



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda

Library Board

Monday, December 9, 2024

5:30 PM

North 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, December 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the North Branch Library at 3020 N. Locust 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. [LB24-067](#) Consider approval of the minutes of October 14, 2024.
Attachments: [Library Board Minutes - Oct 14 2024](#)
- B. [LB24-064](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Family Place Libraries™ designation at the North Branch Library.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Family Place Libraries](#)
[Family Place Libraries Presentation](#)
- C. [LB24-062](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the 2025 Library Advisory Board meeting schedule.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-2025 Meeting Schedule](#)
[2025 Library Board Meeting Schedule](#)
- D. [LB24-063](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Friends](#)
[Friends Minutes-Draft](#)
- E. [LB24-066](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Foundation](#)
- F. [LB24-065](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the library's 2025 Spring Classes & Events.
Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-2025 Spring Classes & Events](#)
[Proposed 2025 Spring Classes & Events](#)
- G. [LB24-068](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding:

- Emily Fowler Facility Projects
- Strategic Plan 2025 Action Items
- Staffing Updates
- Texas State Library and Archives Association Accreditation Standards
- Winter Reading Program
- Library Grants

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 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 approval of the minutes of October 14, 2024.

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library – October 14, 2024

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, October 14, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Eva Poole, Ling Jeng, Rebecca Fridley, Kerol Harrod
ABSENT: Sandy Swan

Also present are Jennifer Bekker and Marcella Lunn.

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Debi Scaggs presented.
Donna Smith presented.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB24-056 Consider approval of the minutes of August 12, 2024.

The Board accepted and approved minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting. Rebecca Fridley motioned, Kerol Harrod seconded, all in favor.

B. LB24-059 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

- The Friends are celebrating National Friends of Libraries Week, October 20-16, with a proclamation to be read at the October 15, 2024, City Council meeting as well as social media messaging to promote membership and engagement.

C. LB24-058 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 Fall meeting.

D. LB24-060 The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy update:

- *Program Operating Policy* – The Board accepted and approved the policy update with amendment to retain the statement that library

cards are not required to attend programs (page 4). Rebecca Fridley motioned, Ling Jeng seconded, all in favor

E. LB24-057

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

Library Facility Projects – North Branch facility projects are complete, with all exterior, roof, and trim work finished in September. Emily Fowler Central Library projects are mostly complete, with final interior and exterior paint touch ups and carpet punch list issues being addressed in October. Staff and Facilities department continue to work with carpet vendor to address issues with floor vents at Fowler. The Municipal Archive move project at Fowler is also happening in October and November. Most of the archival materials have moved upstairs into the old study rooms and staff workroom. Quotes for the removal of the old study room countertops and a large island workstation in the upstairs workroom are being requested. Additionally, a quote to remove cabinets in the downstairs work area has been requested to move the Outreach Librarian from North Branch to Emily Fowler Central Library. Furniture for the new Emily Fowler Central Library study rooms has been delayed due to vendor communication issues but is anticipated to arrive in December.

Land Acquisition – City Council approved the purchase of 14.434 acres of land located along Ryan Road for the future new South Branch Library. The contract is in place and Real Estate is finalizing the transaction. The land was purchased with Library and Parks bond funds as the library will be on approximately 5 acres of land and the remainder will include green space, trails, and a possible co-located City facility after further analysis and public input.

Denton Halloween – The City of Denton’s month-long Halloween celebration kicked off on October 1. Events are 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 is hosting Halloween events at all its branches, offered a special limited-edition Denton Halloween library card, and features themed displays and photo opportunities at the branches. More details are available at www.dentonhalloween.com.

2024 Summer Reading Challenge – The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) reports a total of 2,073 people registered for SRC and 1,192 people, 57.5% of registrants, completed the program by reading at least 5 hours. Denton community members read 2.13 million minutes in June and July.

FY 24-25 Budget – The City’s fiscal year is October 1-September 30. The library received an increase to offset the rising costs for public use databases and online learning resources as well as an increase in funding for hoopla® digital services in FY24/25.

South Branch Library Youth Area – The children’s play area in the South Branch Library will be adding an imaginative play kitchen, stand, or other play structure and expand the educational toys available for children. The library supports play as learning. Play helps children develop language, critical thinking, social, and executive function skills.

E. LB24-061

Received an informational report and held a discussion regarding the Denton Public Library’s digital collections:

- Denton Public Library offers digital collections from three different platforms. Digital collections include eBooks, digital audiobooks, downloadable music, and streaming TV and movies. Jennifer Bekker, Director of Libraries provided a demonstration and overview of CloudLibrary™, hoopla® digital services, and Lightbox® Learning. The presentation contains FY23/24 library use summaries for CloudLibrary™ and hoopla®.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Eva Poole, Chair

Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
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Minutes approved on: _____



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Family Place Libraries™ designation at the North Branch Library.



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Christine Taylor
DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Family Place Libraries™ designation at the North Branch Library.

