



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda

Library Board

Monday, August 10, 2026

5:30 PM

Emily Fowler Central 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, August 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Emily Fowler Central Library at 502 Oakland 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. [LB26-041](#) Consider approval of the minutes of July 13, 2026, and the corrected minutes of August 11, 2025.

Attachments: [Lib Board Minutes - Jul 13 2026](#)
 [Lib Board Minutes - Oct 13 2025 Corrected](#)

- B. [LB26-042](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion about Outreach Services at the Denton Public Library.

Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Outreach Services](#)
 [Outreach Services Presentation](#)

- C. [LB26-040](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

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

- D. [LB26-039](#) Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

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

- E. [LB26-043](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and consider recommending approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

- Library Program Operating Policy
- Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern Form
- Local Authors/Musicians Collection Operating Policy

Attachments: [Agenda Information Sheet-Policy Updates](#)
 [Program Operating Policy](#)
 [Library Program Exhibit and Display Statement of Concern Operating Policy](#)
 [Local Authors Musicians Collection Operating Policy](#)

- F. [LB26-038](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding:
- Library facility closures
 - Summer Reading Challenge
 - Library staffing updates
 - Library/UNT communications project
 - South Branch Library update

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
South Branch Library – July 13, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas.

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

ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker, Susan Keller

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. LB26-032** Consider approval of the minutes of June 8, 2026.
- The Board accepted and approved the minutes. Jean Greenlaw motioned, Rebecca Fridley seconded, all in favor.
- B. LB26-033** The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.
- There have been no changes since the last meeting. The Friends meet on Thursday, July 9, 2026.
- C. LB26-034** The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.
- There have been no changes since the last meeting. The Foundation meets again on August 5, 2026.
- D. LB26-035** The Board received a nomination and appointed a new Trustee to the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.
- The Emily Fowler Library Foundation currently has three members of the Board of Trustees, including Treasurer Alexis Clingan, and Trustees Lisa Jenkins and Charlie Hunter.

The Foundation seeks to expand membership to support fundraising activities. Madison Reeves Clingan has expressed interest in serving on the Emily Fowler Library Foundation. They have been invited to introduce themselves and bring a brief resume or summary of their work, volunteer, and community engagement experience.

The Library Board voted to appoint Madison Reeves Clingan as the new Trustee to the Emily Fowler Library Foundation Board of Trustees. Kathryn Pole motioned, Kerol Harrod seconded, all in favor.

E. LB26-037

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

- *Meeting Room Operating Policy* – Board approved with a minor correction. Kerol Harrod motioned, Rebecca Fridley seconded. All in favor.

F. LB26-036

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

Preservation Month – The fifth annual Denton Revealed: Preservation Month programming series took place in May in honor of National Preservation Month. A collaboration between the City of Denton and Denton County, the series includes programs that focus on historic preservation. This year, there were ten events held throughout the month of May that took place within Denton and the greater county. A variety of events were offered, including historic walking tours, story times, and professional presentations. A total of 653 community members attended the events and helped celebrate the past, present, and future of Denton. To see the full schedule of programs or to get more information on Denton Revealed, please visit <https://www.cityofdenton.com/1012/Denton-Revealed-Preservation-Month>.

Summer Reading Challenge – The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge continues through the end of July. As of July 6, 1,783 people had registered for the program. Participants have logged 995,363 reading minutes.

2023 Bond – A presentation about the 2023 Bond projects will be a work session item at the July 14 City Council meeting. The presentation provides status updates about each of the projects.

Staffing updates – The new Adult Services Librarian at Emily Fowler Central Library, Meghan Sprabary, and the North Branch Part-Time Library Assistant, Jackie Schwier, have joined the library team. Both come with strong library backgrounds and community service and engagement experience.

Recognition of Cindy Carter's years of service - The library recognizes the upcoming retirement of Cindy Carter, Library Administrative Assistant III, in August, 2026. We appreciate the years of service, expertise, and kindness she has brought to the library. Cindy has been vital in creating a welcoming environment, both for staff and visitors. We thank her for her incredible contributions and wish her the best in her next chapter.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Patricia Peters, Chair

Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: _____

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library – October 13, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, October 13, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Kathryn Pole, Patricia Peters, Rebecca Fridley, Kerol Harrod

ABSENT: Ellen Sullivan

Also present: Jennifer Bekker and Marcella Lunn

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB25-066 Consider approval of the minutes of August 11, 2025.

The Board accepted and approved the minutes of the August 11, 2025 meeting. Kathryn Pole motioned, Patricia Peters seconded, all in favor.

B. LB25-067 The Board received an informational report regarding Story Time early literacy classes.

Youth Services Librarian's Nanya Jackson and Stacy Slattery provided an overview of the purpose for and planning and presentation of Denton Public Library's Story Time classes.

Story Times are literacy programs for children ages 1-5 and their caregivers. The programs support early literacy skill development and prepare children to learn to read. Each library branch offers weekly Story Time programs for an 8–14-week period each program season. Breaks are taken in May, August, and December to plan and prepare for the next season's classes. Additional special Story Time classes, such as Spooky Story Time, Santa Story Time, Bilingual Story Time/Hora de Cuentos Bilingues, etc., are also scheduled each program season. Youth Services Librarians and Youth Services Library Specialists present each Story Time, which includes reading two or three books, songs, movement, activities, and puppets.

