



City of Denton

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215 E. McKinney St.
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Meeting Agenda

Library Board

Monday, April 13, 2026

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 13, 2026, 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. [LB26-013](#) Consider the approval of the minutes of March 9, 2026.

Attachments: [Library Board Minutes - Mar 9 2026](#)

- B. [LB26-014](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion about library collection development processes.

Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Collection Development](#)
[Collection Development Presentation](#)

- C. [LB26-015](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Friends](#)

- D. [LB26-016](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Foundation](#)

- E. [LB26-017](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the library's 2026 Summer Classes & Events.

Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-2026 Summer Classes & Events](#)
[Proposed 2026 Summer Classes and Events](#)

- F. [LB26-018](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding:

- Budget Planning
- Annual Report for Accreditation
- Professional Conferences

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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MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
North Branch Library – March 9, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, March 9, at 5:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the North Branch Library at 3020 N. Locust, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Patricia Peters, Jean Greenlaw, Rebecca Fridley, Ellen Sullivan, and Kathryn Pole
ABSENT: Kerol Harrod

Also present: Jennifer Bekker

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB26-007 Consider approval of the minutes of February 9, 2026.

The Board accepted and approved the minutes. Jean Greenlaw motioned, Kathryn Pole seconded, all in favor.

B. LB26-009 The Board received an informational report regarding the Forge Makerspace at North Branch Library.

Kasey Fanucchi, Assistant Branch Manager of North Branch Library, provided an overview of equipment and services available at the Forge Makerspace.

The design and fabrication Makerspace includes equipment such as 3D printers, laser engravers and cutters, vinyl cutting machines, a heat press, and more. The Makerspace is used by entrepreneurs, crafters, educators, and anyone interested in creating or designing using equipment or technology. The library also offers several classes each season to teach users how to use equipment and software.

C. LB26-010 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The Friends Executive Board is planning a costume ball fundraiser on Sunday, April 25, 2026, 2-5 p.m. at Rubber Gloves Rehearsal Studio. The event is An Evening of Friends & Fables. The Friends are meeting with library staff about additional fundraising opportunities and are

planning to participate in National Library Giving Day on April 1, 2026.

The February 6 Friends Big Book Sale raised \$4,608.35. The Director of Libraries also met with the Friends President, Vice President, and Treasurer to discuss 2026 approved funding projects and procurement timelines.

D. LB26-011

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

The Foundation currently has a \$100,000 CD that will come to maturity in April 2026. The Foundation checking account has a balance of \$11,626.08 as of the latest statements in February, 2026. 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.

E. LB26-008

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

- *Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Operating Policy* – Rebecca Fridley motioned, Ellen Sullivan seconded. All in favor.

F. LB26-012

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

Texas America250 Reading Challenge - Denton Public Library has launched a year-long reading initiative celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The event is in coordination with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) and runs through the rest of the year. Participants will register online: <https://denton.readsquared.com> and participate by reading, attending library programs, visiting a state park (or any park), or volunteering in the community. The reading goal is 2,500 minutes (41.5 hours) and readers will earn a digital badge in the reading software and be entered in a drawing for every 250 minutes they read. Additional library observation of the Texas America250 celebration includes the introduction American history themed Discovery Kits and special classes and events this summer and fall.

Staff Development Day - Library facilities will be closed Friday, March 20 for a staff development day. All library staff will participate in a full day of training, discussion, and team building activities. Staff will tour area libraries in the morning to see facilities, discuss operations, and see how best practices are applied at other library systems. Staff will discuss what they learned and share with others upon return to the library. Staff will also complete two required safety classes in the afternoon.

Meeting Room E-mail - A new meeting room request e-mail has been created to facilitate a smoother room reservation process. Instead of guessing which staff member to e-mail for a room reservation or to submit reservation forms, the new e-mail: libraryrooms@cityofdenton.com is the centralized e-mail account that is monitored by all three branch room coordinators.

Library Social Media - Library social media is now being managed by an internal team made up of one librarian from each branch and the South Branch Manager. The team solicits content from branch staff, reviews for branding, standardization, and error checks, and schedules content on the library's Facebook and Instagram accounts. They also monitor and respond to questions submitted via social media.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Patricia Peters, Chair

Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: _____



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Frank Dixon
DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion about library collection development processes.

BACKGROUND

Rachel Reeves, Technical Services Manager, will provide an overview of collection development processes at Denton Public Library. The presentation is attached as Exhibit 2.

Collection development includes a variety of aspects from selection to procurement to collection assessment. Library staff follow the Denton Public Library Collection Development Policy, City of Denton procurement policies and procedures, and industry standards to provide current, relevant, reputable, and appealing materials in a variety of formats within allocated budgets.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Collection Development Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Rachel Reeves
Technical Services Manager



COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT



<https://library.cityofdenton.com>



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**Transform
Lives**

**Strengthen
Community**

**Inspire
Imagination**

Vision Statement

Denton Public Library empowers the community by providing inclusive services and resources which inspire innovation, imagination, and lifelong learning.