BACKGROUND

The North Branch Library has received Family Place Libraries™ designation. Karli Pierce, Youth Services Librarian at the North Branch Library, will provide an overview of the initiative and the grant funding that provided the training, materials, and resources to create early learning play areas and support families in their child's development. The presentation is attached as Exhibit 2.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Family Place Libraries Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries



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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Family Place Libraries



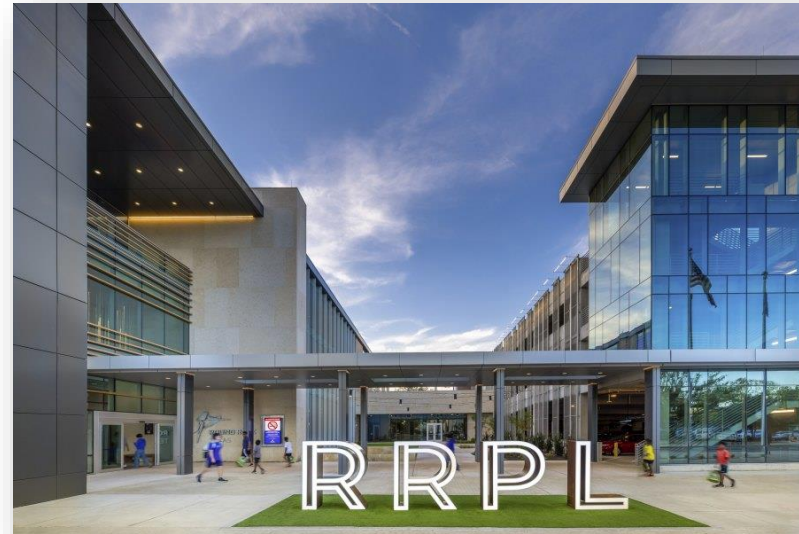
What is a Family Place Library?

- **Definition:** A national model for public libraries, focusing on child development and family support.
- **Philosophy:** Good health, early learning, parent involvement, and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development.
- **Components:** A family friendly environment, early childhood development, parent education and engagement, family support and community information.



Grant Overview & Training Experience

- **Grantor:** Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)
- **Funding:** \$700 travel per attendee, \$6000 for space
- **Requirement:** Staff member dedicates 25% time for three years
- **Training:** Three-day training focused on child development, space design, family engagement



Grant Implementation & Responsibilities

- **Plan Developed:** Family-friendly space, Parenting Collection, Partnerships, Parent/Child Workshop
- **Ongoing:** Report stats, partnerships, space updates, training
- **Next Steps:** Expand partnerships, monitor programs



Play Areas & Why They Matter

- **Areas:** Baby Garden, Blocks & Manipulatives, Transportation, Dramatic Play, Writing Station
- **Purpose:** Each area supports child development, open-ended play, and growth in a safe environment.



Caregiver Classes

- **Program:** “1, 2, 3, Grow with Me”
- **Structure:** Play-based, parent/child interaction
- **Roles:** Librarian as coordinator, community resource professional as support, paraprofessional as art facilitator
- **Activities:** Sensory, art, play; layout promotes stability
- **Resource Professional:** Weekly specialists in early literacy, speech, nutrition, child development, & music and movement
- **Feedback:** Caregivers finding support and resources



Future Goals

- **Partnerships:** Continue and expand local collaborations
- **Expansion:** Goal for all branches to adopt Family Place model



Anticipated Community Impact

- **Support for Families:** Resource in childcare desert
- **Benefits:** Boosts family engagement, early literacy, community support



Questions?





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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the 2025 Library Advisory Board meeting schedule.



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DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Christine Taylor
DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the 2025 Library Advisory Board meeting schedule.

BACKGROUND

The Library Board traditionally meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The meeting location rotates between the three libraries.

The 2025 proposed meeting schedule is attached as Exhibit 2.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Library Board adopts the proposed 2025 Library Board meeting schedule.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. 2025 Library Board Meeting Schedule

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

2025 Library Board Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

January 13, 2025 - South Branch

February 10, 2025 - Emily Fowler

March 10, 2025 - North Branch

April 14, 2025 - South Branch

May 12, 2025 - Emily Fowler

June 9, 2025 - North Branch

July 14, 2025 - South Branch

August 11, 2025 - Emily Fowler

September 8, 2025 - North Branch

October 13, 2025 - South Branch

November 10, 2025 - Emily Fowler

December 8, 2025 - North Branch





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



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DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Christine Taylor
DATE: December 9, 2024

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.

A proclamation for National Friends of the Library Week was read at the October 15, 2024 City Council meeting. The Friends Executive Board met on Thursday, October 10, 2024. The draft of the Friends meeting minutes is attached as Exhibit 2. The November 16, 2024 Big Book Sale earned a record setting \$5,002 in sales.

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

- Thursday, January 9, 2025
- 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. Friends Minutes-Draft

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker



FRIENDS OF THE DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 10, 2024 MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Board was held on October 10 at the North Branch Library and was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Board Members in attendance were: Teri Lupo, President; Nancy Kamman; Corrie Pelc, Communications Director; Jennifer Bekker, Director of Libraries, ex officio member; Carol Nance; Eva Poole, Treasurer; Linda Touraine, Recording Secretary; Ray Stephens, Phillip Baker, and Joyce Bray.

Board Members not in attendance: Barbara Reiser, Vice President, Richard Bryson, Membership Director, Tom Reedy and Linda Burke.

Others in attendance: Haley Phillips, Library Outreach Coordinator

The minutes for the July 11, 2024 meeting had been circulated to the board members via email. Eva made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated that was seconded by Nancy.

Eva Poole, Treasurer, gave her financial report covering July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 activities. The beginning balance as of June 28, 2024 was \$40,504.29; the income for the 3rd quarter was \$7,817.57; disbursements for the 3rd quarter were \$9,547.30; leaving a bank balance of \$38,774.56 on September 30, 2024. Eva mentioned that the quarterly book sales and the Karaoke purchase made through PayPal will increase the projects total income by \$829.89 and \$75.00 respectively when those funds are transferred to the Friends bank account. There were no questions regarding the report. The report will be filed for audit and will be attached to the minutes

President Teri Lupo reported the Quarterly Book Sale dates needed to set for 2025. The following dates were accepted and approved by the Library Director: February 8, May 10, August 9, and November 8. Dates for the quarterly board meetings still need to be determined. Teri mentioned that she had been notified that the Agreement between the City of Denton and the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries is up for renewal. Jennifer, Library Director, added a few changes needed to be updated and it shortly would be ready for signatures.