C. LB25-064

The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

Philip Baker, Friends Executive Board Member, secured a significant donation of \$25,000 from ENS Management Trust to the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries. The funds are to be used to support Denton Public Library educational and reading programs.

Library staff members are gathering information to make recommendations for funding proposals for the ENS Management Trust donation to the Friends and the annual Friends donation for 2026. The funding proposals will be presented at the October 9, 2025, Friends Executive Board meeting.

The Friends hosted their first “Members Only” early shopping day at their August 9th Big Book Sale. The extra shopping day was a success, earning \$1,130.75 during the two-hour event.

D. LB25-063

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

Foundation Trustees met on September 10 to discuss creating updated bylaws. The Foundation currently has articles of incorporation that were last updated in 2009 when the Foundation became a separate entity from the City of Denton. Jennifer Bekker provided Trustees with example bylaws via e-mail after the meeting from other public library Foundation organizations and resources from American Library Association’s United for Libraries group. Trustees will draft a preliminary document for discussion at a future meeting, with the goal to have new bylaws finalized and approved by the end of 2025. Haley Phillips provided ideas for future flash tattoo fundraiser events. The Foundation will meet again in October. The date and time are to be determined.

E. LB25-062

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the following:

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 Fall Classes and Events list includes proposed programs for September-December, 2025.

Patricia Peters motioned, Rebecca Fridley seconded, all in favor.

F. LB25-065

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

- Filming and Photography Operating Policy
- Surveys and Petitions Operating Policy
- Food and Drink Operating Policy
- Volunteer Operating Policy
- Outreach Services Operating Policy
- Program Operating Policy

Rebecca Fridley motioned, Patricia Peters seconded, all in favor.

G. LB25-061

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

FY25/26 Budget Impacts - Library department proposed budget changes have the following impacts to the department in the new fiscal year.

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

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

DISD Back to School - Library staff and volunteers participated in the Denton ISD Back to School Fair at LaGrone Academy, engaging with 1,050 students and family members. Staff shared information about

activation of student Books2Go accounts for parents who opted their students into the service, online resources and digital collections, and other library services to support students and families.

Tonies® Tour - Denton Public Library will be one of three Texas stops on the Tonies® Tour. Tonies are a screen free option for children to enjoy stories read by their favorite characters. Once a figurine is placed on the soft square speaker box, a story is read aloud. Children can listen or read along with favorite children's books. City Hall 215 E. McKinney Street Denton, Texas www.cityofdenton.com characters such as Pete the Cat, Elephant & Piggie, Llama Llama, and more. The Tonies® Tour features a van with a pop-up program demonstrating Tonies and providing early literacy tips for caregivers. Denton Public Library will also release new Discovery Kits with Tonies® for check out after the event. The event will be held this fall at the North Branch Library. The date and time will be announced once the event is finalized.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Kerol Harrod, 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: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion about Outreach Services at the Denton Public Library.

BACKGROUND

Haley Phillips, Outreach Librarian, will provide an overview of Outreach Services provided by Denton Public Library. The presentation is attached as Exhibit 2.

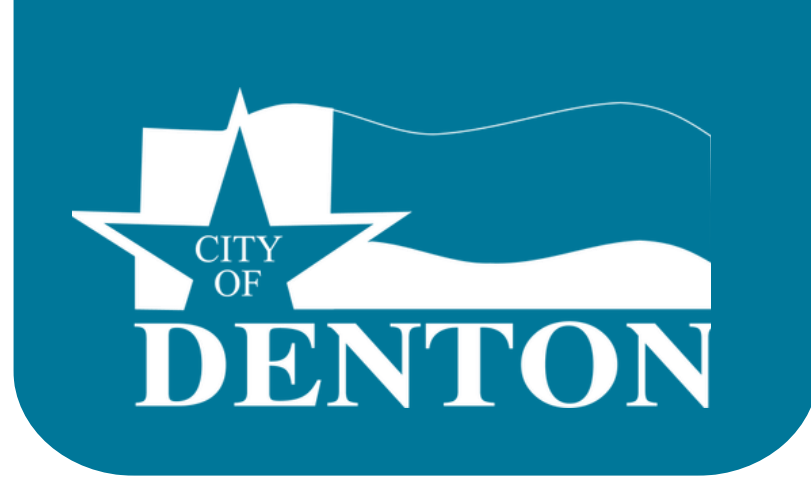
Outreach Services is a vital aspect of community engagement. The presentation will include an overview of outreach events such as festival booths and event tables, services to community organizations such as StoryWalks® and Story Totes, and local partnerships with organizations and businesses to connect community members with the library.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Outreach Services Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries



DPL Outreach Services



Haley Phillips, Outreach Librarian

Why Outreach



Outreach Services focuses on building visibility, providing equitable access, and strengthening relationships within the City of Denton community. Library staff prioritizes equitable opportunities to community members who are unserved or underserved due to physical, economic, social, transportation, geographic, or other barriers.

