

# Planning for Library Growth:

The library is already experiencing the effects of a growing community. As Bastrop continues to grow there will be a need for a library that can provide more services.

**Meeting Spaces:** The library's meeting room were used 2,873 times last year which is an increase of 19% over last year.

- Volunteer Legal Services of Texas was unable to have a monthly legal clinic at the library due to the unavailability of the meeting room. Other community groups have also been told there is not a space available on their preferred dates or times.
- There are regular requests for 3- or 4-person study rooms, single person study rooms, or meeting spaces for 25-50 people.
- Current meeting spaces: 3, single person study rooms, 15-person conference room, 150-person meeting room.

**Comparisons with other Central Texas libraries:** TSLAC requires annual reporting of metrics and statistics to set standards for service. These comparisons are based on the 2023 fiscal year reporting.

- We currently provide more reference services than libraries with larger services areas in Central Texas.
- We have more visitors annually compared to the average of other buildings our size in the Central Texas area.
- We utilize volunteers and report more volunteer hours than other buildings our size and libraries with larger services areas.

**Library Trends:** The Texas State Library and Archive Commission (TSLAC) reports statewide five-year trends of increases in library visits and programming.

- Bastrop Library visits last year totaled 81,674, an 18% increase over last fiscal year.
- Bastrop Library programming increased 81% last fiscal year for a total of 512 programs.

## Potential Membership Growth

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Projected Growth</i>	
<b>City population</b>	<b>11,679</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>
City library membership at 13%	1,538	2,600	3,900
<b>County population</b>	<b>115,161</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>135,000</b>
Nonresident library members at 3%	3,123	3,750	4,050
<b>Active members</b>	<b>4,661</b>	<b>7,879</b>	<b>11,818*</b>

\* This number is in line with membership statistics from the Texas State Library and Archive Commission for libraries serving populations of 30,000.