



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda

Library Board

Monday, April 14, 2025

5:30 PM

South Branch 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, April 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley Lane, 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. [LB25-022](#) Consider the minutes of March 10, 2025.
Attachments: [Lib Board Minutes - Mar 10 2025](#)
- B. [LB25-027](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Denton Public Library's patron behavior expectations and incident management processes.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Behavior Expectations](#)
[Behavior Expectations Presentation](#)
- C. [LB25-026](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Friends](#)
- D. [LB25-025](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Foundation](#)
- E. [LB25-024](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and consider recommending approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:
· Reference Operating Policy
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Policy Updates](#)
[Reference Operating Policy](#)
- F. [LB25-023](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the library's 2025 Summer Classes & Events.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-2025 Summer Classes & Events](#)
[Proposed 2025 Summer Classes and Events](#)
- G. [LB25-028](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding IMLS funding.

Attachments:

[Agenda Information Sheet](#)

[IMLS Funded TSLAC Programs](#)

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 salutary 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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AGENDA CAPTION

Consider the minutes of March 10, 2025.

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
North Branch Library – March 10, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the North Branch Library at 3020 N. Locust, Denton, Texas.

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

ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker and Amanda Brown

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB25-021 Consider approval of the minutes of February 10, 2025.

The Board accepted and approved minutes of the February 10, 2025 meeting. Patricia Peters motioned, Kathryn Pole seconded. All in favor.

B. LB25-019 The Board received an informational report regarding the Denton Public Library's world language collections.

Technical Services Manager, Rachel Reeves, and North Branch Assistant Manager, Kasey Fanucchi, shared information about the types of collections, public input to determine languages offered, and collection selection and maintenance processes for world language materials.

Denton Public Library's world languages collections for all ages were refreshed in 2024. Spanish language materials are available at all library locations. South Branch Library also houses a collection of materials in Chinese. In addition to Spanish and Chinese materials, North Branch Library offers small collections of materials in German, Korean, Japanese, and French.

C. LB25-016 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

- The Friends will be participating in Library Giving Day on April 1, 2025. The fundraising event supports libraries. The Friends asks Library Board members to participate by placing a yard sign in their yards. The February Big Book Sale resulted in total sales of \$4,691.97. Members of the Friends Executive Board will be joining the library's monthly department virtual meeting in March to provide information to staff about the organization, their programs and projects, and how they support the library.

D. LB25-018

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 this spring.

E. LB25-017

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy and associated Agreement. The Library Management Team recommends withdrawal. Should laptop circulation services return in the future, updated policies will be presented to the Library Board.

- *Laptop Circulation Operating Policy*
- *Laptop Circulation Guideline-Agreement*

The Board approved the recommendation to withdraw. Eva Poole motioned, Patricia Peters and Rebecca Fridley seconded in unison. All in favor.

F. LB25-020

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

Emily Fowler Parking Lot - The two parking lots at Emily Fowler Central Library were restriped at the end of February. Both lots will be completely redone later this year, but the restriping was necessary at this time to meet ADA standards.

DPL University Staff Training - The Library is coordinating staff training opportunities to grow skills, expand professional knowledge, and learn about best practices in the City of Denton and the library field. Trainings include informal mini-trainings at monthly department virtual meetings, scheduled in-person and virtual training classes (1- 2 hours), and team-specific tours of other libraries. Examples include: how to become involved in professional organizations, strategic thinking, stress management, using MS Planner for project management, and incident management. Upcoming trainings include: introduction to the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries, active shooter training, tour of an area library

for library leadership team, tour of an area library for youth services team, City of Denton grant process, and other topics.

South Branch Manager Position - The South Branch Manager position will be posting shortly. The library hopes to do interviews the second week in April.

TMLDA Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award - Denton Public Library has been awarded the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA) Achievement of Excellence in Libraries award. To qualify for the award, libraries must exhibit excellence across various criteria including serving underserved and special populations, enhancing services, marketing, promoting cultural, topical, and educational programming, providing literacy support, providing summer reading clubs, pursuing collaborative efforts, supporting workforce development, providing for digital inclusion, and comprehensively training staff.

Library Staff Presenting at Texas Library Association Conference - Denton Public Library staff members are presenting several educational sessions at the Texas Library Association Conference this year.

- *Count It and Cull It: Inventory and Weeding Teams* - Rachel Reeves and Trey Ford
- *Family Place Libraries: What to Expect in Your First Year* - Karli Pierce and Rebecca Ivey
- *Story of My Life: Beautiful Biographies for Kids (Author Panel)* - Rebecca Ivey moderating
- *Navigating the Library Profession: Insights from Academic, Public, and School Librarians* - Rebecca Ivey
- *Culturally Sustaining Practices for Bilingual Storytimes* - Karli Pierce
- *The Library Has That? Non-traditional Circulating Collections* - Rachel Reeves

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Kerol Harrod, Chair

Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: _____



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Denton Public Library's patron behavior expectations and incident management processes.



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: April 14, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Denton Public Library's patron behavior expectations and incident management processes.

BACKGROUND

Denton Public Library provides a welcoming environment, serving community members from all ages and backgrounds. Jennifer Bekker, Director of Libraries, and Kimberly Wells, Emily Fowler Central Library Manager, will present information about behavior expectations for library users, how library staff members address behavioral incidents, and how incidents are reported. The presentation is attached as Exhibit 2.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Behavior Expectations Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries



Denton
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rules of Conduct and Incident Management

A Welcoming and Safe Place for All

Library operating policies clarify behavior expectations

- Rules of Conduct
- Community Use of the Forge and Legacy Lab
- Filming and Photography
- Food and Drink
- Library Programs
- Meeting Room
- Study Room
- Teen Room
- Unattended Children