OUTREACH THROUGH THE YEARS	# EVENTS & ATTENDANCE PER YEAR
2022	EVENTS: 120 ATTENDANCE: 8,117
2023	EVENTS: 133 ATTENDANCE: 11,472
2024	EVENTS: 134 ATTENDANCE: 11,652
2025	EVENTS: 94 ATTENDANCE: 6,887



DPL Outreach Services Request

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DPL Outreach

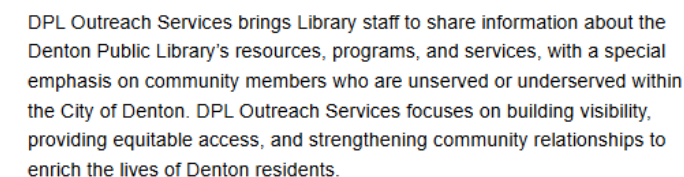
Request Outreach

Upcoming Events

StoryWalks®

DPL Outreach Policy (PDF)

Agreement Forms (PDF)



Request DPL Outreach

Current Events



Books on Tap
8/17 6:30 PM
Steve's Wine Bar

More Events



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

OUTREACH SERVICES OPERATING POLICY

Approved by Library Management Team, March 2, 2023
Library Board approved revision, October 13, 2025

Outreach Services focuses on building visibility, providing equitable access, and strengthening relationships within the City of Denton community. Library staff initiate, develop, and strengthen community relationships to enrich the lives of Denton residents through Outreach Services and programs.

Outreach Services prioritizes equitable opportunities to community members who are unserved or underserved due to physical, economic, social, transportation, geographic, or other barriers.

Outreach Services are an extension of Denton Public Library. All policies that govern Denton Public Library also govern outreach activities and events.

Outreach Services must take place within the service area of Denton City limits or at Denton ISD campuses. No library outreach events may take place at private residences.

Recurring or new outreach service activities in partnership with local businesses or organizations may require the completion of the Outreach Services Partner Agreement.

Outreach Services request forms must be received no less than two weeks and no more than four months prior to the date requested. A request does not guarantee library participation. A library staff member will respond to requests submitted within two business days.

The level of Outreach Services provided is dependent on library resources available, including staff time. Resources dedicated to each event will be considered on a case-by-case basis as staffing levels and supplies are available.

Outreach Services prioritizes events that are free or open to the public.

The library reserves the right to cancel or modify outreach activities on short notice if an activity conflicts with the primary purpose of library Outreach Services, poses a safety risk to library staff or outreach participants, or participation drops below a sufficient number to justify the outreach effort.

Regular communication with community partners and library staff is essential to Outreach Services. Event specific goals for Outreach Services will be routinely reviewed by partners and library staff. Partnerships that are not mutually beneficial to all parties may be modified or discontinued.



Community Festivals



Denton's rich, engaging history is essential to providing library services and strengthening community ties. Outreach prioritizes annual festivals that center literacy, learning, and enriching our community.



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LIBRARY CARD

Intentional Services



Mission Statement
Denton Public Library Transforms Lives, Strengthens Community, and Inspires Imagination

Strategic Priorities and Goals

- Transform Lives**
- Champion Literacy
 - Create a Culture of Lifelong Learning
 - Embrace Technology
- Strengthen Community**
- Build Community Connections
 - Celebrate Our History
 - Provide Inclusive Access for All
- Inspire Imagination**
- Spark Innovation
 - Provide Enriching Experiences
 - Expand Horizons

Vision Statement

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

Values

- Intellectual Freedom
- Community
- Innovation
- Inclusivity
- Accessibility
- Lifelong Learning
- Literacy

From monthly scheduled programs to cultural observances to service requests, outreach focuses on DPL's core values of literacy, inclusivity, and life-long learning.

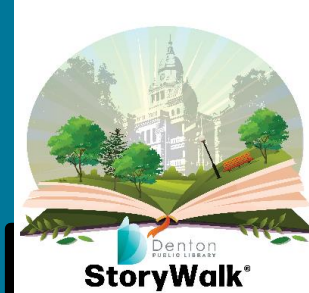
OUTREACH THOUGH THE YEARS	# OF REQUESTS PER YEAR
2024	43
2025	35
2026	20

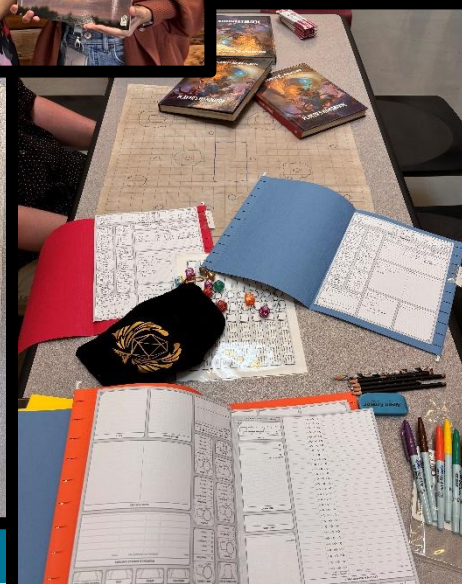
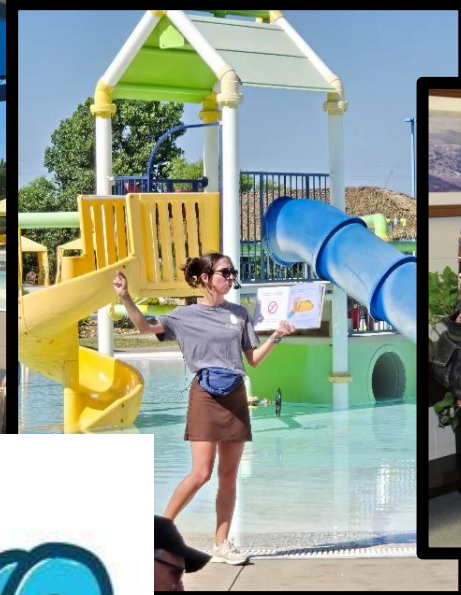




Partnership Projects











QUESTIONS?