Policy

- Collection Priorities
- Selection Criteria
- Materials Not Purchased
- Collection Maintenance



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT OPERATING POLICY

Approved by the Denton Public Library Board, November 7, 2002
Library Board approved revision, November 10, 2025

MISSION AND PURPOSE

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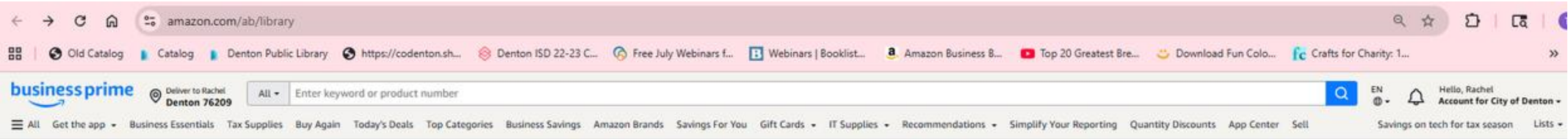
Denton Public Library transforms lives, strengthens community, and inspires imagination

The library upholds the individual's right to access ideas and information from diverse perspectives. The Denton Library Board has adopted the American Library Association's statements regarding the following: Library Bill of Rights, The Freedom to Read, Freedom to View, Access to Digital Information, Services and Networks, and Labeling and Rating Systems.

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<https://library.cityofdenton.com>



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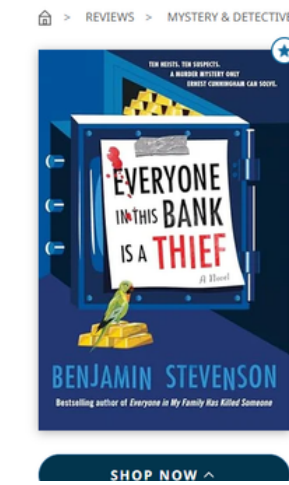
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Hoping to set up shop as a private detective, Australian mystery novelist Ernest Cunningham winds up literally in the middle of the world's most complicated bank robbery.

Ernest and Juliette, his fiancée and prospective partner, think they've been invited to a meeting at Huxley's Bank in Sydney to secure a loan that will underwrite their agency. Of course not, bank director Winston Huxley informs them scornfully; he wants them to investigate the disappearance of his brother, Edward Huxley, the bank's co-director, who vanished two days after changing the codes necessary to open the vault. Since the bank would be ruined if Winston let the authorities know it can't access its own resources, it's all up to Ernest, with a little help and more than a little pushback from Juliette. No sooner have they settled in than a masked thief enters Huxley's and takes everyone in the bank hostage. In a way, that's poetic justice, since every single hostage—from TV producer Remy Allard to unspeaking priest Father Gabriel to gravely ill 20-year-old Cordelia Bright and Laverna Bright, her grandmother and caregiver—turns out to have stolen something, and at least one of them is guilty of murder, too. Making throwaway deductions at a breathless pace en route to the climactic "parlour scene," Ernest, who introduces himself in a flashforward that shows him locked in that vault with a limited air supply, saves plenty of ratiocination for this denouement, where he solves puzzles that many of his most devoted fans won't even have recognized as puzzles at all.