Barbara Reiser, Vice-President, and Manager of Book Store, was not in attendance but she had sent a short report. The bookstore is doing well and is ready for the Fall. She also reported that Emily Fowler had donated 79 Early Reader Program books that were sold for \$3.00 each and purchases were limited to ten per sale. Thus far, the sales have brought in \$207.00. Teri announced that the bookstore will be closed on Monday, December 23.

Jennifer Bekker, Director of Libraries, reported that the North Branch updates are complete. The Emily Fowler updates are still in progress. There has been a delay in ordering the furniture for the conference room and study rooms due to the vendor. The Municipal Archive Collection is being

moved to the upper level. Furniture arrangements are being made in the lower-level work area to relocate the Outreach Librarian to Emily Fowler. Jennifer reported the new South Branch land acquisition is complete. Zoning and PADA agreement adjustments with the planning department will begin in 2025; design scheduled for FY25/26; and construction set for FY26/27 and FY27/28. The library order 500 limited edition Halloween cards for the city's month-long Halloween Events and Activities. The cards were all requested within the first nine days of October. Jennifer lastly gave an update on the progress of the 2024 Library funding requests. She distributed a sheet showing most of the projects are complete with a few only waiting on the final paperwork so payment may be made to the library. Board members to receive the 2025 Library projects requests in October via email.

Haley Phillips, Library Outreach Coordinator, showed and described a proposed project for the 2025 year. The library would provide Story Time Totes to 5-6 state certified Family Child-Care Providers in Denton during the school year. The pilot program would have 15 totes with different themes to rotate among the family child-care facilities. Each tote would contain picture books, board books, finger plays, some activities with needed materials to complete. It is estimated the project would serve over 50 children per month. Haley also showed a sample sheet that could be prepared for Denton listing Senior Services, Community and Wellness Resources, Benefits Counseling, Housing Repairs, Meal Assistance. Etc. These would be put in the Adult Memory Kits for the library customer to keep.

Richard Bryson, Membership Director, was not in attendance but sent an email report. Richard stated he had done an email membership campaign in September that went to 385 former members and only 5 renewed. Total current membership is 241 which is up slightly from the last quarter since there had been good response at the August book sale. Richard also announced he is wanting to step down from Membership and is looking for a replacement.

Corrie Pelc, Communications Director, provided her report to the board prior to the meeting. Facebook followers continue with a steady increase and we now have 1,290. The Summer Newsletter went out in early August prior to the August Book Sale. Nearly 55% of the recipients opened it. The Fall Newsletter will go out prior to the November Book Sale. Corrie reported she had sent out two eblasts in September about the North Texas Giving Day; however, we did not hit our \$1,000 goal. She did not have the final figures to report yet. The 1st Saturday Book Donation Drives are increasing and getting us books for the book sale and the book store. Corrie worked with the City of Denton to get a proclamation presented during National Friends of the Libraries Week at the City Council meeting on October 15.

Under New Business:

Teri announced that Linda Burke was resigning from the board as well as not working the Book Store any more. Teri presented information on Bonnie McCormick as a replacement for Linda B. Board members approved Bonnie as a new board member.

Eva presented information on the Rotary project to present books to Kinder and PreK DISD students in 2025 and asked for the Friends support. The Friends made a monetary donation in

last year's project. Phillip made a motion that the Friends do a donation of \$1,000 to the Rotary's Road to Reading project for 2025. Nancy seconded.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M. on the motion of Teri, seconded by Philip.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Touraine, Recording Secretary

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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: Christine Taylor
DATE: December 9, 2024

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 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 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 give staff direction regarding the library's 2025 Spring Classes & Events.



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DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Christine Taylor
DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the library’s 2025 Spring 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 Spring Classes and Events list is attached as Exhibit 2. It includes proposed programs for January-April, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

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

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Proposed 2025 Spring 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 fall! 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+.

How to Navigate the Library Website

Fri 1/3 American Legion Hall Senior Center 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Downloadable E-Books and Audiobooks

Fri 2/7 American Legion Hall Senior Center 11 a.m.-12:30 p.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 1/27 Harvest House 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon 2/17 Denton County Brewing Co. 6:30-8 p.m.

Programs for All Ages

[EXHIBIT at North Branch](#)

Exhibit at North Branch

- A Place for All People – a review of the history of the black experience in America

[Sustainable Denton: Beginner Composting](#)

Learn how to turn your food scraps and other organic materials into an all-natural, nutrient-packed soil fertilizer. We will teach you the basics of how to set up a compost bin and the science behind this incredible natural process. Whether you live in a house with a backyard or an apartment, we'll show you how to get started and how to maintain your bin.

Sat 1/11 South Branch 11 a.m.

[Sustainable Denton: Bike Repair Class](#)

Join an expert to learn the basics about bike maintenance and repair. Gain skills to keep your ride up and running so that you can improve air quality while running errands for as long as possible.

Wed 1/22 North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

Fri 1/24 South Branch 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

[Plant Swap](#)

Join us at the North Branch for a spring 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 3/8 North Branch 3-4:30 p.m.