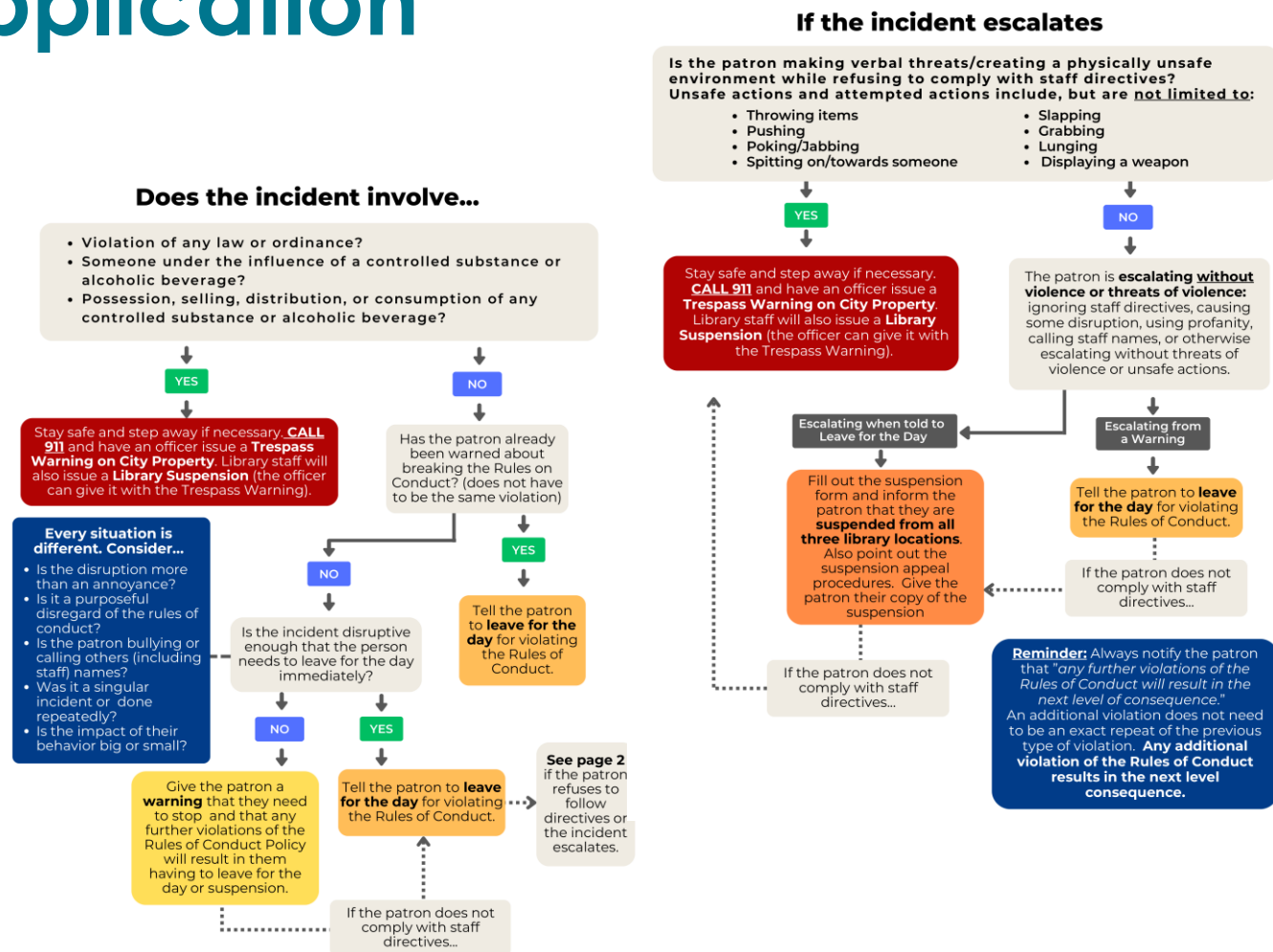
Public service policies are available on the library website:
https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/dpl_policies.html

Rules of Conduct Operating Policy

- Defines conduct violations
- Describes processes addressing conduct violations
 - Warnings
 - Suspensions
 - Criminal Trespass Warnings
 - Adjusted suspension periods for teens or egregious offenses
- Provides the procedure for Library Suspension Appeals

Fair and Consistent Application

- Every individual is different
 - Age
 - Ability
- Every situation is different
 - First-time vs. repeated
 - Time of day
 - Activities in the library
 - Weather



Address Conduct with Empathy

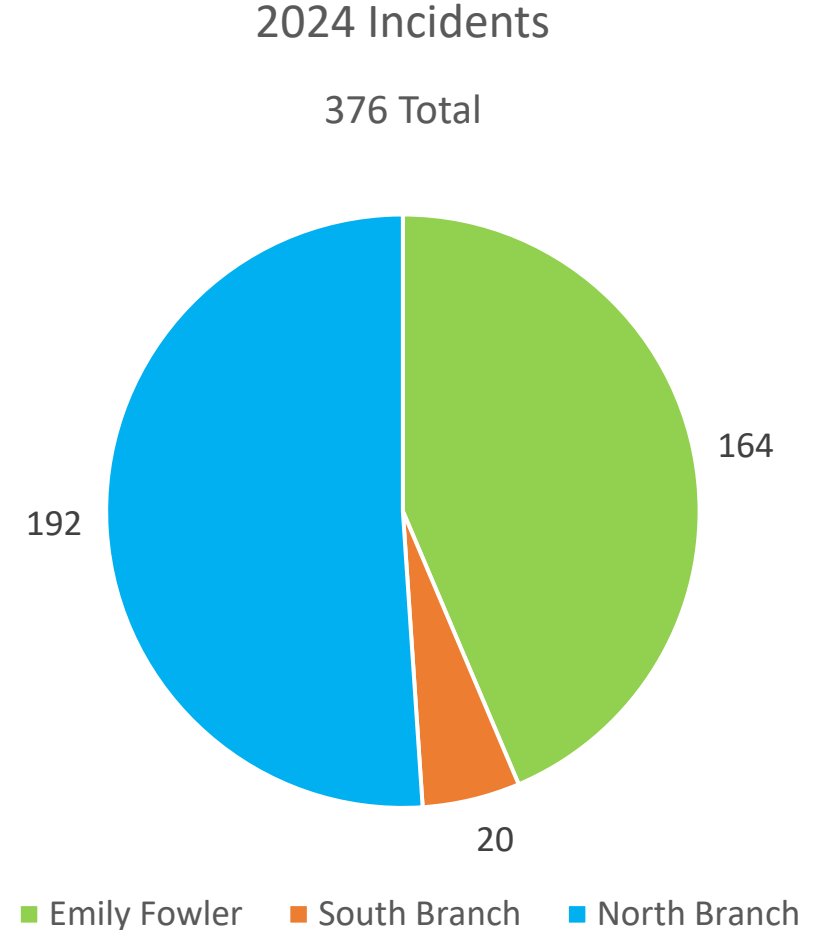
- Assess safety
- Safely move away from crowded areas while staying within view of other staff & cameras
- Speak calmly
- Clearly explain behavior expectations and future consequences
- Look for win-win solutions
- Consistently apply policy
- Document incidents



- ❖ Trauma & the 5 most important seconds of conflict
- ❖ Verbal and nonverbal tools to eliminate conflict
- ❖ Preventing conflict
- ❖ Managing your own emotions during conflict
- ❖ How coworkers should provide backup during conflict
- ❖ How to safely ask someone to leave
- ❖ How to handle problematic behavior

Documenting Incidents

- Accidents
- Medical emergencies
- Observations of unusual behavior
- First staff engagement
- Warnings
- Suspensions
- Criminal Trespass Warnings



Documenting Incidents

- All incidents are tracked in an incident log
- An Incident Report document is also created if the incident:
 - Involved emergency services (Fire, Police, Ambulance)
 - Results in a Library Suspension
 - Results in a Criminal Trespass Warning

