notorious for not checking my email on a regular basis. This information will help me get a clearer understanding of my family, especially my great grandfather and great grandmother. Words can't describe how grateful I am of you to take the time out of your day and do all of this research so I can learn some of my family history.”



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SC FY 2023-2024

- 2772 items were used in-house
- 47 programs presented
- 557 people attended programs
- 152 Legacy Lab appointments
- 11,271 blog views

Special Collections Librarian, Chuck Voellinger, helping with the cleaning of the Beaumont Mood Pottery Lamps from City Hall



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AGENDA CAPTION

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Frank Dixon
DATE: February 10, 2025

SUBJECT

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BACKGROUND

The Friends of the Denton Public Libraries is a nonprofit organization that supports the Denton Public Library through community service and fundraising to provide materials and equipment to improve and extend Library services. This report provides an update on the organization’s activities and fundraising efforts.

The Executive Board of the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries met Thursday, January 16. The library submitted 2025 funding requests, which were approved. The 2025 funding requests are attached as Exhibit 2.

The Friends will be participating in Library Giving Day on April 1, 2025. The fundraising event supports libraries. The Friends will receive yard signs and ask library staff, Friends members, Library Board members, and Emily Fowler Library Foundation Trustees to participate by placing a yard sign in their yards. The group discussed the February book sale and voted to approve a new Executive Board Member. The Friends will expand the Moving Stories initiative to include one additional site in 2025.

2025 Friends Executive Board Meetings (in North Branch Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m.)

- Thursday, April 10, 2025
- Thursday, July 10, 2025
- Thursday, October 9, 2025

2025 Friends Big Book Sales (in North Branch Meeting Room)

- Saturday, February 8, 2025
- Saturday, May 10, 2025
- Saturday, August 9, 2025
- Saturday, November 8, 2025

EXHIBITS

- 1. Agenda Information Sheet-Friends
- 2. 2025 Funding Requests

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker

Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
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BACKGROUND

The Emily Fowler Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports the Denton Public Library’s mission. This report provides an update on the Foundation’s activities, goals, and fundraising efforts.

The Foundation currently has a \$100,000 CD that will come to maturity in April 2026. The Foundation checking account has a balance of \$9,091.51 as of the latest statement in November 2024. The Foundation’s goal is to focus on bequests or planned giving donations that can be used for large scale Library initiatives or capital projects.

There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting. Library staff is coordinating with Foundation Trustees to schedule a meeting this spring.

2025 Upcoming Meetings:

To be determined

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet-Foundation

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Director of Libraries

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BACKGROUND

Planning for the 2025/2026 fiscal year has begun. The department follows the City of Denton budget process each year.

Library staff are working with Treasury to activate the ability to take credit card payments at print release stations at each library branch. We hope to have the service available by May.

The annual library staff development day is Friday, February 21, 2025. All three library facilities will be closed to allow all library staff to meet for a day of training and professional development. Topics on this year's agenda include strategic thinking and planning, marketing, outreach 101, wellness and self-care when serving the public, resource and collection demos, switch game demonstrations, and an overview of the library's strategic plan. The day includes a working lunch with a presentation from the City Manager's Office.

CloudLibrary, the ebook and digital audiobook platform used by Denton Public Library patrons, recently had a branding update. The new logo features a blue, green, and yellow cloud design. The vendor is creating updated marketing materials later this spring. All service features remain the same.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet

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