[Enjoying Spring Local Ecology](#)

Join the Petal Project for tips on how to get started enjoying nature around you this spring. Learn about local hiking areas and trails with helpful preparation tips. Includes beginner information on identifying different plants, birds, and animals you may encounter and apps to learn more about nature while you explore.

Wed 3/12 North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

[Granny Squares](#)

Bring your hook and at least 2 colors of yarn and local artisan Mary Cresson will walk you through how to create granny squares and other geometric shapes.

Sat 3/15 South Branch 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

[Magazine Day](#)

Available will be a variety of adult and youth titles from various years. If you have any old magazines to get rid of, leave them for others to take! Magazines left at the end of the day will be recycled in an effort to keep Denton green.

Sat 4/26 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Children's Programs

[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.

South

-January: Big Cat

-February: Breakfast Foods

-March: Women in STEM

-April: Art Supplies

North

-January: Arctic Animals

-February: Birds

-March: Fairytale Characters

-April: Dogs and Cats

[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.

Sat 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19 South Branch 10:30 a.m.

Sat 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19 North Branch 2 p.m.

[Lunar New Year](#)

Lunar New Year at the Library- Celebrate the Lunar New Year with us! Join in the fun as we ring in the Year of the Snake with a special story, festive music, and a hands-on craft. Kids ages 5-11 will learn about the traditions and symbolism of this vibrant holiday. Don't miss this exciting celebration of culture and creativity! Ages 5-11.

Wed 1/29 South Branch 4:30 p.m.

[Where Does Our Water Come From?](#)

Ever wondered where the water in your bathtub comes from? Or where it goes when you flush the toilet? Join us on a fun adventure to discover the secret life of water! We'll learn how water gets to your house and where it goes after. This program is hosted by Sustainable Denton. Ages 6-10.

Tues 2/11 North Branch 4 p.m.

[1, 2, 3, Grow with Me*](#)

Join us for a special 5-week class designed for parents and caregivers with young children. Enjoy quality time together while exploring engaging play activities, creative art projects, and the chance to meet new friends. Learn from community resource specialists who will share valuable insights on child development, speech and hearing, nutrition, and the importance of play and movement. Ages 1-3.

Tues 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Women's History Month: Liberty Belles with Tracy Lawson](#)

Kick off Women's History Month by joining Tracy Lawson to talk about overlooked women in history! Her Liberty Belle's stories are based off true stories of the American Revolution. Learn about incredible women and stay for Q & As and a book signing.

Sat 3/1 South Branch 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

[Fun With Recycling](#)

Join us to explore what happens to materials in Denton: are they trashed, reused, or recycled? We're embarking on an exciting journey into the world of recycling! Through interactive games and activities, children will discover their role in taking care of the planet. Get ready to have fun while learning about recycling together! This program is hosted by Sustainable Denton. Ages 4-12.

Tues 3/11 North Branch 4 p.m.

[Inside Out: Big Feelings for Little Yogis](#)

Join us for a special yoga event for kids ages 5-11. Using the characters from Inside Out 2, children will explore and identify big feelings. Through yoga poses and mindfulness exercises, they'll learn helpful tools to cope with and express their emotions in healthy, positive ways.

Thurs 3/27 South Branch 4:30 p.m.

[Preschool Prom](#)

It's time to celebrate at our Preschool Prom! Come dressed up for a day of dancing, fun activities, and plenty of memories to make with your little ones. Ages 1-5.

Sat 4/12 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Playdough Playtime](#)

This is a fun, interactive program for kids ages 2-5 and their caregivers! Through creative play with playdough, children will practice early literacy skills like letter recognition, fine motor development, and storytelling. Come shape, create, and learn together!

Wed 4/23 South Branch 2 p.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 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15 **South Branch** **10 a.m.**

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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.

Wed 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16	Emily Fowler	11 a.m.
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Fri 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18	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 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17	South Branch	9:30 a.m.
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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.

Sat 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19	South Branch	10 a.m.
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Children's Programs - Story Times

Bilingual Story Time/Hora de Cuentos Bilingües

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

Fri 1/3, 2/7, 3/7 South Branch 10 a.m.

In Person Sensory Story Time*

Sensory Story Time invites children of all ages and abilities to comfort and engage their senses through music, stories, and mindfulness. Please register yourself and your child.

Fri 1/17 South Branch 3:30 p.m.

Bilingual Story Time/Hora de Cuentos Bilingües

Join UNT-Dallas professor Victor Lozada for interactive classes that use stories, songs, and puppets in Spanish and English to prepare children to learn to read! Conecta con el Profesor de UNT-Dallas Victor Lozada para clases interactivas que utilizan cuentos, canciones, y marionetas en español e inglés para preparar a los niños a aprender a leer. Ages 1-5.

Wed 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30 North Branch 10 a.m.

[Family Night Story Time](#)

Bring the family out to this evening Story Time to enjoy songs, books, and rhymes with your little ones. Designed for children ages 1-5 and their caregiver, but children of all ages welcome.

Wed 2/5, 3/5 North Branch 6:30 p.m.

[Holi Story Time](#)

Join us for a morning of songs and stories all about Holi, The Festival of Colors! Afterwards, we'll toss colored powder (gulal), so wear your white t-shirts and get ready to get a little messy! Ages 1-5.

Sat 3/1 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Teddy Bear Parade](#)

It's time for the Teddy Bear Parade! Bring your teddy bear for a bear-y fun Story Time, then join the parade around the library and the park (weather permitting). Ages 1-5.

Wed 3/26 Emily Fowler 11 a.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.

Thurs 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17 North Branch 4 p.m.

