

Library Books

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CITY COUNCIL

Texas Smart Buy #715-M2

The three major book suppliers for public libraries all offer the same pricing per the state contract Texas Smart Buy #715-M2.

Discounts off the publisher's list price:

- 46.5% off Trade Hardcover Editions
- 40% off Trade & Mass Market Paperback Editions
- 23% off Library Bound & Pre-Bound Paperback Editions
- 12% off Non-Trade Hardcover & Paperback Editions
- 12% off University Press Editions

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Discounts for book cataloging & processing:

- \$1.24 for automated cataloging and processing (includes attached book jacket, spine label, barcode label, RFID tag application/programming and MARC record)
- \$2.00 for heavy laminate book covers for paperback titles (typically used for paperback graphic novels)
- Free shipping

Circulation Statistics

Cardholders checked out 228,500 physical items over the last 12 months

The library spent \$49,000 on physical library books and added 3,016 titles to the collection in FY23

Each item in the collection checks out 4.42 times/year on average

Physical vs. Digital

While demand for digital materials has increased, physical items remain very popular, especially children's materials.

If authorized, this minute order will allow staff to purchase individual library books throughout the year as they are released.

Leasing Bestsellers

By leasing multiple copies of popular titles, library staff are able to meet the demand for bestsellers at the library and keep wait times down for customers.

Brodart Books & Library Services offers a leasing plan for \$17,040/year that includes 80 leased titles per month.

Book leasing is not included in state contract Texas Smart Buy #715-M2, but quotes were obtained for this service.

Recommendation

Approve the minute order for Brodart Books & Library Services in the amount not to exceed \$65,415 for the lease/purchase of library books for the Burleson Public Library.