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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Frank Dixon
DATE: August 10, 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 next Friends of the Denton Public Libraries Big Book Sale is on Saturday, August 8. As the North Branch Library will be closed all day on Friday, August 7, they are not hosting a members-only presale. The Friends have ordered yellow bins to move weeded materials from the branches to North Branch for the book sales. The bins will be taken along with library transit bins by the library's transit service.

2026 Friends Executive Board Meetings (in North Branch Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m.)
Thursday, October 8, 2026

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



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library
ACM: Frank Dixon
DATE: August 10, 2026

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 now banks with PNC. The Foundation currently has \$50,000 in an Athene brokerage account with a 4.6% interest account. The remainder of funds are in a money market account for Special Collections projects.

The Foundation meets Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Agenda topics include a formal agreement with the City of Denton to define roles and procurement responsibilities, recruiting a 5th Trustee, and fundraising plans.

2026 Upcoming Meetings in the Emily Fowler Conference Room:

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT

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

- Library Program Operating Policy
- Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern Form
- Local Authors/Musicians Collection Operating Policy

BACKGROUND

The following policy updates are recommended to the Library Board:

Library Program Operating Policy-Exhibit 2

The redline draft shows proposed updates to the objections to library programs process to match the outlined in the objections to library materials process. The proposed Policy is attached as Exhibit 2 for additional information.

Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern Form-Exhibit 3

The updated form is separated from the Library Program Operating Policy and expanded to include exhibits and displays. The Library Exhibits and Displays Policy will be presented at the next Library Board meeting. The same Statement of Concern form would be used by both the Library Program Policy and the Library Exhibits and Displays Policy. The proposed Form is attached as Exhibit 3 for additional information.

Local Authors/Musicians Collection Operating Policy-Exhibit 4

The redline draft shows proposed minor updates. The proposed Policy is attached as Exhibit 4 for additional information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Library staff recommends approval of the two policy updates.

Library staff recommends approval of the Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern Form with one of the following options:

1. Approve the form

2. Approve the form for use with the Library Program Operating Policy and bring the form back for approval for use with the Library Exhibits and Displays Policy once the Library Exhibits and Displays Policy is presented at the September Library Board meeting.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Library Program Operating Policy
3. Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern Form
4. Local Authors/Musicians Collection Operating Policy

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries

Prepared by:
Jennifer Bekker
Director of Libraries



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



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PROGRAM OPERATING POLICY

Library Board approved revision, Oct. 13, 2025

Library programs, classes, and events (collectively referred to as “programs”) are an extension of library services, designed to promote and complement the library’s other collections. Denton Public Library is guided by the principles outlined in this document, aiming to provide clear guidance to library staff and inform the public about the principles that underpin library programming.

Mission Statement:

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

Vision Statement:

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

Statement of Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

The Library refrains from taking sides on public issues or promoting particular beliefs or viewpoints through its programs. It does not endorse opinions expressed by outside presenters or groups, ensuring programming represents various sides of contentious topics.

Adults are the best and final arbiters of what is appropriate for themselves. It is the parent and/or legal guardian, and only the parent and/or legal guardian, who may determine the appropriateness of their child, and only their child, attending any programming. Parents and/or legal guardians have sole responsibility for what their children read, view, or hear. Library staff and associated authorities do not serve in loco parentis (in place of parents.)

The Denton Public Library supports intellectual freedom and subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights and its interpretative statements, including “Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights” (2019).

Library Programming Priorities

Denton Public Library is committed to offering comprehensive programming that:

- Provides quality experiences for all ages that encourage discovery, learning, and enrichment
- Champions literacy and knowledge for library users and the Denton community
- Strengthens community and provides inclusive access for all
- Inspires imagination through innovative experiences to expand horizons

- Upholds intellectual freedom by presenting a variety of perspectives and content. Utilizes data and analysis to inform program selection, development, and evaluation

Programs are designed to serve people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, without making value judgments about what individuals find relevant, helpful, or enjoyable.

Programming Responsibility

Professional library staff are responsible for programming development, selection, and execution.

The Director of Libraries holds final responsibility for all library programming.

Partner Programs and External Presenters

The library may partner with other agencies, organizations, and educational institutions for cooperative programming when it aligns with the library's mission. Presenters affiliated with commercial enterprises may provide general knowledge without directly promoting their businesses. Purely commercial programs are not permitted. [The Denton Public Library does not promote particular beliefs or views, nor does the library's partner program express or imply endorsement of the viewpoint of the presenter.](#)

Criteria for Programming

Library staff consider a number of criteria when planning programs:

- Alignment with the library's mission, vision, and strategic goals
- Relevance for the intended audience
- Representation of underrepresented segments of the Denton community
- Relevance to popular trends and current events
- Scarcity of programming in high-interest subjects
- Justification of programming expenses, staff time, and space based on anticipated attendance and outcomes
- Opportunities for collaboration with external partners and volunteers
- Duplication of or competition with existing outside community events
- Outcomes utilizing data and analysis and evaluation of previous programs

The capacity for programming is finite, and popular programs may be discontinued or placed on hiatus to allow for redevelopment or the introduction of new programming. The library is not obligated to provide a specific format or style of programming in any given calendar season.

No fees will be charged for attendance at library programs.