[Valentine's STEAM](#)

Celebrate love and learning at our Valentine's Themed STEAM event! Kids ages 5-11 will explore by participating in hands-on activities inspired by Valentine's Day. They'll also have a blast creating thoughtful Valentine cards for classmates or other special people. Join us for an afternoon of creativity, learning, and spreading a little extra kindness!

Wed 2/12 South Branch 4:30 p.m.

[Spring STEAM](#)

Spring into learning with our spring-themed STEAM event! Kids ages 5-11 are invited to explore the wonders of spring through hands-on activities. From planting seeds to creating nature-inspired crafts, this fun and interactive event is a perfect way to celebrate the season change!

Wed 3/5 South Branch 6:30 p.m.

[Space STEAM](#)

Blast off into fun and learning at our space-themed STEAM event. Kids ages 5-11 will explore the wonders of the universe through hands-on activities. From building rockets to learning about planets, stars, and galaxies, this exciting program will spark curiosity and ignite imagination. Joins us for an out-of-this world adventure in learning!

Wed 4/9 South Branch 6:30 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 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/9 South Branch 6 p.m.

Tues 2/4, 3/4 North Branch 4:30 p.m.

[Teen Volunteer Orientation](#)

Do you need community service hours or want to start gaining job experience? Come volunteer with us at the library! Attend one of our orientation sessions to learn more. Ages 11-17.

Tues 1/14, 3/25 North Branch 7 p.m.

Wed 2/19, 4/16 South Branch 7 p.m.

[Days of Retro Future Party](#)

Celebrate the year 2025 as seen by people living in 1925! We celebrate all things sci-fi with a look at what people thought would happen, and what actually did while making predictions for our own future! Ages 11-17.

Wed 1/15 South Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Puzzle Mania](#)

It's early release day! Enjoy your extra free time relaxing with friends and solving puzzles. This event is come and go, so feel free to drop in any time during program! Ages 11-17.

Fri 1/17 North Branch 12:45-2:45 p.m.

[Dragon's Den: After-School Adventures](#)

Sleeping Dragon Productions presents The Dragon's Den: After-school Adventures: A TTRPG educational group designed to introduce young adults to collaborative storytelling games and gameplay. In this group we will explore game systems designed to facilitate cooperative world building and group narrative creation. We will provide the tools necessary to begin learning to play games such as Dungeons and Dragons and others like it. Ages 11-17.

Tues 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15 North Branch 5-8:30 p.m.

[Mock Interviews](#)

Get a chance to practice tricky interview questions at a low stakes setting! We'll go over how most interviews are conducted and then you'll get a chance to practice at the event! Ages 11-17.

Wed 1/29 South Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

[Valentine's Candy Confectioners](#)

Whether you're making sweets for your sweetheart or savoring the single life, join us in making some great chocolate! Ages 11-17.

Wed 2/12 South Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

[Love Bites Cookie Decorating](#)

Not feeling it about Valentine's Day? Sweet and mushy not your thing? We'll decorate Anti-Valentine cookies while listening to a playlist of the best break-up songs. This event is come and go, so feel free to drop in at any time during the program! Ages 11-17.

Fri 2/14 North Branch 1-2:30 p.m.

[Debate Club](#)

Learn the in's and out's of argument structure and decorum! Our debate club will explore how to make your persuasive papers all the more compelling and your speaking skills spectacular. Ages 11-17.

Thurs 2/20, 4/10 South Branch 5 p.m.

[Dungeon Master Class: Engaging Non-Player Characters](#)

Learn how to make your NPCs fun, memorable, and a true part of the story! This class is great for beginners and veterans alike! Ages 11-17.

Thurs 3/6 South Branch 5 p.m.

[Creative Writing Workshop: World Building](#)

Are you in the middle of writing a story but need some help with making your setting shine? Our Writing Workshop is perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike as we guide you through making a compelling setting! Ages 11-17.

Wed 3/12 South Branch 7 p.m.

[Team Overcooked Challenge](#)

Grab your friends and brush up on your cooking skills in this frantic multiplayer game! Are you the top chefs in Denton? Ages 11-17.

Wed 4/30 South Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

Teen Programs - Weekly Programs

[Manic Mondays](#)

Mondays can be tough! Each week, we'll feature a different after-school activity to shake off those Monday blues. These events are come and go activities. Ages 11-17.

Chess Club

Mon 2/3, 3/3 North Branch 4 p.m.

Creation Club

Mon 2/10, 4/7 North Branch 4 p.m.

Color Me Calm

Mon 2/24, 3/24 North Branch 4 p.m.

Board Game Club

Mon 3/17, 4/14 North Branch 4 p.m.

[Teen Homeschool Hour](#)

Homeschooled teens can come together to socialize and take part in various engaging activities in this enjoyable weekly program. Ages 11-17.

Chess Club

Wed 2/5, 3/5 North Branch 11 a.m.

Creation Club

Wed 2/12, 4/9 North Branch 11 a.m.

Board Game Club

Wed 2/19, 3/19, 4/16 North Branch 11 a.m.

Color Me Calm

Wed 2/26, 3/26, 4/23 North Branch 11 a.m.

Video Game Club

Wed 4/2 North Branch 11 a.m.

Teen Programs - Arts and Crafts

Cosplay Café

Come learn new techniques and tips for making your own cosplay! Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts. Materials and supplies will be provided! Ages 11-17.

Sat 1/11, 3/29 South Branch 3:30-5 p.m.

Craft & Relax*

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

Aspiration Jars

Wed 1/22 South Branch 5-6:30 p.m.

