



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: October 13, 2025

SUBJECT

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

- FY25/26 Budget Impacts
- Halloween Library Cards
- DISD Back to School
- Tonies® Tour

BACKGROUND

Library department proposed budget changes have the following impacts to the department in the new fiscal year.

- Library training and travel reduced to only required training for staff already serving on state or national committees or as required for accreditation.
- Hoopla Digital Services cancelled. CloudLibrary eBooks and digital audiobooks remain funded at the same amount as FY24/25.
- ~10% reduction in physical collection budget.
- Cancellation of CollectionHQ and ESP collection analysis software.
- Adding a room management software solution.
- Retaining Brainfuse Homework Help online tutoring service.
- Minor updates to the Schedule of Fees reflecting increased supply costs. The approved schedule of fees is attached as Exhibit 2 with redline edits to show the changes.

The library is offering Denton Halloween themed library cards again this year. Two designs were available starting October 1. The library has purchased 500 of last year's design and 500 of the new Halloween design. Patrons with existing accounts can purchase a replacement card with the design of their choice for \$2.00. New library cardholders will have the option to choose either Halloween design or the traditional Denton courthouse design when they create their accounts.

Library staff and volunteers participated in the Denton ISD Back to School Fair at LaGrone Academy, engaging with 1,050 students and family members. Staff shared information about activation of student Books2Go accounts for parents who opted their students into the service, online resources and digital collections, and other library services to support students and families.

Denton Public Library will be one of three Texas stops on the Tonies® Tour. Tonies are a screen free option for children to enjoy stories read by their favorite characters. Once a figurine is placed on the soft square speaker box, a story is read aloud. Children can listen or read along with favorite children's book

characters such as Pete the Cat, Elephant & Piggie, Llama Llama, and more. The Tonies® Tour features a van with a pop-up program demonstrating Tonies and providing early literacy tips for caregivers. Denton Public Library will also release new Discovery Kits with Tonies® for check out after the event. The event will be held this fall at the North Branch Library. The date and time will be announced once the event is finalized.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. 2025-2026 Library Schedule of Fees

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