



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Library

**ACM:** Christine Taylor

**DATE:** August 12, 2024

### **SUBJECT**

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

- Emily Fowler Facility Projects
- Denton Halloween
- Program Capacity
- Interlibrary Loan Services
- 2024 Summer Reading Challenge
- Youth Access to Library Materials

### **BACKGROUND**

Emily Fowler Central Library will be closed from Monday, August 19 through Monday, August 26 for carpet installation. The branch will reopen on Tuesday, August 27, with regular hours. However, some public areas may remain inaccessible if the carpeting project is not fully completed during the closure. Additional facility improvements, including painting, electrical, and lighting upgrades, are scheduled for January 2025.

The City of Denton is organizing a month-long Halloween celebration, with events planned daily throughout October. Most activities and decorations will be centered around the downtown square, with participation from various City, community, and local business entities. The library will host Halloween events at all its branches, offer a special limited-edition Denton Halloween library card, and feature themed displays and photo opportunities at Emily Fowler Central Library. More details are available at [www.dentonhalloween.com](http://www.dentonhalloween.com).

Library staff are collaborating with the Fire Marshal to reassess the capacities of meeting and program rooms. Based on these evaluations and the ability of staff and volunteers to manage crowds, new program capacity guidelines will be established. These guidelines aim to ensure the safety of program participants, including the ability to safely exit the space if necessary.

As mandated by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, all public libraries in Texas, including Denton Public Library, transitioned to the new ShareIT Interlibrary Loan (ILL) software in July. This transition has presented several challenges, such as routing notification errors and the inability to renew ILL materials. Library staff are actively communicating with ILL customers and working with the software vendor to resolve these issues.

The report on the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge will be presented at the September 9, 2024, Library Board meeting.

At the July 17, 2024, City Council meeting, a patron expressed concerns regarding youth access to library materials. In response to questions from Council, library staff provided an Informal Staff Report, attached as Exhibit 2, to City Council in the Friday Report, detailing library policies and procedures on this matter.

**EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Informal Staff Report-Youth Access to Library Materials

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