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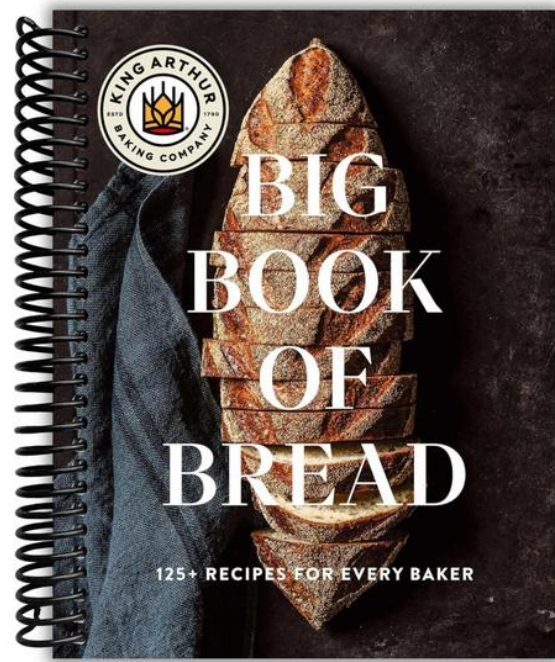
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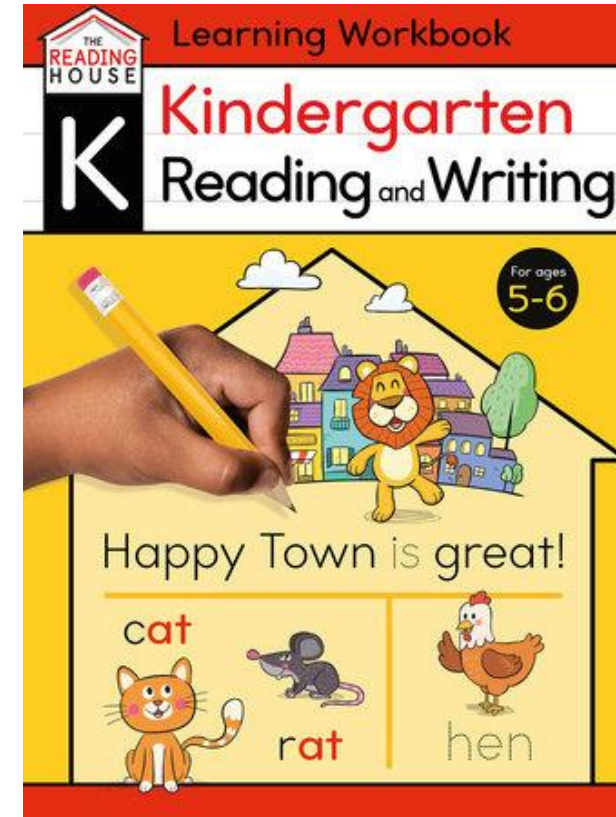
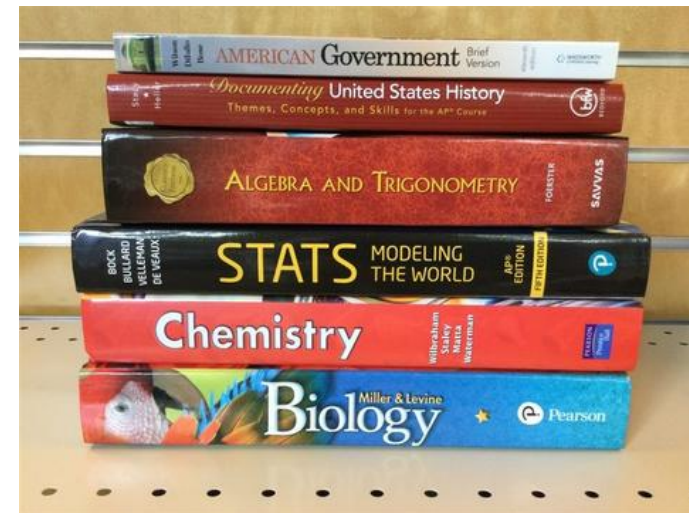
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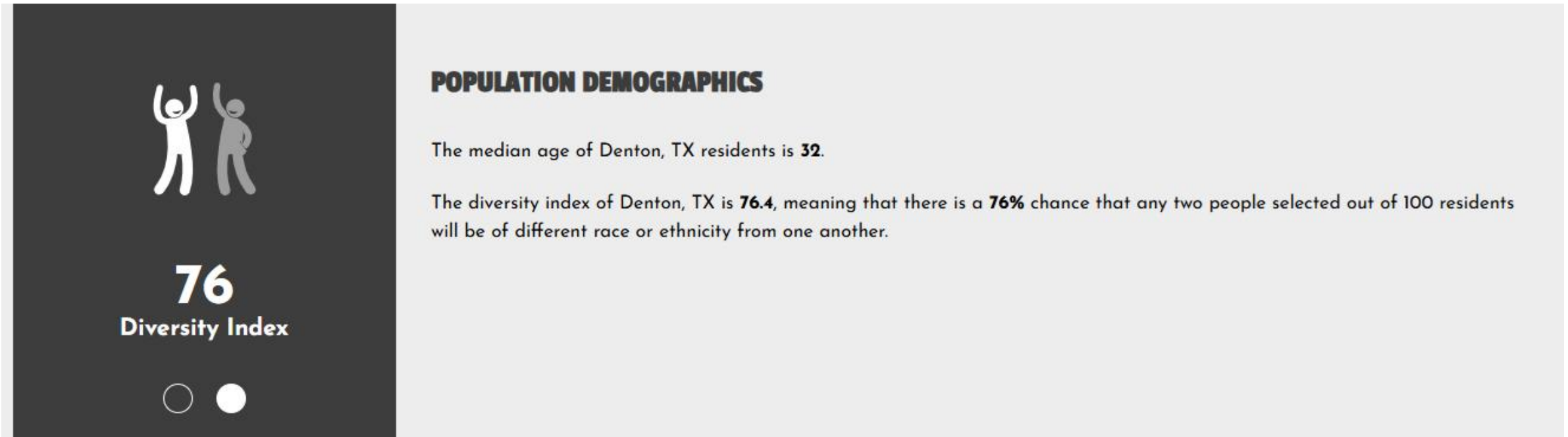
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- Record Cleanup
- Balance Collection
- Inform Selection

DENTON, TX

The 2020 U.S. Census Bureau indicates nearly 150,000 people called Denton home throughout its 98.8 square mile boundaries situated north of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex at the northern intersection of Interstate 35E and 35W. Forecasts indicate the city will exceed 200,00 residents by 2030, with Denton County expected to exceed one million.

The most current demographic profile of Denton can be found below. Accompanying information from the most recent Statistical Trends and News of Denton (STaND) Report, compiled by the City of Denton Economic Development Department, can be found on the [EDP's Organizational Materials](#) page.





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DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Frank Dixon
DATE: April 13, 2026

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 first fundraising ball, An Evening of Friends & Fables is Sunday, April 26 2-5 p.m. Tickets are available online.

2026 Friends Executive Board Meetings (in North Branch Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m.)

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Thursday, October 8, 2026

2026 Friends Big Book Sales (in North Branch Meeting Room)

Friday, May 8, 2026 (members-only presale) & Saturday, May 9, 2026

Friday, August 7, 2026 (members-only presale) & Saturday, August 8, 2026

Friday, November 13, 2026 (members-only presale) & Saturday, November 14, 2026

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet-Friends

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
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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 \$11,626.08 as of the latest statements in February, 2026. 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 are two potential Foundation nominees for Foundation membership. After they confirm their interest, nominee information will be provided to the Library Board for review and a vote regarding their membership at one of the next Board meetings. There have been no other updates since the last meeting.