Miniature Painting

Wed 2/26 South Branch 5-6:30 p.m.

Perler Bead Pixel Art

Wed 3/26 South Branch 5-6:30 p.m.

Wands

Wed 4/23 South Branch 5-6:30 p.m.

Craft and Collage

Teens are invited to explore self-expression through creating collages in this come and go program. Ages 11-17.

Fri 3/7 North Branch 12:45-2:30 p.m.

Chainmail Bracelets: Teen Edition*

Join us as we make bracelets out of chainmail using the Byzantine weave! Supplies are limited! Ages 11-17.

Sat 4/5 South Branch 3-5 p.m.

Bad Art- Teen Edition

Are you a budding artist or the next Picasso? Embrace your creativity and dive into crafting a masterpiece. All skill levels welcome. This event is come and go, so feel free to drop in any time during program! Ages 11-17.

Fri 4/11 North Branch 12:45-2 p.m.

Adult Programs

Garden Tools and Supplies*

This interactive workshop will focus on garden tools for various sizes of gardening projects. Information will include sources for seeds and transplants and participants will receive a job aid featuring spring and autumn planting schedules for the North Texas area. Led by George Pavelek of New Purpose Urban Farms.

Tues 2/4 Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

Sustainable Denton: Citizen Science: An Overview

Learn how to become a citizen scientist and help researchers gather data on a variety of projects. Anyone can participate in meaningful scientific research with easy to access tools. Find out more about the various citizen science platforms that are available.

Thurs 2/6 Emily Fowler 6 p.m.

[Winter Romance Read with Kayla Olson*](#)

Kayla Olson, author of *The Reunion*(2023), is back with another romantic comedy, this one filled with skiing, mystery, boy bands, and of course, romance! Kayla and moderator will discuss her writing process and read an excerpt from *The Lodge*(January 2024). Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, decorate a mug and magnet, and get a free Lodge-themed keychain. Books will be available for purchase. Visit Kayla at kaylaolson.com.

Tues 2/11 Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

[Sustainable Denton: Sprinkler Spruce Up](#)

Learn how to spruce up your sprinkler system to save water, money, and time. Minor DIY repairs and simple irrigation tips can make a major impact on the health of your landscape and water bills.

Wed 2/12 North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

[Small Business Connections](#)

Make connections, share experiences, and exchange ideas with other local entrepreneurs and small business owners. Find out what resources there are for small business owners.

Free Business Resources

Tues 2/18 North Branch 4:30-6 p.m.

Marketing Research

Tues 4/22 North Branch 4:30-6 p.m.

[Sustainable Denton: Turf Lawn Alternatives](#)

Join a Master Naturalist to learn how to switch up your turf grass for some beautiful alternatives! Leave the class with new knowledge on how to implement grass alternatives and the benefits they can have on your landscape and water bill.

Tues 3/4 Emily Fowler 6 p.m.

[Resources for Women Entrepreneurs](#)

TWU's Center for Women Entrepreneurs (CWE) offers a variety of professional development programs, workshops, and networking events to help you start or expand your business. Find out more about what CWE has to offer from business advising, funding, networking, training, and more. CWE programs are open to all Texas women, no affiliation with TWU required. 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. OR 2-3 pm?

Thurs 3/6 North Branch 12:30-5:30 p.m.

[On the Page: Creative Writing Classes](#)

Humans have been telling stories for longer than we've had access to language. Discover the mechanics of storytelling, see where creative writing rests in the artistic landscape, and hone your individual craft as a writer. Learn what is required to take a story from infant idea all the way to publication, nursing your creative hunger along the way with a group of like-minded artists.

On the Page: Mechanics of Storytelling

Wed 3/19 North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

On the Page Again: Using Words to Make Art

Wed 4/23 North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[SBA Money Smart for Small Businesses – Banking Services*](#)

Financial Literacy course for small business owners, Linda Williams, SBA, Small Business Administration.

Thurs 3/20 North Branch 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

[Sustainable Denton: Creating a Monarch Habitat](#)

Learn how to create a Monarch oasis with a representative of the Native Plant Society of Texas. From planting native, including milkweed, and providing a water source, you'll learn all the ins and outs of gardening for these amazing pollinators. First 10 participants to arrive will also receive a grab and grow box that includes 4 4-inch nectar plants and 2 milkweed plants.

Sat 3/22 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

[Adult LEGO® Night](#)

All grown up but still love LEGO®s? Whether you like LEGO's structure or the endless possibilities, this is a great way to unwind after a long day and be creative. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own set if you are working on a project and want to socialize while you work. Ages 18+.

Wed 3/26 North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Safe Riders Child Seat Distribution & Education*](#)

Safe Riders aims to reduce the number of motor vehicle crash injuries and fatalities to children in Texas. This program distributes and educates on proper child safety seat use. Families who meet eligibility criteria and attend the course will receive a car seat. This program is in partnership with Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

Sat 4/5 North Branch 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

[Distribución y Educación de Asientos Infantiles de Safe Riders*](#)

Safe Riders tiene como objetivo reducir la cantidad de heridas y muertes de niños por accidentes automovilísticos en Texas. Este programa distribuye y educa sobre el uso adecuado de asientos de seguridad para niños. Las familias que cumplan con los criterios de elegibilidad y asistan al curso recibirán un asiento para el automóvil.

Sat 4/5 North Branch 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

[Sustainable Denton: Wildlife of North Texas](#)

Ever wondered what kinds of animals you share a habitat with? Join us for a fun look at all the different types of animals that call North Texas home, including birds, bugs, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Ages 18+.

Sat 4/5 South Branch 11 a.m.