The screenshot shows a 'New item' form with the following fields and options:

- Date ***: 3/25/2025 12:44 PM (Date of the incident)
- Branch ***: Radio buttons for North, Fowler, South
- Description ***: Text input field with placeholder 'Enter value here'
- Incident Report Created? ***: Check box (Yes)
- Staff ***: Text input field with placeholder 'Enter a name or email address'
- Name of person issued suspension or CTW**: Text input field with placeholder 'Enter value here'
- Library Suspension**: Check box (N/A)
- Date Suspension Was Issued**: Text input field with placeholder 'Enter a date'
- Library Suspension Pending/Issued**: Check box (N/A)
- CTW?**: Check box (Yes)
- CTW Pending/Issued**: Check box (N/A)
- Photo 1**: Add an image button
- Photo 2**: Add an image button
- Attachments**: Add attachments button

Buttons at the bottom: Save, Cancel

Library Suspension

- Loss of library privileges
 - Adults-1 year
 - Teens-3 months, 6 months, or 1 year
 - Egregious offenses-2 years
- Not allowed on library property
- Active from the time of the incident
- Violation results in Criminal Trespass Warning
- Appeal may be made to the Library Suspension Review Committee (Library Board)

Criminal Trespass Warning

- Loss of library privileges
 - 6 months
 - 1 year if violating law or ordinance
- Not allowed on library property
- Active from the time of the issuance
- Violation results in arrest
- Governed by *City of Denton Policy 500.08 Trespass Warning on City Property*
- Appeal may be made to the Municipal Judge's Office

Questions?



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: April 14, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

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 Friends Executive Board met on April 10, 2025. The Board reported success in their participation in the inaugural Library Giving Day. They raised \$3,530. They also discussed the work of their new Fundraising Committee, which has six Friends members and three Friends Executive Board members. They are developing fundraising projects including a Give Us Your Change jar at various businesses in Denton, selling items made in the Forge Makerspace, and soliciting corporate donations and grants.

The Friends Executive Board discussed opening the Big Book Sales for two or three hours on Fridays before each book sale for members-only shopping. They plan to implement the additional sale period at the August book sale. The Board also agreed to begin using a point-of-sale system to take credit card payments at the book store and at book sales. Four Board members will reach out to their bank to see if they provide a system.

The Library provided a report on the approved Friends funded projects, shared information about the impact of the Institute of Museum and Library Services closure, and the Moving Stories project.

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

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Thursday, October 9, 2025

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

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Saturday, November 8, 2025

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet-Friends

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Frank Dixon
DATE: April 14, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

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 March, 2025. 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 in the new year.

2025 Upcoming Meetings:

To be determined

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet-Foundation

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and consider recommending approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

- Reference Operating Policy



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: April 14, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and consider recommending approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

- Reference Operating Policy

BACKGROUND

The following policy updates are recommended to the Library Board:

Reference Operating Policy-Exhibit 2

The redline draft shows proposed clarification regarding referral to Book a Librarian appointment services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Library staff recommends approval of the policy update.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Reference Operating Policy

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

REFERENCE OPERATING POLICY

Approved by the Library Board, October 4, 2001
Revised by the Library Management Team, February 13, 2023

Philosophy of Reference Service

Reference and information service is a part of the Denton Public Library System's commitment to meeting the information needs, both educational and recreational, of its library users. Library staff endeavors to provide accurate information and materials in response to user requests, and to offer this service in an efficient, courteous, impartial and timely manner.

Definition of Reference

Reference (as defined by the American Library Association/Reference and User Services Association) is providing assistance by using expertise in response to an information need. Reference work themes include providing informational expertise, recommending and interpreting resources, promoting services, and managing service point. Denton Public Library also includes provision of direct assistance with common software applications or Internet navigation as reference work. Reference is in response to a current information need and initiated by an individual or group of people working together. Reference work aims to ensure that library users can find the resources they need when they want them. Reference is not formal instruction. Workshops or programming designed by library staff are not considered reference. Reference transactions do not include exchanges that provide assistance with locations, schedules, basic use of library equipment, supplies, or policy statements.

Definition of Directional Transactions

Directional transactions help customers locate places in the library or take advantage of the library's services. Questions about administrative directives, scheduling, programming and equipment are directional and are not considered reference transactions. Directional transactions can be performed in person, by telephone, by mail, by fax or through e-mail.

Limitations

1. Staff does not do homework for students.
2. Staff will not assist illegal activity.
3. Staff does not give legal, medical, tax or consumer advice.
4. Staff responds to requests for specific genealogy information, using indexed sources, but does not do in-depth genealogy research.

5. Large groups or classes needing reference assistance need to make arrangements with a reference staff member prior to the visit.
6. Staff are able to provide technology assistance and support for library provided technology and equipment only.

~~Reference~~ Some reference assistance requiring time intensive ~~one-on-one~~ one-on-one help ~~may should~~ be requested ~~scheduled~~ as a Book a Librarian appointment.



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the library's 2025 Summer Classes & Events.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: April 14, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the library's 2025 Summer Classes & Events.

BACKGROUND

Denton Public Library observes three programming seasons, Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall. Prior to each programming season, proposed classes and events are presented to the Library Board for discussion and approval. Library programs are developed by professional library staff members and follow the library's mission to transform lives, strengthen community, and inspire imagination. The library offers a wide range of programs for all ages and interests with events representing and responding to the needs of the diverse community it serves.

The proposed draft of 2025 Summer Classes and Events list is attached as Exhibit 2. It includes proposed programs for May-August, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Library staff recommends approval of the 2025 Summer Classes and Events list.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Proposed 2025 Summer Classes & Events

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

DPL2Go

[Denton StoryWalks®](#)

Visit our StoryWalk® on the Square and StoryWalk® at Fred Moore Park this summer! Thanks to partnerships with local businesses on Denton Square and the Parks and Recreation Department, these stories are available for families to read, walk, and visit the outdoors. For more information, visit library.cityofdenton.com/screens/dpl_storywalk

[How To: Technology](#)

Discover more about library services, access, and resources each month for an interactive presentation. Space is limited; email Yvonne.Kendricks@cityofdenton.com to register. Ages 50+.

Downloadable E-Books and Audiobooks - Hoopla

Fri 5/2 American Legion Hall Senior Center 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Navigate the Library Website

Fri 6/6 American Legion Hall Senior Center 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Library of Things

Fri 8/1 American Legion Hall Senior Center 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

[Splish Splash Story Time](#)

Join us for a special Story Time in the Children's Play Pool at Water Works Park. Admission is waived, but participants must stay at the Children's Play Pool and leave the park by 10:45am. Co-sponsored by Denton Parks & Recreation Aquatics. Ages 1-5 with their caregivers.