Use of the library's public meeting rooms by an organization or individual to hold a public event is not a library program and must follow the guidelines set out in the **Denton Public Library Meeting Room Policy**.

Organization of Programming

Programming is primarily organized by target audience age range. For ages 5-17, target audiences are identified by their corresponding grade level in the public school system.

Age groups are:

- Birth-18 months
- 18 months-3 years
- 3 years-5 years
- Kindergarten-5th Grade
- 6th Grade-12th Grade
- Adults (18+)
- Seniors (65+)
- All Ages

The library acknowledges that not all programs within a target age audience will be universally deemed relevant or appropriate by all users. Determining the appropriateness of any program for minors is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

The library plans programs for three seasons: Spring, Summer, and Fall. Programs are ideally planned at least six months in advance.

Audience Expectations

The library reserves the right to cancel programs as deemed necessary and will make every effort to notify the public in advance. Programs scheduled on a day when the Library is closed due to inclement weather are automatically cancelled. Rescheduling is at the discretion of the library staff.

The library reserves the right to use video or photographs taken of program participants for internal use, publication, promotional outlets, and evaluation purposes.

Attendees of all ages are expected to abide by the **Denton Public Library Rules of Conduct**. Parents are responsible for managing their children's behavior during programs and abide by the **Unattended Children Operating Policy**.

Library staff recognizes that children may sometimes display behaviors that are disruptive for a program situation. Parents will be asked to calm the child or leave the room with the child in the event of problem behavior. Once the child is no longer displaying these behaviors, they may return to the program.

Programs tailored to a specific audience as noted in the program description (e.g. English Language Classes for non-English speakers or a breastfeeding support class for parents and caregivers of newborns) may restrict participation accordingly.

Some programs require pre-registration or tickets to comply with safety and capacity requirements, manage resources, and ensure a quality experience. The library reserves the right to deny participation to late arrivals, even if a ticket was received or reservation was made.

A library card is not required to attend a program, but patrons attending programs are encouraged to apply for a card to take full advantage of all the library resources.

Age Limits for Programs

Programs are open to the public but may be specified for a particular target audience. The library reserves the right to restrict participation to ensure a quality experience for the intended audience. Age criteria will be noted in the program description.

- **Youth programs:** Designed for children (generally birth-5th grade) and caregivers with specific age groups listed in the program's description. Adults are only permitted if accompanying children or with prior approval.
- **Teen programs:** Generally, grades 6-12. Specific age groups listed in the program description, with no adult or young child attendance unless approved for special circumstances.
- **Adult programs:** For adults ages 18+, with no children allowed without prior approval.
- **All Ages Programs:** Suitable for multiple age groups, with specific ages noted in the program description as necessary.

Attendance will be limited when safety or program success requires it, with attendance prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis, either through registration, ticketing, or at the door. The staff member in charge of the program will determine when a program has reached capacity. A staff member or sign will indicate when program attendance has reached capacity.

Sale of Materials During Library Programs

Ancillary materials, such as CDs or books related to the program, may be sold at library programs by outside presenters with prior approval from the library. Sales must be for items that promote literature, literacy, or culture and align with the library's mission. Presenters are encouraged to donate 10% of proceeds to the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

Groups Attending Programs

Childcare centers or other organized groups must make arrangements with the library at least two weeks in advance to ensure space is available. Caregivers must follow child-to-caregiver ratios set by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Minimum Standards for Child-Care Centers.

Tours

Tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Refreshments

Refreshments may be served at programs, provided they are from a kitchen certified by the City of Denton Consumer Health Department or purchased pre-packaged from a store. At least one full-time public services staff member at each library location will maintain a valid Food Handler's Certification for events requiring food handling.

Evaluation of Programs

Library staff will conduct regular evaluations of programs and services to make sure the needs of the community are being met within staff limitations and budgetary restrictions.

Objections to Library Programs

Denton Public Library does not promote particular beliefs or views, nor does hosting a program, exhibit, or display express or imply endorsement of the viewpoint of the presenter, exhibitor, or artist. All programs, exhibits, or displays will be judged as a whole rather than by isolated passages, images, or content. Library hosting of a program does not imply endorsement of its content or the views expressed. Programs will not be excluded or cancelled solely because they are considered controversial

The library welcomes feedback on library programs, exhibits, or displays. Comments from members of the community about programs, exhibits, or displays frequently provide librarians with useful information about interests or needs that may not be adequately met by existing resources or activities. The library welcomes expression of opinion by customers but will be governed by this Library Programs Operational Policy in planning and scheduling programs, exhibits, or displays. Statements of concern regarding programs, exhibits or displays may be made in accordance with the Denton Public Library's Library Programs, Exhibits, or Displays Statement of Concern Operating Policy.

~~The library welcomes public feedback on its programs. Library hosting of a program does not imply endorsement of its content or the views expressed. Programs will not be excluded or cancelled solely because they are considered controversial.~~

Concerns should first be addressed to the coordinating staff member. If unresolved, Denton residents may submit a **Statement of Concern** form. Programs subject to objections will remain on the calendar pending final action.