2026 Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, February 4, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4, 3:30 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Trustees and library staff request nominee input from the Library Board for two additional Board of Trustees members to expand the current Emily Fowler Library Foundation membership.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet-Foundation

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries



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SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the library's 2026 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 2026 Summer Classes and Events list is attached as Exhibit 2. It includes proposed programs for May-August, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Library staff recommends approval of the 2026 Summer Classes and Events list.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Proposed 2026 Summer Classes & Events

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Rachel Reeves
Technical Services Manager

Summer 2026 Proposed Classes & Events

Early Childhood (0-5) Programs - STEM

[Preschool Paleontology](#)

Get ready to imagine, build, experiment, and explore! This is a hands-on program for curious kids who love to ask questions and try new things. With guided activities and creative challenges, preschool students will dive into the exciting world of STEAM and explore paleontology.

Mon 7/20 South Branch 11 a.m.

Early Childhood (0-5) Programs - Early Learning

[Music & Movement](#)

Join us for a groovy good time full of music and fun! This joyful, interactive program supports early literacy through song, dance, and play. This program is designed for ages 3 - 5 and their caregivers. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts.

Wed 5/13, 8/19 Emily Fowler 9:30 a.m.

Fri 6/12, 7/17 Emily Fowler 9:30 a.m.

[Pop - Up Playtime](#)

Playtime is serious work! Play is a wonderful way to develop and reinforce early literacy skills. This come-and-go program is designed for children ages 2 – 5 and their caregivers to explore together. Toys, board books, and a themed craft will be provided.

Wed 5/20, 8/12 Emily Fowler 9:30-11 a.m.

[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. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts. Books of the Week: ***Books are subject to change based on availability. Ages 1-3.

Tues 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 South Branch 10 a.m.

Tues 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 South Branch 11 a.m.

Wed 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22 Emily Fowler 9:30 a.m.

Thurs 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23 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. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts. Books of the Week: ***Books are subject to change based on availability. Ages 1-5.

Wed 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

Thurs 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23 South Branch 11 a.m.

Fri 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Baby Story Time](#)

Bond with your baby in classes featuring stories, songs, and activities designed to strengthen your connection and foster early literacy. 0-18 months. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts. Books of the Week: ***Books are subject to change based on availability.

Thurs 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23 South Branch 9:30 a.m.

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

[Dino Discovery Sensory Play](#) Little explorers are invited to dig, scoop, splash, and discover in this dinosaur-themed sensory play program. Preschoolers will rotate through hands-on stations inspired by fossils, excavation, and prehistoric creatures. Whether they're brushing off "fossils," washing muddy dinosaurs, or exploring different textures, children will build early learning skills through play while caregivers join in the fun. Ages 1-5. Ages 1-5.

Mon 6/15 North Branch 11 a.m.

Early Childhood (0-5) Programs - Literacy

[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 outdoor. We are partnering with nonprofit Deep in the Heart of Denton to provide book-themed activity sheets; pick up and return to any library branch or Discover Denton for your free StoryWalk® sticker! For more information, visit library.cityofdenton.com/screens/dpl_storywalk

[Kindergarten Prep*](#)

This program is designed for 4-5 year olds to spend an hour in a more independent learning environment, while still having the comfort and safety of their caregiver being in the same room. Sessions will help children learn skills that they need for kindergarten. Each session will have songs, stories, and hands-on math and literacy activities for young learners, and will help introduce social-emotional learning through sharing and cooperation with other children. Registration is required, as space is limited to provide an authentic and high quality experience. Please only count your child(ren) as attendees when registering. Ages 4-5.

Mon 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3 South Branch 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. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts.

Wed 5/6 Emily Fowler 10 a.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 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23 Water Works Park 10 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. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts. Books of the Week: ***Books are subject to change based on availability.

Sat 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 South Branch 10 a.m.

[Bring a Blanket Story Time on the Square](#)

Join us for a special Story Time on the courthouse lawn! Bring a blanket and enjoy story time in the shade at one of the most iconic locations in Denton. This interactive preschool classes will 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.

Mon 6/8, 7/13 Courthouse Lawn on the Square 9:30 a.m.

[Juneteenth Story Time](#)

Join us as award-winning storyteller Decee Cornish shares the rich history and celebration of Juneteenth. Collaborated and sponsored by Denton Juneteenth Committee and Denton Parks Foundation. All ages welcome. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts.

Thurs 6/18 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

Student Age (6-10) 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. Ages 6-10.

Wed 6/3, 7/1 Emily Fowler 4:30 p.m.

Thurs 6/18, 7/16 North Branch 4 p.m.

[Build a Dino](#)

What makes a dinosaur? You decide! Create dinosaurs through a variety of hands-on activities. Ages 6-10.

Thurs 6/11 North Branch 3 p.m.

[STEAM Explorers](#)

Get ready to imagine, build, experiment, and explore! STEAM Explorers is a hands-on program for curious kids who love to ask questions and try new things. Each session features a fun, new theme. With guided activities and creative challenges, elementary students will dive into the exciting world of STEAM and discover how science, technology, engineering, art, and math shape the world around us. Ages 6-10.

Dino STEAM

Wed 6/24 South Branch 4:30 p.m.

Shark STEAM

Wed 7/8 South Branch 4:30 p.m.

[Seedling Scouts Gardening Club](#)

Join us for a hands-on exploration of nature, history, and science! Each month, children will dig into new topics from building safe habitats for beneficial bugs and learning the science behind pollinators, to exploring cultural practices in gardening. This program is a perfect mix of outdoor discovery, STEM activities, and appreciation for the natural world. Ages 6-10.

Thurs 7/9 North Branch 4 p.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. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts.

Fri 7/10 South Branch 11 a.m.