Thurs 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 Water Works Park 10 a.m.

[Books on Tap](#)

We're bringing book discussions to local bars & breweries. Join us to rant and rave about our favorite books or least favorite tropes. Check our staff booklist for recommendations, come with your own, or listen to what others' are reading! No required book or booklist. Ages 21+.

Mon 5/19 d20 Tavern 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon 6/16 Miss Angeline's 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon 7/21 Denton County Brewing Co. 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon 8/18 Steve's Wine Bar 6:30-8 p.m.

Programs for All Ages

[Make and Take: Sea Monster Paintings](#)

“Color Your World” by altering unremarkable landscapes or scenes with sea monsters or giant sea creatures. Inspired by the trend of upcycling thrift store paintings to create new “monsterpieces.”

Sat-Mon. 7/5 - 7/7 North Branch

[Scavenger Hunts](#)

Searching is half the fun! Look for different themed decals around North and South Branch. Turn in a completed scavenger hunt to get a fun sticker.

Types of Soda

Thurs 5/1 - Sat 5/31 South Branch

[Los Mariachi Locos Performance](#)

Help us celebrate our Summer Reading Challenge with some mariachi music! Check out the band's website at <https://www.losmariachilocos.com/>. Instagram @losmariachilocos. ¡Ayúdanos a celebrar el Reto de Lectura de Verano con música de mariachi! Visite el sitio web de Los Mariachi Locos en <https://www.losmariachilocos.com/>. Instagram @losmariachilocos.

Sat 6/7 Emily Fowler 2:30 p.m.

[Denton Jazz Workshops Family Jam](#)

Sing, move, and play with a live jazz band featuring middle and high school age musicians and the professionals of the IfCM Collective. This program will feature lots of interactive songs that children already know along with performances of jazz tunes that are sure to become new favorites. Learn how jazz musicians improvise and communicate with each other and you'll be ready to jam with the band! www.ifcmusic.org

Sat 6/14 Emily Fowler 2:30 p.m.

[Juneteenth 101 with Donald Cox](#)

Join us and local public historian Donald Cox for an engaging session that will challenge your understanding and provide you with a deeper appreciation of this important holiday. Don't miss this opportunity to uncover the facts, dispel the myths, and celebrate the true history of Juneteenth.

Wed 6/18 South Branch 3 p.m.

[Music & Magic in Polka Color](#)

Join us for a vibrant celebration during our Summer Reading Challenge! Mike Schneider's Pint Size Polkas program brings high-energy polka, dazzling magic, and hilarious comedy. It's a fun-filled show for all ages!

Sat 6/21 North Branch 2 p.m.

[Plant Swap](#)

Join us at the North Branch for a summer plant swap! Bring your cuttings, plants, and seeds - plus any supplies you no longer need - to swap with other gardening enthusiasts. There will also be free seeds and free books with plenty of tips and tricks for newbies!

Sat 7/19 North Branch 3-4:30 p.m.

[Star Wars Celebration](#)

Calling all Star Wars fans! Join us for the 13th annual Star Wars Celebration. Dress as your favorite character and enjoy Star Wars-themed crafts and games while supplies last. May the Force be with you!

Wed 7/30 North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

[Origami Table - Fowler](#)

Self led program - AAPI History activity in May

[Craft Supply Swap](#)

It's time for a craft closet Spring clean! Reduce your own clutter by bringing in your supplies and swap them out for something new to work with. All craft supplies and all crafters are welcome. Supplies can be dropped off at the North Branch starting Saturday May 10th. Swap begins at 3:00 PM on Saturday May 17th

Sat 5/17 North Branch 3-4:30 p.m.

[Chalk Color War & Popsicles](#)

Let's keep the Summer Reading Challenge party going strong! Wear your white t-shirts, bring your friends, and prepare to battle it out in a colorful chalk war for all ages. We'll enjoy popsicles, celebrate a world of color, and chalk the sidewalks!

Wed 7/16 South Branch 6-8 p.m.

Children's Programs

[Pokemon Club](#)

If you love Pokemon, I Choose you... to join fellow trainers for crafts, games, and more! Ages 6 - 10.

Wed 5/14, 6/11, 7/9 Emily Fowler 4:30 p.m.

[Read to Rover](#)

Give your child an opportunity to practice reading one-on-one with a trained, certified therapy dog. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Therapy Pals of Golden Triangle. Space is limited, first-come, first-served. Ages 6-10. Ages 6-10.

Sat 5/17, 6/21, 7/19 South Branch 10:30 a.m.

Sat 5/17, 7/19 North Branch 2 p.m.

Sat 6/21 North Branch 3 p.m.

[Kamishibai: Traditional Japanese Storytelling](#)

Join us for a celebration of Japanese culture featuring a traditional folktale presentation! For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Wed 5/28 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

[Dog Man Party](#)

Celebrate the new Dog Man movie by playing Dog Man-themed games, making some fun crafts, and hanging out with other fans of the series! Ages 6-10.

Wed 6/11 South Branch 6:30 p.m.

[A Journey Through African Dance](#)

Celebrate Juneteenth with rhythm and joy! Join us as Memunatu Alorwoye from TWU's Dance Department shares the vibrant history of African dance and teaches a fun routine. Ages 6-10.

Sat 6/14 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo](#)

Get ready for a wild adventure with the Dallas Zoo! Meet a diverse group of amazing animals—birds, mammals, and reptiles—from around the world, and learn fascinating facts in this educational presentation. Ages 6-10.

Tues 6/17 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Awesome Art](#)

Celebrate this year's Summer Reading theme and add some color to your world! Crafting and coloring supplies will be provided for children and their caregivers to have fun creating amazing art. Ages 2-10.

Wed 7/9 South Branch 11 a.m.

Children's Programs - Weekly Programs

[Toddler Time](#)

Participate with your toddler in these special classes that promote literacy and social interaction through stories, songs, and toddler-appropriate activities. Ages 1-3 and their caregiver.

Tues 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22 South Branch 10 a.m.

Tues 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22 South Branch 11 a.m.

Wed 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23 Emily Fowler 9:30 a.m.

Thurs 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 North Branch 9:30 a.m.

[Story Time](#)

Join us for interactive preschool classes that use stories, songs, and puppets to build early literacy skills and prepare children to learn to read. For children ages 1-5 and their caregivers.

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Thurs 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 South Branch 11 a.m.

Fri 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Baby Story Time](#)

Bring your baby to these classes promoting infant and caregiver bonding through stories, songs, and activities. For infants as old as 18 months and their caregivers.

Thurs 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 South Branch 9:30 a.m.

Fri 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 North Branch 9:30 a.m.

[Family Story Time](#)

Join us for interactive preschool classes that use stories, songs, and puppets to build early literacy skills and prepare children to learn to read. For children ages 1-5 and their caregivers. Ages 1-5.