- After receipt by a librarian, the completed and signed form will be dated and submitted to the Director of Libraries.
- The Director will keep City Administration and the City Attorney's Office informed throughout the process.
- Review and response timelines may be modified in exceptional circumstances.
- The Director or assigned representative will receive a report about the program plan and observe the program if it has not yet occurred.
- Objections to library programs will be evaluated as to whether or not the programming is in line with this policy.
- The complainant will receive the Director's response within three (3) months unless exceptional circumstances arise. The Director's decision is final unless timely and properly appealed as provided in this Operating Policy.
- If unsatisfied, the complainant may appeal in writing to the Denton Public Library Reevaluation Appeal Committee, comprised of members of the Denton Library Advisory Board, within 30 days of the date of the Director's response letter.
- The Director will supply each Appeal Committee member with all documentation relevant to the evaluation process.
- The Appeal Committee will review the appeal at the next regularly scheduled meeting if the appeal is submitted at least 30 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. If the appeal is not submitted at least 30 days before the scheduled Library Board meeting, the appeal will be heard at the following Board meeting. Appeals will be evaluated as to whether or not the completed evaluation was in line with this policy.
- The Appeal Committee's decision is final and will be communicated in writing to the complainant by Library Administration.

Once a decision is final, the program or program series will not be eligible for further reevaluation for five years.



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF CONCERN
FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS OR DISPLAYS

~~Library Board approved revision, Oct. 13, 2025~~

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____

☐ I reside or own property within the city limits of the City of Denton

☐ I have a current borrower account at the Denton Public Library

Library card # _____

Program or display on which you are commenting:

Name/Description: _____

Date: _____

Branch: ☐ Emily Fowler Central Library ☐ North Branch ☐ South Branch

Presenter/Performer (if applicable): _____

Intended Audience: ☐ All Ages ☐ Adult ☐ Teen ☐ Children

Any other descriptive information _____

Please list your reasons for filing this request. Please be as specific as possible. (You may attach pages to this form if needed.)

What brought this program or display to your attention?

~~Have you attended the entire program or event or viewed the entire display? Have you attended another event with this presenter?~~

~~Did you share your concerns with library staff at the program/branch? What was their response?~~

~~In what way could this program or display be of value?~~

~~Please suggest alternative events, displays, or services that could provide similar information on this topic or support in this area to the community.~~

~~Signature: _____ Date: _____~~

~~Please return the completed form to the Director of Libraries, library@cityofdenton.com.~~

Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019.

Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

Although the Articles of the *Library Bill of Rights* are unambiguous statements of basic principles that should govern the service of all libraries, questions do arise concerning application of these principles to specific library practices. See the documents designated by the Intellectual Freedom Committee as Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights.

Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

Library-initiated programs support the mission of the library by providing users with additional opportunities for accessing information, education, and recreation. Article I of the *Library Bill of Rights* states, “Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves.” Library displays increase awareness of programs, resources, and services.

Library-initiated programs include, but are not limited to, lectures, displays, exhibits, community forums, performing and visual arts,¹ participatory workshops, technology programming, creative learning programming, wellness programs, story times, continuing education, fairs and conventions, book clubs, discussion groups, demonstrations, and presentations for social, cultural, educational, or entertainment purposes. Library-initiated programs may take place onsite at the library, off-site at other locations, or online, and may be provided by library workers, volunteers, or partners. Libraries may also choose to promote their programs, services, and resources through displays and digital signs.

Library-initiated programs and displays utilize library worker expertise for community interests, collections, services, facilities, and providing access to information and information resources. They introduce users and potential users to library resources and the library’s role as a facilitator of information access. The library may participate in cooperative or joint programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions, or individuals to facilitate information access in the community the library serves.

Libraries should not discriminate against individuals with disabilities and shall ensure they have equitable access to library resources. Library-initiated programs and displays should comply with all applicable laws, including the standards and requirements of The Americans with Disabilities Act and state and local disability accessibility guidelines.² If a program is held in a location not controlled by the library, the library should assure that the space is accessible to all users. If users overflow designated event areas during library events, libraries should secure accessible public spaces (e.g., ramps, pathways, and emergency exit routes) to ensure access and safety for everyone. Reasonable accommodations should also be made to have interpretation or real-time captioning for the deaf or hard of hearing at library-initiated programs when needed or requested by library users.

“Socially excluded, marginalized, and underrepresented people, not just the mainstream majority, should be able to see themselves reflected in the resources and programs that libraries offer.”³ Libraries should actively seek to include a variety of programming options representing diversity of genres, formats, ideas, and expressions with a multitude of viewpoints and cultural perspectives that reflect the diversity in our communities. Library-initiated programs that cross language and cultural barriers introduce community members to the library’s resources and provide access to information. Libraries serving multilingual or multicultural communities should make efforts to accommodate the information needs of those who speak and read languages other than English, including advertising for such events.

Concerns, questions, or complaints about library-initiated programs and displays are handled according to the same written policy and procedures that govern reconsiderations of other library resources. These policies should apply equally to all people, including, but not limited to, library users, staff, and members of the governing body. The policies should set forth the library's commitment to free and open access to information and ideas for all users.

Programs should not be canceled because of the ideas or topics of the program or the views expressed by the participants or speakers, nor should library workers censor or remove displays because someone may disagree with the content. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the program content or the views expressed by the participants or speakers, any more than the purchase of resources for the library collection or curation of a display constitutes an endorsement of the resources content or its creator's views. Libraries should vigorously defend the First Amendment right of speakers and participants to express themselves.