Adult Programs - Arts and Crafts

[Crafters Corner](#)

Bring your favorite craft, 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 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13,
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24**

**Emily 9:30-11:30
Fowler a.m.**

[Candle Making Class*](#)

Join us for a DIY candle-making class, where we'll make our own 12 oz soy wax candles and choose from a variety of winter scents. Registration required. Ages 18+.

Fri 1/3 South Branch 4-6 p.m.

[Winter Reading Challenge Earrings/Keychains*](#)

Come celebrate our Winter Reading Challenge by making a fun pair of reading-themed earrings or a wintery keychain! Pick a design and use our Glowforge laser cutters to make it come to life in fun acrylic colors. Materials provided; no expertise required.

Mon 1/13 The Forge at North Branch 6-7:30 p.m.

[Off-Loom Beading Workshop*](#)

Create unique styles of beaded bracelets with this off-loom, peyote stitch-weaving technique under the instruction of Mary Cresson. Materials will be provided. Registration required. Ages 18+.

Wed 2/5 North Branch 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

[Art from the Heart*](#)

Learn how to create mixed-material, original leather art for your home or to gift! Use scrap leather to create multi-level designs adorned with custom phrases. The perfect gift for a housewarming, birthday, Valentine's Day or other holiday. Each attendee will create one framed work of art to take home. Templates and inspiration provided, or design your own original artwork.

Sat 2/8 South Branch 2-4 p.m.

[Paper Marbling with a Valentine Color theme*](#)

Paper marbling is a very old art form that allows the user to 'float' paint on the surface of water, manipulate it into patterns and then transfer onto paper. We will be using acrylic paint. Please dress appropriately. Ages 15+.

Sat 2/8 Emily Fowler 3-5 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.

Mon 2/24, 4/14 North Branch 6-7:30 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 2/25, 4/22 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Adult Swifties Friendship Bracelet-Making*](#)

Hang out with fellow Swifties, make friendship bracelets, and relive your favorite songs from the Eras Tour. A great way to relax and meet new friends. Ages 18+.

Wed 2/26 North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[St. Patrick's Day Chainmaille Bracelets*](#)

Learn how to make Box Weave Chainmaille Bracelets using green and silver rings. Ages 18+.

Sun 3/16 South Branch 2-4:30 p.m.

[Kitsch Leather*](#)

Join artist Carolyn Marco to create funky originals using leather scraps and upcycled tins. Learn more about Carolyn at <https://kikiknowsart.com/>.

Tues 3/25 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Zellij Mosaic Workshop*](#)

Dive into the intricate world of Moroccan artistry with our immersive Zellij Mosaic Workshop. Start with an engaging overview of the rich history and vibrant traditions of Moroccan zellij, exploring its stunning impact on architecture, décor, and craftsmanship. Then, roll up your

sleeves for a hands-on experience where you'll create your very own mosaic masterpiece to take home. Ages 18+.

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

[Macramé Keychains*](#)

Join local artisan Mary Cresson and learn the basic macramé knots to create your own macramé keychain. Macramé is a fun way to make all sorts of decorative items, and no experience needed for this class. Materials will be provided. Ages 18+.

Wed 4/16 North Branch 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

[LifeWorks Art Program - Paper Flowers*](#)

Join us for this art class intended for adults with disabilities to create and connect! This workshop will be led by professionals and clients from LifeWorks Community. Ages 18+.

Fri 4/18 South Branch 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

[Elements and Principles of Floral Design*](#)

Floral arrangements are beautiful when both the tangible (form, space, line, color) and intangible (harmony, emphasis, rhythm, balance, contrast, unity, and scale) aesthetics combine. In this session, explore both the elements and principles of floral design with The Floral Influence Workshop, LLC, led by Dr. Demetria Cole.

Sat 4/19 Emily Fowler 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Adult Programs - STEM

[Dinosaurs of Denton](#)

Join us for an unforgettable journey back in time with Dino Bo, the fossil hunter who discovered Denton's very own dinosaur remains! Dino Bo will share his firsthand experience of unearthing fossils of these ancient creatures in an in-depth exploration of the subject. This event will feature captivating stories, real fossil displays, and hands-on opportunities with real dinosaur bones found here in Denton!

Wed 2/19 North Branch 7 p.m.

Adult Programs - Technology

[Intro to The Forge Makerspace*](#)

Want to know what The Forge makerspace is all about? Find out what you can make and do in The Forge. THU 4/17/25 The Forge at North Branch 10-11:30 a.m. – morning Ages 18+.

Wed 1/29 The Forge at North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

Tues 3/4 The Forge at North Branch 2:30-4 p.m.

Thurs 4/24 The Forge at North Branch 10-11:30 a.m.

[St. Patrick's Day Tote Bags*](#)

Learn how to use the Library's Cricut Venture and Cricut Maker 3 to make your own Saint Patrick's Day canvas tote bag. Great for beginners. Ages 18+.

Wed 3/12 The Forge at North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.

[Spring into Cricut Design*](#)

Join Heidee Vincent and find out ways to use Cricut Design Software to personalize your own Spring-themed decorative sign. Supplies provided by the library. Ages 18+.

Mon 4/7 The Forge at North Branch 6-8 p.m.

Thurs 4/10 The Forge at North Branch 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Adult Programs - Book Clubs

Non-Fiction and a Nosh*

Biography to self-improvement, religion to travel, paranormal to psychology; this is the book club for fans of non-fiction, and snacking. Each session focuses on a particular subject. There will be snacks.

Thurs 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24 South Branch 6:30-8 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+.