Sat 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 South Branch 10 a.m.

Children's Programs - Story Times

[Bilingual Story Time](#)

Join us at the library for Bilingual Story Time/Hora de Cuentos Bilingues. Once a month, we will have bilingual stories and songs! Venga a la biblioteca por Hora de Cuentos Bilingues/Bilingual Story Time. Una vez por mes, tenemos cuentos y canciones! Ages 1-5.

Fri 5/2, 6/6, 7/11, 8/1 South Branch 9:30-11 a.m.

[Historical Preservation Month Story Time](#)

Join us for a morning of songs, stories, and puppets celebrating community for Historical Preservation Month! For children ages 1-5 and their caregivers.

Wed 5/7 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

[Stuffed Animal Story Time and Sleepover](#)

Have your child bring their stuffed animal and wear pajamas to this special sleepover Story Time! We will have a fun and snuggly story time and our stuffed animals can sleep over at the library (and can be picked up before or at story time the next day). Designed for ages 1-5 and their caregivers.

Fri 6/6 South Branch 5 p.m.

[Shark Week Story Time](#)

It's Preschool Shark Week with Shawn the Shark! Celebrate Shark Week with under-the-sea themed books, songs, and stories. Ages 1-5 with their caregivers.

Fri 7/11 South Branch 11 a.m.

Children's Programs - Arts and Crafts

[Art Exploration: Tapa Cloth](#)

Join us as we explore and learn about different artists and art styles! Ages 6 - 10. Younger children welcome with caregiver participation. This month we'll explore the art of tapa cloth making.

Sat 5/24 Emily Fowler 2 p.m.

[Art Exploration: Color Our World](#)

Join us as we explore and learn about different artists and art styles! Ages 6 - 10. Younger children welcome with caregiver participation. This month we'll explore colorful Keith Haring line art.

Sat 6/21 Emily Fowler 2 p.m.

[Art Exploration: Shark Week Edition](#)

Join us as we explore and learn about different artists and art styles! Ages 6 - 10. Younger children welcome with caregiver participation. This month we'll explore watercolor techniques to create shark themed masterpieces.

Fri 7/11 Emily Fowler 2 p.m.

[Make Your Own Comic](#)

Calling all future graphic novel authors! Join your fellow creators to draw and color your own comic. You bring the creativity and we will provide the supplies! Ages 6-10.

Sat 7/26 South Branch 2:30 p.m.

[Friendship Bracelets](#)

What better way to celebrate the end of the summer than making bracelets with all of your friends? We'll provide the supplies! Bring a friend and enjoy a fun hour crafting together. Ages 6-10.

Wed 7/30 South Branch 6:30 p.m.

[Art Exploration: Pop Art](#)

Join us as we explore and learn about different artists and art styles! Ages 6 - 10. Younger children welcome with caregiver participation. This month we'll explore Andy Warhol inspired Pop Art.

Sat 8/9 Emily Fowler 2 p.m.

Children's Programs - STEM

[LEGO® Club](#)

Attention young builders! Join the excitement at our LEGO® Club, where learning, problem-solving, and endless creativity come together for a fun-filled experience. All the LEGO® bricks you need will be waiting for you at the library—come let your imagination soar and turn your ideas into awesome creations! Ages 6-10.

Wed 5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/27 Emily Fowler 4:30 p.m.

Thurs 7/17

North Branch 4 p.m.

[Fun With Colors: Presented by Explorium Denton Children's Museum](#)

Join us for a fun color workshop! Children ages 2-5 will create colorful transparent tiles to explore mixing colors. We will experiment with layering transparent colors to see how they blend together, while learning about primary colors and shapes. A light table will bring creations to life, providing a glowing, magical effect that enhances the experience. This event is presented by Explorium Denton Children's Museum.

Sat 7/5 South Branch 11 a.m.

[The Great Color Experiment](#)

Journey through exciting stations, mixing and blending colors to discover amazing science secrets. Through fun, hands-on experiments, you'll witness how colors change and learn all about the science behind them. Ages 6-10.

Tues 7/8 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Cooking Up Fun with the Sun](#)

Come join us for a sunny adventure where we'll discover how the sun's magic can cook yummy snacks in a solar oven! This program is hosted by Sustainable Denton. Ages 6-10.

Tues 7/15 North Branch 2 p.m.

Teen Programs

[Teen Advisory Board](#)

Join our Teen Advisory Board at the public library and make your voice heard! Help shape library programs, recommend books, and plan exciting events for fellow teens in our community. It's your chance to have fun, meet new friends, and make a difference. Join us and be a part of something awesome at your local library! Ages 11-17.

Wed 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6 South Branch 6 p.m.

[Anime Club](#)

Anime fan? This club is for you! Join us to talk, craft, and watch some of the best anime out there with fellow fans! Ages 11-17.

Thurs 5/8, 6/12, 7/10 Emily Fowler 5 p.m.

[Summer Teen Volunteer Orientation](#)

Looking for a volunteer opportunity this summer? Come learn how you can help the library with our summer reading program! Ages 11-17.

Wed 5/14 South Branch 7:30 p.m.

Fri 5/30 Zoom 5 p.m.

[Dragon Boat Festival](#)

Celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival early this year with an engineering challenge and a celebration of Chinese culture! Ages 11-17.

Sat 5/17 South Branch 3:30-5 p.m.

[Summer Teen Volunteer Orientation](#)

Looking for a volunteer opportunity this summer? Come learn how you can help the library with our summer reading program! Ages 11-17.

Tues 5/20 North Branch 6:30 p.m.

[Destress with Dogs](#)

Destress from the school year with a trained, certified therapy dog. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Therapy Pals of Golden Triangle. Space is limited, first-come, first-served. Ages 11-17.

Wed 5/21 North Branch 1-2:30 p.m.

[Game of Life](#)

Level up your money skills with Financial Intelligence Training (JR)! This interactive class uses The Game of Life to let teens practice real-world financial decisions—like budgeting, managing debt, and planning for the future. It's a fun, hands-on way to build financial independence and

confidence before they're out on their own. Presented by the University of North Texas' Student Money Management Center. Ages 11-17.

Fri 5/23 North Branch 2 p.m.

[Makers Gonna Make](#)

Meet up and make at the library. Projects change at each session and focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) concepts. Ages 11-17.

Tues 5/27 North Branch 11 a.m.

Mon 6/23, 7/28 North Branch 11 a.m.

Mon 8/25 North Branch 4 p.m.

[High Seas Hazard*](#)

Quandary Escape Adventures is coming to the South Branch library to present an escape room game and high seas adventure! Can you find the gold and save your ship? Ages 11-17.

Fri 6/13 South Branch 2-6 p.m.

