



Library Book Purchases

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Texas Smart Buy 715-M2

The Texas Smart Buy Contract 715-M2 provides a discount off the publisher's list price for each title and provides pricing for cataloging and shelf-ready processing options.

Discounts off the publisher's list price:

- 46.5% off trade hardcover editions
- 40% off paperback editions
- 23% off library bound paperback editions
- \$1.24 per item for automated cataloging and processing (includes book jacket, spine label, barcode label, RFID tag application/programming and MARC record)
- Free shipping

Circulation Statistics

- Cardholders checked out 236,337 physical items in FY2024.
- The library spent \$44,000 purchasing physical library books and added 2,863 titles to the collection in FY2024.
- Each item in the collection checks out 4.71 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 agreement 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 \$17,280 that includes 80 leased titles per month.

Recommendation

Staff recommends authorizing a Cooperative Purchase Agreement for the purchase and lease of physical books for the Burleson Public Library, using Texas Smart Buy Contract 715-M2, in the amount of \$65,000.

Questions/Comments

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