[Unearth a Creation at the Forge*](#)

Kids and their caregivers are invited into the Forge for a hands-on activity inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge Unearth a Story. Using cardboard and our chomp saw, children will create simple dinosaur or archaeology themed projects while learning basic making skills. This workshop encourages creativity, safe tool use, and a sense of discovery as children explore how everyday materials can be transformed into something new. Age 6-10.

*Because spots are limited, please only register your child(ren) who will be participating in the activity. Caregivers do not need to sign up for a spot. Ages 6-10.

Tues 7/14 The Forge at North Branch 2-4 p.m.

Student Age (6-10) Programs - Literacy

[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 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15 South Branch 10:30 a.m.

Sat 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15 North Branch 2 p.m.

[Practice with the Ponies](#)

Give your child an opportunity to practice reading one-on-one with a trained therapy pony. This event is made possible through the Joyful Hooves Read with Us program. Space is limited, first-come, first-served. Ages 6-10. (Weather Permitting: Located in Nook)

Tues 6/9, 6/9 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

[Bilingual Buddies: Spanish and English Conversations with Dr. Lozada](#)

Is your child interested in learning Spanish and English? Join Dr. Lozada, bilingual professor from UNT-Dallas, for Spanish and English conversations, games, and stories. ¿Le interesa a su hijo/a aprender español? Que vengan con el Dr. Lozada, profesor bilingüe de UNT-Dallas, para conversaciones, juegos, y cuentos en español e inglés. Ages 6-10. Ages 6-10.

Wed 7/1, 7/15 North Branch 2 p.m.

[Camp Halfblood](#)

This fun program for elementary students and teens is based on the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan. Campers will find out which cabin they are in, compete in challenges with their cabin-mates, and create camp memorabilia to take home. Ages 6-17

Sat 7/25 South Branch 2-4 p.m.

[The Creature Teacher](#)

Creature Teacher returns with a hands-on wildlife program designed for elementary-aged children and their families. Kids will learn fun and surprising facts about a variety of species, explore how animals survive in the wild, and discover simple ways we can all help protect endangered creatures. Ages 6-10 and their caregivers. Due to limited room capacity, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be given out at service desk 30 minutes before program starts. Ages 6-10.

Tues 7/28 North Branch 2 p.m.

Student Age (6-10) Programs - Arts Culture and History

[Pokémon Club: Battle Academy*](#)

Get started on your Pokémon: The Card Game journey at the Battle Academy! Learn the basics and play with fellow novice trainers. No cards or experience required. Ages 6 - 10. Due to limited supplies, this program is registration only. You will be notified the day before the program if the class is cancelled for not meeting the required registration minimum.

*Because spots are limited, please only register your child(ren) who will be participating in the activity. Caregivers do not need to sign up for a spot.

Wed 5/6, 7/8 Emily Fowler 4:30 p.m.

Fri 6/5 Emily Fowler 4:30 p.m.

[Kids' Arts in Japan: Origami and Calligraphy*](#)

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we're hosting the Japan America Society of DFW! Join us to learn about ancient art forms and create your own origami and calligraphy masterpieces. Best for ages 8 - 12. Due to limited supplies, this program is registration only. You will be notified the day before the program if the class is cancelled for not meeting the required registration minimum. *Because spots are limited, please only register your child(ren) who will be participating in the activity. Caregivers do not need to sign up for a spot.

Wed 5/20 Emily Fowler 4:30 p.m.

[Kid Crafternoon](#)

Get crafty and creative at the library! Join us as we explore new materials and techniques to create art you can take home. Best for ages 6 - 10, younger children may join with caregiver participation. June: Unearth a Story July: Minecraft

Sat 6/6, 7/11 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

[Craft and Chill](#)

Summer is almost over! Cool off in the library with a popsicle, and stay to create amazing works of art in this chill crafting program for ages 6-10.

Sat 6/13 South Branch 2 p.m.

[Pokémon Club](#)

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

Wed 6/17, 7/15 Emily Fowler 4:30 p.m.

Young Adult (11-17) Programs - STEM

[Intro to Archeology](#)

The North Texas Archeological Society will come present a class on the basics of the science of archeology. Learn about the tools of the trade, how to preserve history, and what artifacts might be discovered in north Texas!

Thurs 6/4 South Branch 7 p.m.

[Dragon Boat Festival](#)

Celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival with an exciting engineering challenge and a celebration of Chinese culture! Can your boat lift the most weight? Supplies and materials provided!

Sat 6/27 South Branch 3 p.m.

Young Adult (11-17) Programs - Literacy

[Book Yap](#)

Teen readers: bring whatever book you're reading this summer and talk about it. All topics and book formats are welcome, including graphic novels and manga. Ages 11-17.

Mon 6/1, 6/29, 7/27 North Branch 3 p.m.

Mon 8/24 North Branch 4:30 p.m.

[Essential Study Skills For Teens](#)

This workshop (grades 7-11) previews essential study skills using an interactive format. Participants will learn 1-2 high-impact techniques like Active Recall for memory or the Pomodoro Technique for focused work sessions. We'll also overview the full series covering time management (e.g., Prioritization Matrices), effective note-taking, the SQ3R reading method, test prep, and memory strategies including Spaced Repetition and Mnemonics. Includes practical demos & Q&A.

Sat 8/8 South Branch 3 p.m.

Young Adult (11-17) Programs - Arts Culture and History

[Brain Break](#)

Chill out in the Teen Room and make art, play games, hang out, and more. Activities change daily. Ages 11-17.

Fri 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28 North Branch 4-5:30 p.m.