[How to Survive the Inevitable Zombie Apocalypse](#)

A Play On Swords will be on hand to teach you how to prepare for the inevitable zombie apocalypse. In the process, you'll learn skills FEMA recommends for multiple types of disasters! Ages 11-17.

Wed 6/25 South Branch 6 p.m.

[Murder Among the Mateys*](#)

Come to the library for a swashbuckling pirate mystery! Can you find the murderer and make the seven seas safe for scallywags and scofflaws everywhere? Ages 11-17.

Wed 7/9 South Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Repair and Repurpose*](#)

Do you have a pile of thrifted clothing you keep saying you'll spruce up? Meet others and flip your clothing to suit your size and style better. Ages 13-17.

Mon 7/14 North Branch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Teen Programs - Arts and Crafts

[Teen Art Studio](#)

During the summer, stop by South's teen room to participate in a collaborative art project! You can contribute at any time and there is a separate them in June and July!

June: Draw Your Inner World

July: Draw Your Life Goal

[Recycled Art](#)

Reduce, reuse, recreate! Use unexpected supplies to create a masterpiece. May: Masks June: Mosaic July: Sculpture August: Junk Journals Ages 11-17.

Wed 5/14, 8/13 North Branch 4 p.m.

Wed 6/11, 7/9 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Craft & Relax*](#)

Come create a fun project with us! Materials and tools are provided! Ages 11-17.

Prop Morningstar

Wed 5/28 South Branch 5-6:30 p.m.

Jigsaw Puzzles

Wed 6/18 South Branch 5-6:30 p.m.

Anime Papercraft

Wed 7/23 South Branch 5-6:30 p.m.

Pencil Bag Sewing

Wed 8/27 South Branch 5-6:30 p.m.

[Cozy Creators](#)

Bring a project you're working on, share tips and tricks, and meet other teen creators. Supplies are available for beginners to learn crochet, embroidery, needle felting and knitting. Ages 11-17.

Mon 6/2, 7/7, 8/4 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Art Basics](#)

Learn art basics from a teen artist. Meets Tuesdays in June. Ages 11-17.

Tues 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24 North Branch 2 p.m.

Teen Programs - STEM

[STEAM for Teens](#)

Explore science, technology, engineering, arts and math through a variety of activities. Ages 11-17.

Thurs 5/22 North Branch 12:45-2 p.m.

[Sound Engineering](#)

Learn how engineering can help make unique sounds with the guitar. This demonstration program will introduce you to the world of pedal boards and how vital they are for the modern rock band!

Ages 11-17.

Wed 8/20 South Branch 6:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

[Exploring Western Philosophy*](#)

Explore the foundations of Western thought from its beginnings in an interactive class with Dr. Eva H. Cadwallader Ph.D., Emerita, in philosophy. Contact Randy.Simmans@cityofdenton.com to register. Classes will end May 29.

Thurs 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29 Zoom 2-3:30 p.m.

[Read to Rover: College Edition](#)

Relax and hangout with therapy dogs as you get ready for finals week. Spending time with a therapy dog has been shown to reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and increase a sense of happiness and well-being. And the dogs love the attention. Ages 18+.

Fri 5/2 North Branch 1:30 p.m.

[Get Site to Site like a Dentonite](#)

Learn to get where you need with confidence! In this class, explore what alternative transportation options are available, how to use them, and where they travel to in Denton. Presented by Sustainable Denton. Ages 18+.

Wed 5/7 North Branch 6:30 p.m.

[How to Find and Utilize Business Consumer Data*](#)

Want to learn how to identify sales prospects and create customized business and consumer marketing lists? Reference Solutions (formerly Reference USA) helps users create marketing plans, conduct competitive analysis, and gather competitive business intelligence. (Registered attendees will receive a Zoom invite the day before the class.) Ages 18+.

Thurs 5/15 Zoom 10 a.m.

[Managing Anxiety*](#)

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, join Denton County Health for a class on managing anxiety. They will review coping skills that are helpful to reduce anxiety while practicing self-care. Self-care means doing things to take care of our minds, bodies, and souls by engaging in activities that promote well-being and reduce anxiety and stress. Ages 18+.

Fri 5/16 Emily Fowler 2:30 p.m.

[Small Business Connections](#)

Make connections, share experiences, and exchange ideas with other local entrepreneurs and small business owners. Ages 18+.

Tues 5/20, 7/22, 8/26 North Branch 4:30 p.m.

[Invasive Plant Species of North Texas](#)

Learn about 18 of Texas's most common invasive plant species, how to avoid them, and how to get rid of them. Many common invasive species are used in landscaping and can easily spread to surrounding natural areas, crowding out native plants that provide food and shelter for our native wildlife. Presented by Sustainable Denton. Ages 18+.

Thurs 5/22 Emily Fowler 6 p.m.

[What's the Buzz with Beekeeping?](#)

Join Sustainable Denton for an overview of what it takes to keep bees. You will learn from an expert the basics of beekeeping and the benefits they can bring to your property. Ages 18+.

Sat 6/7 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.

[Recycling 101](#)

Join us while we review what's accepted in your curbside recycling, where your recycling goes, why certain items are not accepted, and what your recycling becomes. We will also discuss some sustainable alternatives to recycling such as reuse. Ages 18+.

Sat 6/14 South Branch 10:30 a.m.

[Como Reciclar En Su Casa](#)

¿Sabe los artículos que van en su bote azul? En esta clase vamos a hablar de todos los artículos que pertenecen en su bote azul, donde van sus reciclables, y porque ciertos artículos no son aceptados en nuestro programa. Ages 18+.

Sat 6/14 South Branch 11:30 a.m.

[The World of Sharks](#)

In honor of Shark Week, Beau McDaniel, AKA Shark Bo, will provide an in-depth talk on shark behavior, anatomy, and conservation. After the presentation, attendees will be able to see and touch the real shark teeth found in Denton, Texas. From prehistoric Megalodon to more current day Great White, Tiger Shark, and more! Ages 18+.

Mon 7/7 North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

[City of Denton Incentives: Who's Eligible and How to Apply](#)

The City of Denton offers incentives for a variety of home efficiency upgrades. Join Sustainable Denton to learn what qualifies, find a registered installer, how to fill out the application, and what to expect after submitting an application. Ages 18+.

Thurs 7/17 Emily Fowler 6 p.m.

[Foundations of Investing*](#)

Join Tyler Vertin, a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, for an educational program for people who are either new to investing or need a refresher. Participants will learn the importance of developing a strategy; the impact of asset allocation; and the influence of inflation on your long-term goals. Ages 18+.

Sat 7/19 Emily Fowler 2:30 p.m.

[Save on Your Bills Through Sustainable Actions](#)

Join us to find out more about how simple changes can have a big impact on your energy and water bills. From using energy efficient light bulbs to when to run your dishwasher, this class will provide several actions that can lead to a more environmentally conscious home and the lower costs that come with it. Presented by Sustainable Denton. Ages 18+.

