

Total Budget: \$5,778,146

Salaries & Benefits: \$3,625,930

Books, Magazines, & Electronic Resources: \$603,500

Utilities: \$165,927

Other Operating Expenses: \$1,382,789



- FY 15-16 Highlights**
- Dpl2go, the mobile library unit designed to take the library to areas outside the normal service range was launched.
  - Summer Reading Club participation hit a new historic high.
  - South Branch Library celebrated 20 years of service.
  - Library card holders now have access to 4,000+ video training courses online through Lynda.com.



## Hours and Locations

### Emily Fowler Central Library



502 Oakland St.  
Denton, TX 76201

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Tues/Thurs: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sun: 1-5 p.m.

### South Branch Library



3228 Teasley Ln.  
Denton, TX 76210

Mon: Noon-9 p.m.  
Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Wed: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sun: 1-5 p.m.

### North Branch Library



3020 N. Locust St.  
Denton, TX 76209

Mon/Tues/Wed: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Thurs/Fri/Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sun: 1-5 p.m.

## Connect with Us

Visit us online: [www.dentonlibrary.com](http://www.dentonlibrary.com)

Like our Facebook page: [facebook.com/dentonpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/dentonpubliclibrary)

Follow us on Twitter: @dentonlibrary

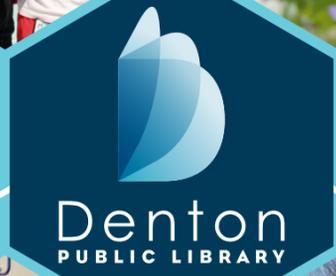
Follow us on Instagram: @dentonpubliclibrary

Visit our blog: [www.dentonlibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.dentonlibrary.wordpress.com)

## Annual Report 2015-2016



## More Innovation



*"Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things."*  
- Theodore Levitt



DPL visitors would fill the Dallas Cowboys AT&T Stadium more than 5 times.\*

Items Checked Out: 1,201,378

Library Visits: 522,592

Attendance at Classes and Events: 49,530

Items in Collection: 275,316

Web Access: 103,061

Questions Answered: 37,406

Volunteer Hours: 9,247

New Card Holders: 9,201

Summer Reading Club Sign-Ups: 7,037

DPL had more than twice as many new card holders as UNT had first-time freshmen in 2015.\*\*



\* Dallas Cowboys AT&T Stadium capacity: 100,000  
\*\*First-Time Freshmen at UNT in the 2015 school year: 4,206

## Making a Difference: An Embedded Librarian Story

Rebecca Ivey works with Denton's startup children's museum, Explorium Denton, as a participant in the Embedded Librarian program.

During her time with Explorium, Rebecca has applied for numerous grants, planned exhibits based on her early literacy and STEAM-based learning experiences, and helped implement community events. The Embedded Librarian program has allowed Rebecca to expand her reach and help provide more educational opportunities for children in our community, which has enhanced her work as a librarian.



## Building Community: Business Outreach



FY 15-16 was a successful year of outreach to the Denton business community. This past year saw the launch of a new annual event: "Elevate: Women Raising the Bar on Success in Denton", which showcased female business owners and entrepreneurs. The successful networking that followed this event gave rise to another new program, the "Small Business Support Group", where small business owners can get together to practice networking skills and build business relationships. Many of the group members have used these relationships to promote each other's products and services.

Business Librarian, Kerry Montz, says one of the most gratifying aspects of business outreach has been providing a way for people to come together with a common goal and help each other succeed. She believes when local business is successful, we're all successful.

## More Growth: Reaching Out to Teens

When Sarah Ward joined Denton Public Library as a teen librarian at South Branch Library, her first goal was to increase outreach to teens in the surrounding area. By collaborating with educators at nearby schools, she was able to reach 2,083 students, many of whom did not know about all the services available for them at the library.



In FY 15-16, both class attendance for teens at South Branch Library and teen enrollment in the Summer Reading Club increased over the previous year. The interest and participation Sarah has experienced illustrates the need this community has for additional services for young people.

## A Team Effort: Library Circulation

Our dynamic circulation staff accomplished some amazing things this year. They shelved and checked out over 776,000 items, pulled over 104,000 holds, and greeted over 522,000 customers as they walked in the door.

Circulation staff are the first faces you see when walking into a library, and in many cases the first place you go for help. They help customers obtain or renew library cards, locate their holds, answer questions about accounts, and direct them to numerous library services. The primary job of circulation staff is to make every customer feel welcome- a task they take seriously.



## Encouraging Human Connections: A Dpl2go Story

Carmen Grant says participating in the dpl2go program has been rewarding for her. She enjoys getting to learn more about the city she lives in and growing closer with the people who call Denton home. One of the places Carmen visits is the Denton State School Supported Living Center. She visits the facility once a month and presents a thirty-minute program for adult residents. She reads short books and uses props to enhance the story.



Carmen feels privileged to serve this special community and staff have told her the residents benefit greatly by her visits to the Denton State Supported Living Center.

## Sharing Resources: The Interlibrary Loan Program

Denton Public Library participates in an Interlibrary Loan program (ILL). Through this program we loan items to and borrow items from other libraries in the U.S. We borrow books, DVDs, CDs, microfilm, and genealogy materials not found in our collection.

In FY 15-16, we lent 4,940 items, up 26% from the year before. We received 3,662 ILL items from other libraries, making us a net lender of 1,278 items. The Texas State Library reimburses the City of Denton general fund for all net lends. In FY 15-16, that amount reached \$30,839.

## Lifelong Learning: Special Collections

The Special Collections Department experienced a year of transition with the retirement of Senior Librarian, Kathy Strauss in December 2015 and the hiring of Laura Douglas to fill the position. Laura Douglas also serves as a member of the City's LEEP program and leads the group working to establish a municipal archive in the Library's Special Collections department. The goal of this project is to document and preserve City of Denton historical records so they are accessible to the public.

During FY 15-16, 9,830 customers were assisted by Special Collections staff, 4,528 items were used from the collections, and 24 programs focusing on genealogy or local history were presented with 599 people in attendance.