Mon 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 North Branch 4-5:30 p.m.

Tues 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 8/18, 8/25 North Branch 4-5:30 p.m.

Wed 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 8/19, 8/26 North Branch 4-5:30 p.m.

Thurs 5/7, 5/14, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27 North Branch 4-5:30 p.m.

Thurs 5/21 North Branch 12:45-2:30 p.m.

Fri 5/22 North Branch 12:45-2:30 p.m.

[Teen Advisory Board](#)

Participate in a monthly service project benefiting the Denton community. Ages 11-17.

Sat 5/2, 6/27, 8/1 North Branch 3 p.m.

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

[Cozy Creators](#)

Come join us in The Forge Makerspace! In this low-stimulation environment creators can bring their own project from home to work on and trade tips & tricks with other crafters; limited supplies provided. Ages 11-17.

Fri 5/8, 8/21 The Forge at North Branch 4-5:30 p.m.

Tues 6/9 The Forge at North Branch 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

[Pathfinder Quests*](#)

Enter the world of Golarion and try your hand at these Pathfinder Quests! These mini adventures will help you ease into the game and have fun with your friends! No experience required, pre-built characters and dice will be available for all participants.

Thurs 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/27 South Branch 6-8 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.

Fri 5/22 North Branch 1-2:30 p.m.

[Explore Art History](#)

Local teen art historians will showcase eras of art history through a presentation and hands-on art making. There are five sessions, each meets on Saturdays at 11am from May 30-June 27: - Celtic - Renaissance - Impressionism - Abstract Expressionism - Contemporary Ages 11-17.

Sat 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 North Branch 11 a.m.

[Dragon's Den](#)

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 6/2, 6/16, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18 North Branch 6-8 p.m.

[Dig Up Local History](#)

Denton, TX was founded in 1866 but there's so much history to the city you can't learn in a textbook. Are there underground tunnels through the city? What about the eerie sounds late at night at Bruce Hall? Learn about the legends and stories of this not-so-quiet Texas town.

Thurs 6/25 South Branch 6:30 p.m.

[Unearthing Trivia](#)

How well do you know the far flung past of humanity? Come show us with this fascinating trivia challenge!

Thurs 7/30 South Branch 7 p.m.

Young Adult (11-17) Programs - Business Career and Financial

[Summer Teen Volunteer Orientation](#)

Come get information about volunteering during the Summer Reading Challenge! Paperwork will be provided and you can get information about expectations and duties.

Thurs 5/28 South Branch 5 p.m.

[Investing Basics for Teens](#)

You have some money, but how can you make it grow? Learn from the experts at Denton Area Teacher's Credit Union (DATCU). Ages 11-17.

Tues 6/23 North Branch 2 p.m.

[College Money Ready](#)

When heading to college, it is best to be prepared. DATCU will help guide you through the financial choices you'll need to make as you head to the next step in your education.

Thurs 8/13 South Branch 6:30 p.m.

[Teen Volunteer Orientation](#)

Learn about teen volunteer opportunities and get your paperwork started. Attending Teen Volunteer Orientation is required for teens to volunteer at the library. Ages 11-17.

Sat 8/29 North Branch 3 p.m.

Adult (18+) Programs - STEM

[Sprinkler Spruce Up](#)

Join Sustainable Denton to 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 5/6 North Branch 6 p.m.

[Denton County Health Wellness Series*](#)

Grief and Loss: The Grieving Process - May 8 Perinatal Mental Health - May 22 Heat Related Illnesses and Prevention - July 9

Fri 5/8, 5/22 Emily Fowler 2:30 p.m.

Thurs 7/9 Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

[3D Printing 101*](#)

Learn the basics of 3D printing! This class will introduce you to the two 3D printers in the North Branch's Forge Makerspace, as well as walk you through creating a simple design that can – and will! – be 3D printed. Spaces are limited, so please register in advance. Ages 18+

Mon 5/11 North Branch 6-7:30 p.m.

[Creating a Backyard Prairie](#)

Any sized patch of land can be turned into a beautiful native landscape that benefits the environment and the community. Join Sustainable Denton to learn the basic steps of planning, planting, and maintaining your own personal prairie.

Thurs 5/21 Emily Fowler 6 p.m.

[Drip Irrigation Design*](#)

Join us to discover the essentials of designing and installing your own water-efficient drip irrigation system! From planning to installation, we'll cover the details of how to build your own custom drip irrigation system that will conserve water while your plants thrive. Ages 18+.

Sat 6/6 South Branch 11 a.m.

[Heated Rivalry Sticker-Making Class*](#)

Love Rachel Reid's Heated Rivalry series? Make your own Hollander and Rosanov fan stickers using Cricut Maker software in the Forge. Ages 18+.

Mon 6/22 The Forge at North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[City of Denton Sustainable Incentives](#)

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.

Thurs 7/16 Emily Fowler 6 p.m.

[Faculty Lounge: Stars and the Universe*](#)

Welcome to the Faculty Lounge, an ongoing series where local Denton professors visit the library for hour-long lectures covering a multitude of engaging topics. This lecture is presented by Dr. Megan Nieberding, astronomy Lecturer in UNT's Department of Physics. We'll trace how ideas about the solar system evolved, from ancient Greek models to the groundbreaking work of Copernicus, Galileo, and Kepler. This talk invites curious learners to learn how these discoveries reshaped our understanding of Earth's place in the cosmos. Ages 18+.

Thurs 7/23 South Branch 6 p.m.