Wed 8/6 North Branch 6:30 p.m.

[Gardening with Kitchen Scraps](#)

Many fruits and vegetables used in your kitchen can be regrown from parts that are usually thrown out! From avocados to celery to lettuce to potatoes, you can create your own indoor garden from the scraps of food you eat every day. Ages 18+.

Sat 8/9 South Branch 10 a.m.

[The Four Pillars of the New Retirement*](#)

Presented by Tyler Vertin, a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, this class provides an in-depth look at "The Four Pillars of the New Retirement" (health, family, purpose, and finances). Attendees will be empowered to think through their own circumstances, goals, and challenges so that they can take action today that impacts their quality of life in retirement.

Sat 8/23 Emily Fowler 2:30 p.m.

Adult Programs - Arts and Crafts

[Crafters Corner](#)

Bring your favorite craft project, visit and exchange patterns and know-how, and get to know others in the local crafting community. This is a come-and-go program.

Thurs 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28 **Emily Fowler** **9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Fri 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 **North Branch** **9:30-11:30 a.m.**

[Beginning Crochet*](#)

Want to learn how to crochet? Mary Cresson, local artisan, teaches this hands-on, two-hour crochet class for those who would like to learn crochet or need a refresher on basic stitches and patterns. Perfect for beginners! Ages 18+.

Tues 6/3 North Branch 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

[Bad Art Night*](#)

No artistic skills? None needed for this art program! Come make the strangest, silliest piece of art you possibly can. Materials provided; judgment and worry left at the door. Ages 18+.

Mon 6/9, 8/4 North Branch 6-7:30 p.m.

[Cartooning from Observation*](#)

Join local artist Orion Fern to learn how to turn real-life subjects into cartoony interpretations. Participants will be guided through drawing exercises and taught how to simplify their subjects. No experience necessary! View some of Orion's art at www.orionfern.art. Ages 18+.

Tues 6/10 Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

[Felted Butterfly Brooch*](#)

Expert craftswoman May Beth Everett teaches this 2-D needle felting technique to create a butterfly brooch that pins to your lapel or collar. All supplies will be provided. Ages 18+.

Tues 6/17 North Branch 2:30-4:30 p.m.

[Zine Your World: DIY Zine Workshop*](#)

Join our zine-making workshop and unleash your creativity! No prior experience is necessary and our facilitators will guide you through the process, providing materials and inspiration. You'll learn the basics of zine creation, including layout and design, and walk away with your own 8-page zine. Ages 18+.

Fri 6/20 South Branch 3:30-5:30 p.m.

[Sewing a Tomato Pin Cushion*](#)

Learn how to make this classic, easy-to-sew tomato pin cushion, which is a must-have tool for any sewing enthusiast. All supplies provided. Ages 18+.

Tues 7/1 The Forge at North Branch 2:30-4:30 p.m.

[Tissue-Dyed Scarves*](#)

Join Mary Cresson as she teaches participants to dye silk scarves using a special kind of tissue paper. Attendees will make two scarves. All supplies provided. Registration required – limit to 10 Ages 18+.

Tues 7/8 North Branch 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

[Life Drawing 101 for Beginners*](#)

Join local artist Orion Fern for a life drawing class that will teach participants how to approach drawing people using posed subjects online. Experienced artists are also welcome! View Orions' art at www.orionfern.art. Ages 18+.

Tues 7/8 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Modern Pop Art Experience*](#)

Join Michael Albert, an American pop artist renowned for his “Cerealism” collages crafted from cereal boxes and other consumer packaging, to hear about his artistic journey and create your own collage using recycled materials. Visit his website at michaelalbert.com. Ages 18+.

Tues 7/15 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Felted Baby Yoda*](#)

May Beth Everett, expert craftswoman, will demonstrate the art of needle felting and teach how to create your own miniature felted Baby Yoda. All supplies provided. Ages 18+.

Tues 7/15 North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Papermaking*](#)

Turn your junk mail, bills, and other paper trash into beautiful papers for craft or writing projects! This class will show you how to use a deckle and mold to make paper at home with inclusions like dried flowers, leaves, and more. Ages 18+.

Sat 7/26 Emily Fowler 2-4 p.m.

[Introduction to Embroidery*](#)

Interested in embroidery but have no idea how to begin? Join us to learn some basic stitches and create a simple embroidery sampler. No experience is needed for this class, and all materials will be provided. Ages 18+.

Fri 8/22 South Branch 4-5:30 p.m.

[Acrylic Painting*](#)

Join us as we learn the basics of acrylic painting. No experience necessary and all attendees will create the same painting. All supplies provided. Ages 18+.

Tues 8/26 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Adult Programs - Technology

[Summer Tote Bags*](#)

Learn how to use the library's Cricut machine to decorate your own summer-themed canvas tote bag. Supplies provided by the library. Ages 18+.

Thurs 6/12 The Forge at North Branch 10-11:30 a.m.

Wed 6/18 The Forge at North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

[Intro to The Forge Makerspace*](#)

Want to know what a maker space is all about? Find out about makerspaces and what you can make and do in The Forge. Ages 18+.

Tues 6/24 The Forge at North Branch 10-11:30 a.m.

Wed 8/27 The Forge at North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

Adult Programs - Book Clubs

[Romantasy Book Club](#)

Have you enjoyed the enchanting realms of *Fourth Wing* or *A Court of Thorns and Roses*, and find yourself yearning for more? From star-crossed lovers to epic quests, discuss tales of that ignite passion and the imagination. Connect with fellow romantasy fans and find your next spellbinding read. Ages 18+.

A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas

Wed 5/14 North Branch 6-8:30 p.m.

From Blood and Ash by Jennifer L. Armentrout

Wed 6/11 North Branch 6-8:30 p.m.

Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros

Wed 7/9 North Branch 6-8:30 p.m.

A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer

Wed 8/13 North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Rise and Shine Book Club](#)

Join us to discuss the selected fiction genre of the month. If it isn't your cup of tea, just choose something different to talk about at this casual book club. Refreshments provided. Ages 16+.

Speculative Fiction

Sat 5/17 North Branch 10 a.m.

Mystery

Sat 6/21 North Branch 10 a.m.

Beach Reads

Sat 7/12 North Branch 10 a.m.

Novels about Travel

Sat 8/9 North Branch 10 a.m.

Adult Programs - Community Services

[Home Weatherization](#)

Join Sustainable Denton staff to discover how simple changes can reduce your electric bills, even in extreme weather. Taking action to repair, replace, or install home fixtures will help keep the weather out and the comfortable air in. Ages 18+.

Wed 5/14 South Branch 6 p.m.