Sports & Games

Sat 1/25 North Branch 10 a.m.

Romance

Sat 2/22 North Branch 10 a.m.

Psychological Thriller

Sat 3/22 North Branch 10 a.m.

Books About Books

Sat 4/19 North Branch 10 a.m.

Fourth Wing Reading Party*

Celebrate the release of the third book in Rebecca Yarros' Fourth Wing series, Onyx Storm. There will be dragon crafts, friendship bracelets, and fun book discussions. Ages 18+.

Sat 1/25 North Branch 3:30-5 p.m.

Adult Programs - Community Services

The A, B, C, and D of Medicare

Medicare is not easy to understand and can be frustrating. What is the best coverage for me? Do I need an Advantage plan? Join Wes Carter, Medicare benefits advisor, as he explains the do's and don'ts of Medicare. There are no sales or obligations. Ages 50+.

Thurs 1/2, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3 South Branch 12-1:30 p.m.

Thurs 1/2, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3 South Branch 7:30-9 p.m.

Heartfulness Meditation Hour

Learn Heartfulness practices for stress relief and holistic well-being. This meditation class teaches techniques that help improve mental and physical health; calm anxiety and stress; cleanse negativity, and foster inner peace. Ages 16+.

Fri 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18 South Branch 4:30 p.m.

Retirement Income Planning

You've earned it. Discover the latest strategies to reduce taxes in retirement and achieve financial success in a market that is determined to draw out every dime. Join us to explore essential tips on Tax Reduction, Social Security, Long Term Care, and more. This informative session is sales-free and obligation-free. Perfect for those aged 50 and up. Ages 50+.

Sat 1/18, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12 South Branch 9:15-10:45 a.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 genealogists, share tips on how to go about the research, and learn some new information. Visitors are welcome!

Exploring the Greatest Generation: Adding Context to the Veteran's Story presented by Jennifer Holik

Thurs 1/9 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tax Records or Why Did Scarlett Make A Dress of Her Mother's Drapes? presented by Kelvin Myers

Thurs 2/13 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Migrations through the South presented by Jim Thornhill

Thurs 3/13 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Keepers of Denton County History presented by Megan Joblin

Thurs 4/10 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Writing Your Memories with Emily*](#)

This two-part workshop will help you get started writing your family history. We'll discuss your writing goals, what to include in your story, and your desired final product. You'll then develop a six-month plan and write a piece of memento writing as homework. In session two, you'll share your plan and story, refine your goals, and look at sample finished products. Presented by Emily Richardson.

Setting Goals & Getting Started

Fri 1/17 Emily Fowler 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sharing & Reflection

Fri 2/14 Emily Fowler 10:30 a.m.-12 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.

"Using FAN Clubs to Disprove a Family Legend" by Jean Wilcox Hibben, published in *Stirpes* 6/2018 p 24-28

Fri 1/24 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

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

Fri 2/28 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

"Samuel C. Jones of Texas" by Gerald Edward Jones, published in *Stirpes* 3/2012 p 41-56.

Fri 3/28 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

"Navigating the World of Genealogy: A Guide to Utilizing Libraries and Archives" by Susan Kaufman, published in *Stirpes* 3/2024 p 36-38.

Fri 4/25 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

[Writing Your Ancestors' Memories with Emily*](#)

Writing about our ancestors is different from writing about ourselves. What must be considered to make our work useful to future genealogists and our family? In the first session, we will develop a plan for writing about our ancestors. In the second session, we will review our plans

and discuss timelines to help us refine our goals and expectations. Presented by Emily Richardson.

Writing About Your Ancestors

Fri 3/21 Emily Fowler 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sharing & Reflection

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Christine Taylor
DATE: December 9, 2024

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BACKGROUND

Emily Fowler Central Library study rooms are now open to the public. The facility project was completed in October. Furniture was delivered in late November and the rooms were opened for use on December 2, 2024.

Library staff are identifying 15-18 initiatives as the 2025 Annual Action Items as part of the library's Strategic Plan. 2024 Action Items that are one-year initiatives are being closed out in December. Multi-year initiatives will roll over and continue in 2025.

There have been several staffing changes due to retirements and new professional opportunities elsewhere. The full-time Library Specialist position at North Branch was recently filled. Two Youth Services Librarians begin the second week of December, with one at Emily Fowler Central Library and one at South Branch Library. A Teen Librarian position is now open at North Branch. A part-time Library Assistant position recently closed, and interviews are being scheduled in December.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is in the process of updating minimum accreditation criteria for public libraries. Some proposed changes that would affect Denton Public Library include creating a new Information Security and Privacy Policy and additional professional development training requirements for the Director of Libraries. Discussions and feedback sessions are currently taking place and public libraries would have until 2026 to meet the updated requirements. More information can be found at <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/librarydevelopments/2024/11/05/proposed-changes-to-minimum-library-accreditation-criteria-2026-and-beyond/>

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.

Nanya Jackson, Youth Services Librarian at South Branch Library, has been awarded a \$3,388 grant from the Denton Benefit League to develop and offer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) related programs for teens. The grant will cover furniture and supplies for teen robotics, engineering and art programs in the Spring and Summer of 2025. Haley Phillips, Outreach Librarian, is planning to apply for a \$3,000 Light the Way grant to provide funding for an initiative to support early literacy. The initiative would create Story Totes with complete Story Time supplies, books, and program instructions to local home daycares. The initiative also includes an aspect of early literacy education to home daycare providers to provide them with best practices for reading activities and how to incorporate reading with children into their daily schedules.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet

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