[Glowforge Laser Cutting 101*](#)

Curious about laser cutting? Come join us in the North Branch's Forge Makerspace for an introduction to our Glowforge Laser Cutter and Engraver. Learn about the machine itself and how to operate it, then create a design that can be cut and engraved on the spot. Spaces are limited, so please register in advance. Ages 18+

Mon 8/3 The Forge at North Branch 6-7:30 p.m.

Adult (18+) Programs - Literacy

[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. FRI 5/1/26 North Branch 1:30 – 2:30 pm

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

[Building Everyday Well-Being: The Power of Self-Care*](#)

The importance of self-care is second to none. The process of building everyday practices to support your well-being is necessary for good behavioral health! This session, presented

by professionals from Denton County Public Health, illuminates the power of self-care. Ages 18+.

Thurs 5/7 South Branch 6 p.m.

[Living Well at Home and Medicare's GUIDE Program for Dementia Patients*](#)

How do you know when it's time for home care? What types of services do home care companies provide, and how can planning ahead make aging at home less stressful? Join local professionals from Living Well Senior Care and Arcy Healthcare to learn about home care services and Medicare's free GUIDE program for individuals living with dementia. Leave with practical information to help you plan with confidence. Ages 18+.

Tues 5/12 South Branch 5 p.m.

[Romantasy Book Club](#)

Have you enjoyed the enchanting realms of *A Court of Thorns and Roses* or *Fourth Wing*, 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 Fate Inked in Blood by Danielle Jensen

Wed 5/13 North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wolfsong by T J Klune

Wed 6/10 North Branch 6:30-8:30 p.m.

One Dark Window by Rachel Gillig

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

Soulless by Gail Carriger

Wed 8/12 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. Ages 16+.

Asian American or Pacific Islander Author

Sat 5/16 North Branch 10 a.m.

Pride Month: LGBTQ+ Authors & Stories

Sat 6/13 North Branch 10 a.m.

Animal on the Cover

Sat 7/18 North Branch 10 a.m.

Graphic Novel

Sat 8/15 North Branch 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

Mon 5/18 Union Bear Brewing 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon 6/15 Miss Angeline's 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon 7/20 DCBC 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon 8/17 Steve's Wine Bar 6:30-8 p.m.

[Turning Vulnerability Into Self-Care*](#)

Vulnerability plays an essential role in mental and emotional well-being, even though it can feel uncomfortable or risky to practice. Opening up often challenges deeply held beliefs about strength, control, and self-protection, which is why it can be so difficult. This week, we'll explore why vulnerability matters, what makes it hard, and how creating space for honesty and connection can support healthier relationships, self-understanding, and emotional resilience. Presented by professionals from Denton County Public Health! Ages 18+.

Thurs 5/28 South Branch 6 p.m.

Adult (18+) Programs - Arts Culture and History

[Crafter's Corner](#)

Bring your current crafting project to work on and meet others in the local crafting community. Share ideas, get tips and inspiration, and learn something new at this come and-go program.

Fri 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28 **North Branch** **9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Thurs 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27 **Emily Fowler** **9:30-11:30 a.m.**

[Faculty Lounge: The Universe According to Buddhism*](#)

Welcome to the Faculty Lounge, an ongoing series where local Denton professors visit the library for hour-long lectures covering a multitude of engaging topics. This lecture is presented by Dr. Leah Kalmanson, Associate Professor and Bhagwan Adinath Professor of Jain Studies at UNT. This talk will introduce key features of Buddhist philosophy and practice, with a special focus on Buddhist views of the cosmos that inform a range of liberational and devotional activities. We will situate Buddhism in both historical and cultural context, giving listeners an informed perspective on the diversity of Buddhist schools today. Ages 18+.

Thurs 5/14 South Branch 6 p.m.

[Denton County Genealogical Society Meeting](#)

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!

Thurs 5/14 Emily Fowler 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Introduction to the Legacy Lab*](#)

May is National Historic Preservation Month! Learn how to preserve your family history by converting your photos, home videos, and paper documents to digital formats. The Legacy Lab at Emily Fowler Central Library is a self-service digital archiving and conversion lab that provides you with the tools and the training to digitize your family's memories. Program will include a tour and brief presentation.

Sat 5/16 Emily Fowler 10 a.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.

Finding and Using City Directories for Family History Research by Sandra Crowley, published September 2024

Fri 5/22 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

Laid to Rest: Church Death and Burial Records by Nancy Gilbride Casey, published June 2025

Fri 6/26 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

Life in the Public Eye: Locating Records for Appointed and Elected Officials by Paula Perkins, published September 2024

Fri 7/24 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.

[Granny Squares and Other Shapes*](#)

Learn how to crochet granny squares and other shapes, which are the building blocks for scarves, sweaters, and blankets. Prior knowledge of basic crochet skills required. Ages 18+.

Tues 5/26 North Branch 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

[Needle Felted Cactus*](#)

Learn how to make a needle felted cactus, no watering required. All the materials will be provided including a mini clay pot to "plant" your handmade art. TUE 6/9 North Branch 2:30 pm OBJ: Ages 18+.

Tues 6/9 North Branch 2:30-4:30 p.m.

[Postcard Party*](#)

Your ticket to artistic expression is in your recycle bin! In this short workshop, you will learn how to make your own postcards from food boxes that you can share with friends and family for just 61¢ through the mail. Ages 18+.

Fri 6/12 South Branch 1-3 p.m.