Genealogy and Denton History

[Denton County Genealogical Society](#)

If you are a genealogy enthusiast or just curious about family history, please consider visiting the next meeting. You will meet other genealogist, share tips on how to go about the research, and learn some new information. Visitors are welcome! Ages 18+.

Thurs 5/8 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Connections, a Genealogy Discussion Group*](#)

Join us for a group that explores genealogical research through discussion of articles published in the TxSGS Journal STIRPES. As a registrant, you will receive the focus article and a list of questions to guide our conversation. This group is for anyone interested in learning more about genealogical research and the historical context of their family history.

Rachel – A Story of Emancipation by Diane L. Richard, published in Stirpes 9/2019 p 49-54

Fri 5/23 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

Rachel's Challenge - Discussion of Findings

Fri 6/27 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

The Lady in the Asylum: Catherine Gilbride at Danville by Nancy Gilbride Casey, published in Stirpes 6/2024 p 7-16

Fri 7/25 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

[Denton's Public Art: Adding Color to Your World](#)

Learn more about the City of Denton's public art program. In this presentation we will discuss public art in general, including its history, specific commitments and funding sources. Additionally we will talk about Halloween Denton as a community-wide art project as well as upcoming public art projects related to construction projects approved under the 2023 bond election. Ages 18+.

Thurs 6/12 Emily Fowler 7 p.m.

[Getting Started with Your Genealogy](#)

Are you curious about your family history, just not sure how to start? It may be easier than you think. In this session we will discuss the basic concepts and processes of genealogical research, the first steps in gathering information, how to locate and evaluate records, and how to find free or low-cost training to grow your genealogical skills. Ages 18+.

Sat 6/28 Emily Fowler 10-11:30 a.m.

[From Here to There: Maps and Genealogy Research](#)

Location is vital to accessing the correct records when researching your family history. Maps are a key to understanding where our ancestors lived. Sometimes it was not our ancestors who moved it was a boundary line. This presentation will provide tips for using maps in your research and how to locate online map repositories. Ages 18+.

Sat 8/2 Emily Fowler 10-11:30 a.m.



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: April 14, 2025

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BACKGROUND

Denton Public Library has seen impacts from the closure of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Texas receives \$12.5 million annually to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). TSLAC administers the funding for projects across the state including grant opportunities for libraries.

Denton Public Library was awarded a TSLAC Special Projects grant for \$74,742. The library's reimbursement request was submitted prior to the funding pause. The request was approved by TSLAC and sent on to IMLS just before the closure. Payment has not been received to date.

Denton Public Library has been notified that the annual Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement Grant, funded through IMLS, will not be available this year. Last year, the library received \$6,960 of ILL Reimbursement Grant funding.

IMLS funding also supports other TSLAC programs that directly benefit Denton Public Library users, such as the TexShare Databases and Interlibrary Loan services. The future status of those programs is unknown at this time. Exhibit 2 provides additional information regarding the use of IMLS funding across Texas.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. IMLS Funded TSLAC Programs

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Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

Federal Funding for **Texas Libraries** from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

Return on Investment

- For every \$1 dollar spent, \$45.02 worth of e-content made available
- \$17 million worth of materials accessed by Talking Book patrons
- 4 million items added annually to the Texas Digital Archive
- Over 100,000,000 items circulated annually in Texas Public Libraries

\$12,500,000 to Texas

Texas received \$12.5 million in FFY 24 for library services. This funding is 33% of the total TSLAC budget.



Digital Literacy, Technology, Workforce Development, Education, Early Literacy

LSTA funds programs, technology, and resources that support community learning, workforce training, entrepreneurship, and digital literacy skills.



Interlibrary Loan, Strengthening Rural Communities

The entire Texas interlibrary loan network is paid with LSTA dollars. Over 500 libraries - most of them in rural communities - rely on this cost-saving and effective system to ensure all Texans have access to resources.



History and Digital Preservation

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission relies on LSTA funds to digitize the state's historical archival collections and to make them available for study. LSTA funds also support TSLAC's cataloging operations.



E-resources - Equal Access for All

The TexShare and TexQuest programs provide access to critical e-resources to public, school, and university libraries. LSTA funds ensure libraries across the state benefit from access to a core of robust learning tools.



Services for Texans with Visual or Reading Disabilities

The Talking Book Program supports the reading needs of seniors, students with dyslexia, veterans, and others. The program provides audiobooks, large print, and braille. LSTA funds staff who serve these readers.

Federal LSTA funding supports resources and programs that reach every county of the state, almost every community, and 1,500 educational institutions.

Texas Institutions and People Served

508 public libraries serving more than 27 million Texans

849 school districts serving almost 5 million students

164 colleges and universities serving 4 million students

27,839 Texans with visual and physical reading disabilities

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) provides funding to all states. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) uses these federal funds (authorized through by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)) to support libraries and educational institutions throughout Texas and make available state historical collections.



Statewide Programs and Initiatives: A Closer Look



LSTA provides the sole funding for the state's e-book program for small community libraries. The program is the only source of this digital content for many of the 200 libraries that are eligible for the service. The value of the materials provided in cost avoidance to those local communities was \$2,156,401 in FY24.



The state's interlibrary loan (ILL) program is entirely funded with LSTA dollars. In fiscal year 24, the program helped public libraries achieve a cost avoidance of \$6,658,622. Moreover, for many libraries, ILL is consistently ranked as the most vital statewide program, because it allows local patrons to access materials that are not available locally.



Federal funds help preserve and make history available. TSLAC's projects include a digitization program for the state's historical newspaper files. In partnership with the University of North Texas, TSLAC provides the public with online archival collections.



LSTA supports two signature programs that reach every corner of the state. TexShare (public and university libraries) and TexQuest (K-12) provide online research resources to support learning. Through these programs, institutions achieve an ROI of \$45 for every \$1 spent. Texas learners log more than 100 million e-resource searches and downloads each year across both programs.



LSTA funds TSLAC's competitive grant programs for libraries. Several of the awarded grants have supported local STEM and STEAM projects for school age children. For instance, the Hewitt Public Library partnered with the Midway ISD to develop training and provide technology and equipment to support learning for students and homeschool families.



TSLAC provides statewide training and programs with federal funds. Workforce development projects are an agency priority, and TSLAC recently partnered with SCALEUP at Texas State University to assist small businesses with resources and training.

TEXAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES BY THE NUMBERS*



13,996,795
Registered Library Users
made **43,205,906**
in person visits



1,846,665
Hours Open



865 Libraries, Branches,
and Bookmobiles



16,642 Public Internet Computers
used over **5 million** times



108,726,077
Items Circulated

49 million
Wi-Fi Sessions**



67 million
Website Sessions**



212,399
Public Programs Delivered
5,253,357
Program Attendees

*2023 - Latest available data
** Estimated based on percentage reporting