

1995 - South Branch built - 10,000 sq. ft.

2009 - South Branch expanded - 21,454 total sq. ft.

Library Hours of Operation

- 61 hrs/wk - South Branch
- 64 hrs/wk - Emily Fowler Central Library
- 67 hrs/wk - North Branch

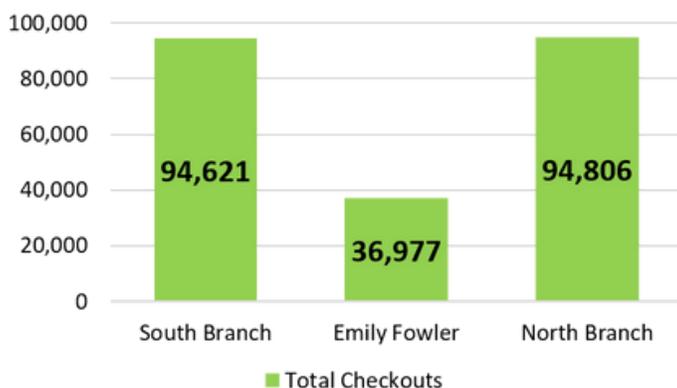
Library Facility Sizes

- 21,450 sq. ft. - South Branch
- 22,876 sq. ft. - Emily Fowler Central Library
- 33,504 sq. ft. - North Branch

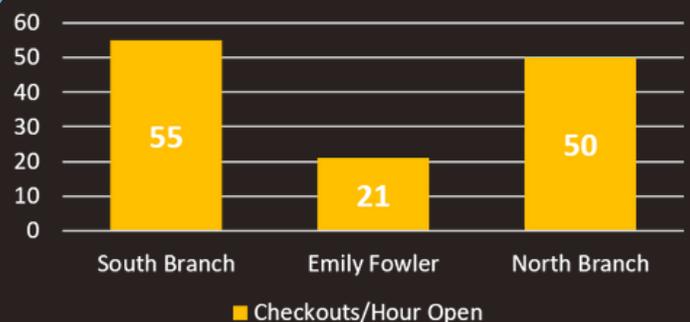
South Branch Facility Challenges

- Only one large meeting space for voting, programs, and community group use.
- Early voting and election day meeting room use moves Story Times and other programs into collection area 5-12 weeks annually.
- Collection space is at capacity.
- Library must rent an offsite storage unit as the 2.5 storage closets are inadequate.
- Small youth interactive play area does not meet community demand.
- Staff workroom built for three staff members now used by seven staff members.
- No outdoor space for programming or event overflow is available.
- Limited street visibility and difficult entry from Teasley Ln. hinder accessibility.
- Requests for study rooms are regularly turned away due to lack of availability.

**Total Checkouts by Branch
Oct. 2022 – Apr. 2023**



**Average Hourly Checkouts by Branch
Oct. 2022 – Apr. 2023**



Denton Population Growth & Library Facilities

As Denton's rapid growth continues, library facilities have not expanded since 2009. Space for shelving to house collections, public meeting rooms, a makerspace, study and small groups, cozy reading, and children's interactive play is needed to adequately serve the growing community.

Year	Denton Public Library Facilities Opened/Expanded	Population	Sq. Ft. of Library Space	Square Feet Per Capita
1994	Emily Fowler Library is only building	71,734	22,876 sq. ft.	.31
1995	10,000 sq. ft. South Branch opens	72,761	32,876 sq. ft.	.45
2003	33,500 sq. ft. North Branch opens	96,983	66,376 sq. ft.	.68
2009	South Branch expands to 21,454 sq. ft.	123,116	77,830 sq. ft.	.63
2020	-	139,869	77,830 sq. ft.	.56
2022	-	148,146	77,830 sq. ft.	.53



South Branch Statistics FY21/22

- An average of 65 study room uses weekly
- 186 community reservations for the meeting room
- 126 volunteers donated 555 hours of their time
- 23,214 reference questions, general questions, or computer assistance instances responded to by library staff.

Citizen Comments from Library 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Survey (360 responses)

- "I would like to see the South Branch have a Makerspace area like North Branch's Forge."
- "drive-thru book drop at South Branch"
- "Drive through hold pick-up at SOUTH-BRANCH library!! Library visits for a large family with working parents would be much more feasible."
- "Denton south branch is amazing! Expanded child activities like scavenger hunts have been great. Would love to see more of these things to get the kids excited to visit the library. All other resources are great."
- 74 requests for more library classes and events, which South Branch cannot consider without more space.
- 16 requests for more or expanded age- or function-specific spaces like meeting rooms, classrooms, cozy reading areas, children's play areas, etc.

of Items in Collection by Branch



FY21/22

South Branch Programs

387 Classes & Events

5,483 Attendees

South Branch events have the highest attendance of all branches