Article V of the *Library Bill of Rights* states, "A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views." The right to use a library encompasses all the resources the library offers, including the right to attend library-initiated programs. Libraries create programs for an intended age group or audience based on educational suitability and audience interest; however, restrictions on participation based solely on the gender, chronological age, or educational level of users violate this right and should be enforced only when not doing so would adversely impact the safety of the participants or interfere with the intended purpose of the program. Parents and guardians may restrict their own children's access to library programs, but no person or organization can interfere in others' access and participation. A parent or guardian may discuss their child's access to and participation in library programs with their child, but may not impose those decisions on others, including other people's children.

Libraries should not deny access to library-initiated programs if patrons owe the library for overdue fines or other fees. If libraries charge program participants for supplies used, they should make every effort to reduce economic barriers to participation.

Any collection and retention of program participants' personal information should be on an opt-in basis only. While attendees may need to demonstrate their eligibility to attend the program by showing a library card or student ID, they should not be required to share their personal information in order to attend a library program.

¹ "Visual and Performing Arts in Libraries: An Interpretation of the [Library Bill of Rights](#)," adopted February 13, 2018, by ALA Council.

² "Services to People with Disabilities: An Interpretation of the [Library Bill of Rights](#)," adopted January 28, 2009, by the ALA Council; amended June 26, 2018.

³ "Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: An Interpretation of the [Library Bill of Rights](#)," adopted June 27, 2017, by the ALA Council.

Adopted January 27, 1982, by the ALA Council; amended June 26, 1990; July 12, 2000; June 26, 2018 *under previous name* "Library-Initiated Programs as a Resource"; and June 24, 2019.



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY PROGRAM, EXHIBIT, OR DISPLAY STATEMENT OF CONCERN OPERATING POLICY

Approved by the Denton Library Board September 2, 2004
Library Board approved revision, November 10, 2025

POLICY STATEMENT: Public libraries are uniquely American institutions, providing opportunities for lifelong learning and open discourse. As such, Denton Public Library upholds the constitutional rights of the First Amendment and supports the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights* and associated *Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights and Exhibits, Displays and Bulletin Boards: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights* statements. Copies of said documents are appended to the Library Program Operating Policy and Library Exhibits and Displays Operating Policy.

After speaking with a Branch Manager, borrowers with continued concerns may use the following procedure for a formal complaint review and response.

- An individual who resides or owns property within the city limits of the City of Denton and requests to initiate the review process of a library program, exhibit, or display must complete and sign a *Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern* form to initiate the reevaluation process.
- The completed and signed form received by staff will be dated and submitted to the Director of Libraries or designee within two (2) business days of receipt.
- The Director of Libraries will forward the form to the Review Committee, which is comprised of Master's degreed professional librarians employed by the City of Denton.
- The Director of Libraries will notify and keep City Administration and the City Attorney's Office abreast of all facets of this process from receipt of the original complaint to final decision.
- The program in question will remain scheduled and open to attendees until a formal decision has been made. The exhibit or display in question will remain on display in the original location until a formal decision has been made.
- Review and response timelines may be modified in exceptional circumstances such as concurrent or overlapping leave, personnel transitions, etc. In the event of a modification, the complainant will be notified.
- Review Committee members will examine the program and program planning information, exhibit, or display independently. The Review Committee will meet to discuss individual findings, draft a recommendation concerning execution of the

program or display of the exhibit, or display, and submit the recommendation along with the original Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern form to the Director of Libraries for review within six (6) weeks of the date the Statement of Concern form was submitted to the Director of Libraries.

- The Director of Libraries will review the program, exhibit, or display and consider the recommendation from the Review Committee to reach a decision regarding the status of the program, exhibit, or display. The complainant will receive notification of the Director of Libraries' decision within three (3) months after the Review Committee provides their recommendation, except in exceptional circumstances. The Director of Libraries will also inform City Administration and the City Attorney's Office of the decision and notify the Library Advisory Board during the next scheduled meeting.
- The Director of Libraries' decision is final unless timely and properly appealed as provided in this Policy.
- If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision, the complainant may file a written appeal letter. The written appeal must be received at the following address below within 30 days of the date of the Director of Libraries' decision letter.

Denton Public Library
Attn: Library Review Appeal Committee
502 Oakland Street
Denton, TX 76201

- An Appeal Committee, comprised of members of the Denton Library Advisory Board, will review timely filed appeals at their regularly scheduled meeting if the appeal is submitted at least 30 days before the next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting. If the appeal is not submitted within 30 days before the next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting, the appeal will be heard at the following Library Advisory Board meeting.
- In the event of an appeal, the Director of Libraries will supply each Library Board member with all documentation and photographs relevant to the complaint.
- The decision of the Appeal Committee is final and will be communicated in writing to the complainant by Library Administration.
- Multiple Statement of Concern forms submitted for the same program, exhibit, or display but submitted by different individuals will be grouped together and reviewed as one if received during the review process. All complainants will receive updates regarding the submittal, and each will have the opportunity to appeal in accordance with this policy; however, all appeals of the submission will also be treated as one appeal. If a submission is received after a decision has already been made, it will (i) be stayed if there is an appeal pending and (ii) not be reviewed after such appeal in accordance with the following bullet point.

- Once a decision becomes final, the same program, exhibit, or display shall not be eligible for further review by the initial complainant or any other complainant for 5 years as each challenged program, exhibit, or display has been through a rigorous review.



Denton Public Library

Library Program, Exhibit, and Display Statement of Concern

Name of Complainant Initiating Request: _____

Address: _____

Day telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ I reside or own property within the city limits of the City of Denton

☐ I have a current borrower account at the Denton Public Library

Library card # _____

Signature of Complainant: _____

Public Library programs, exhibits, or displays will not be reviewed without a signed and completed *Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern* packet. Use extra paper if needed.