[Faculty Lounge: Narratives of Queer Joy*](#)

Welcome to the Faculty Lounge, an ongoing series where local Denton professors visit the library for hour-long lectures covering a multitude of engaging topics. This lecture is presented by Dr. Adriane Bezusko, Senior Lecturer in UNT's Department of English. In recognition of Pride Month, this talk will explore how queer literature centers joy as a powerful, transformative act of resistance. We will discuss a wide range of queer literatures from the 20th and 21st centuries to explore how joy is a political act, shaped by historical contexts. Ages 18+.

Fri 6/26 South Branch 4-6 p.m.

[History of Denton Women's Interracial Fellowship*](#)

Join Annetta Ramsay, PhD, as she presents information from her new book Denton Women's Interracial Fellowship: Leading a Texas City's Desegregation, being published in June 2026.

Sat 6/27 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.

["Lineage Societies" Choices, Applications and Requirements"*](#)

Choosing to join a lineage society is one way to honor your ancestor. And the variety of societies has increased in recent years to include military, fraternal, religious, heritage, hereditary, ethnic, and patriotic foci, to name just a few. But which one should you join? Are the applications the same for each? What are the requirements? What types of records are they looking for? All of these questions will be answered, and samples of several society applications will be examined.

Sat 7/18 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

[Progress Denied: A Virtual Visit from Author Hollie Teague*](#)

Join us for a virtual presentation from TWU alumna Hollie Teague, PhD, on her new book Progress Denied: Quakertown, White Supremacy, and the Illusion of Democracy in Denton, Texas, 1850–1925. Visit her website at <https://hollieateague.com>.

Sat 7/25 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.

[Macrame Key Rings*](#)

Learn how to make your own macrame key ring with local artisan, Mary Cresson. No experience needed and all supplies provided! Ages 18+.

Wed 8/5 South Branch 2-4 p.m.

[Faculty Lounge: The Life of a Field Archaeologist*](#)

Welcome to the Faculty Lounge, an ongoing series where local Denton professors visit the library for hour-long lectures covering a multitude of engaging topics. This lecture is presented by Dr. Zoe Ortiz, Assistant Professor in UNT's Department of History. Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a field archaeologist? Join us to hear from the source about what this profession entails! Dr. Zoe Ortiz will share stories about her work, including her time spent excavating an ancient city in Italy. Ages 18+.

Thurs 8/6 South Branch 4-6 p.m.

Adult (18+) Programs - Business Career and Financial

[Small Business Connections*](#)

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

HR Basics

Tues 5/12 North Branch 4:30 p.m.

Managing Finances

Tues 6/16 North Branch 4:30 p.m.

Essential Legal Forms

Tues 7/21 North Branch 4:30 p.m.

[Empower Your Small Business](#)

TWU Business Librarian Stephany Compton presents free resources entrepreneurs can use to build and grow their small business. Learn how to use various government sites to get business data, economic forecasts, trends and more.

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

[Reference Solutions: Using Market Research for Your Business*](#)

Discover how to use the Reference Solutions software to target specific groups of businesses or individuals who will most likely be interested in your products or services. Learn how to identify the ideal geography of potential new customers, learn key contacts, research competitors and much more at this online workshop provided by Data Axle Reference Solutions. (A Zoom link will be sent to join the class.) Ages 18+.

Wed 7/15 Zoom 2:30 p.m.

General (All Ages) Programs - STEM

[Beginner Bike Repair](#)

Join Sustainable Denton 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 7/22 North Branch 6 p.m.

General (All Ages) Programs - Literacy

[Decipher Cursive and Calligraphy](#)

Do you think you can read the handwritten Declaration of Independence or Constitution? Learn basic cursive and calligraphy skills, and how you can help transcribe historical documents for archivists. There will be multiple stations and the program is come-and-go.

Thurs 7/23 North Branch 3 p.m.

General (All Ages) Programs - Arts Culture and History

[Texas America250 Traveling Exhibit](#)

Placeholder text: The Texas America250 exhibit highlights historically significant Texas Treasures from the State Archives, encouraging all Americans to explore the story of the Lone Star State over the past 250 years. From Spanish missions to the space race, the landscape, culture, economy and people of Texas have played essential roles in the development of the United States.

May 1- 30 - North Branch

June 1- 29 - South Branch

July 1 - 31 - Emily Fowler

[Star Wars Celebration](#)

Calling all Star Wars fans! Join us for the 16th 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 7/29 North Branch 6:30-8 p.m.



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT

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

- Budget Planning
- Annual Report for Accreditation
- Professional Conferences

BACKGROUND

The City's annual budget preparation process kicked off this spring. Staff have been preparing budget reports in alignment with strategic planning and workforce development long range planning exercises. Department submissions will be reviewed with the departments, City Manager's Office, and Budget throughout April and May. A City budget package will be proposed and discussed with City Council in work session presentations throughout the summer, with public hearings and a final budget approval in September.

The annual report for public library accreditation has been completed and submitted to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). The report collects information about library facilities, staffing, collections, programming, usage, revenue, and expenditures. The submitted report is reviewed by TSLAC and accreditation status is shared in late summer. At the end of the year all public library report data is available on the TSLAC website. The data can then be used by libraries to compare services and resources to peer or area libraries in the state.

Four Librarians attended the Texas Library Association Conference in Houston, TX March 28-31. All four serve on professional committees. Two Librarians attended the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis, MN April 1-3. Library staff attending conferences provide written reports of the training they receive to share what they have learned with the rest of the department.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet

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