Program, exhibit, or display on which you are commenting:

Program, exhibit, or display name/description:

Date:

Branch: ☐ Emily Fowler Central Library ☐ North Branch ☐ South Branch

Presenter/Performer (if applicable):

Intended Audience: ☐ All Ages ☐ Adult ☐ Teen ☐ Children

Any other descriptive information:

What brought this program, exhibit, or display to your attention?

To what in the program, exhibit, or display do you object? Be specific.

Did you attend to the entire program/view the entire display? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If not, what parts did you observe (be specific, citing time period attended, sections observed, etc.)

Have you attended another event or viewed another exhibit or display presented by or created by the presenter/staff/artist?

Did you share your concern with library staff at the program/branch? What was their response?

In what way could this program, exhibit, or display be of value?

Please suggest alternative events, exhibits, or displays that could provide similar information on this topic or support in this area to the community.

I have read and understand the following:

- ☐ Denton Public Library Program Operating Policy
- ☐ Denton Public Library Exhibits and Displays Policy
- ☐ *For Youth or Teen programs only*-Denton Public Library Unattended Children Operating Policy

Signature of complainant: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____

Library programs, exhibits, or displays will not be reviewed without a signed and fully completed *Library Program, Exhibit, or Display Statement of Concern* form. All such requests shall be referred to the Director of Libraries and the Professional Review Committee. The complainant shall be notified of the status of his/her complaint or of the final decision within three (3) months from the date of receipt.



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCAL AUTHORS/MUSICIANS COLLECTION OPERATING POLICY

Approved by Library Management, February 6, 2014
Reviewed by the Library Management Team, March 20, 2025

The library has developed a Local Authors and Musicians Collection for recent works in print written or recorded music on CD by authors and musicians currently residing in Denton County.

Books and music CDs in this collection are primarily acquired through donation.

Authors and musicians wishing to donate materials to this collection must meet the following criteria:

- Author or musician must be a resident of Denton County, Texas.
- Books must be in new condition, sturdily bound, preferably sewn or glued. Spiral and comb bindings will not be accepted.
- CDs must be in new condition with printed cover art and song list in case. The disc must have imprinted or a printed label affixed with identifying information. ~~CD must have a CD label affixed to the CD.~~
- Workbooks or journal style books with papers designed to be filled in or torn out by the reader will not be accepted.
- Textbooks will not be accepted.
- Books with accompanying cassettes, CDs or DVDs will not be accepted.
- Authors and musicians must complete and sign the Local Author and Musician submission form for each title submitted.

Please be aware that:

- Books contributed to this collection become the property of the library.
- Local author and musician items will be designated by a "Local Author" sticker on the spine and shelved on the "Local Authors and Musicians" shelf.
- Acceptance of a copy of a work for the collection does not guarantee that the library will purchase additional copies.
- Materials contributed to this collection may be removed from the collection at any time at the discretion of the library.
- Removed items will not be returned to the contributor.
- If a book published by a publishing company or a professionally produced music CD has received an independent, positive review in a major review journal, the title may be considered for the regular collection.
- The Denton Public Library retains the right to make exceptions to any of the above criteria.

LOCAL AUTHOR AND MUSICIAN SUBMISSION FORM

Please complete, sign and submit this form with your book(s) or music CD(s) to any branch circulation desk.

Or mail to: Denton Public Library
Technical Services Department
Local Author Submission
3020 N. Locust St.
Denton Texas 76209

Name of author or musician:

Last;

First;

M.I.

Address: _____

Street;

City;

ZIP

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Title donated: _____

To help us catalog your book or CD, what are the major subjects or musical genres of this bookwork?

Branch distribution (circle): Emily Fowler Library North Branch South Branch

Agreement:

I agree to the terms of the Local Authors and Musicians Collection Policy. I give my permission to the Denton Public Library to use the work, or an image thereof, to promote the Local Authors and Musicians Collection.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



City of Denton

City Hall
215 E. McKinney Street
Denton, Texas
www.cityofdenton.com

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT

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

- Library facility closures
- Summer Reading Challenge
- Library staffing updates
- Library/UNT communications project
- South Branch Library update

BACKGROUND

Library facilities will be closed for staff training and building maintenance on rotating Fridays in August.

August 7-North Branch closed all day

August 14-South Branch open 1-6 p.m.

August 21-Emily Fowler Central Library open 1-6 p.m.

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge has ended. The two-month program encourages reading and maintaining literacy skills throughout the summer. This year 2,009 people registered for the program, reading 1,946,592 minutes. The full 2026 Summer Reading Challenge report will be shared with the Library Board at the next Board meeting.

Several positions are at various levels of the selection and hiring process, including part-time Library Assistant positions at all branches and the Administrative Assistant III position. Grace Yu was selected as the new full-time Library Specialist as South Branch and her vacant part-time position has been requested for posting approval.

A UNT professor has reached out about his graduate-level Communication and Consulting course working on a communications project for the library. Staff are working with him on an internal communications audit with recommendations.

Discussions regarding the South Branch Library 2023 Bond project continue through the City's budget process, including the August 8 City Council Budget Workshop. Council will provide direction regarding the 2023 South Branch bond project at that meeting.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet

Respectfully submitted:
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