

Library Services Update

Library Advisory Board

August 25, 2026



May Program Highlights



Active Adventures: 29

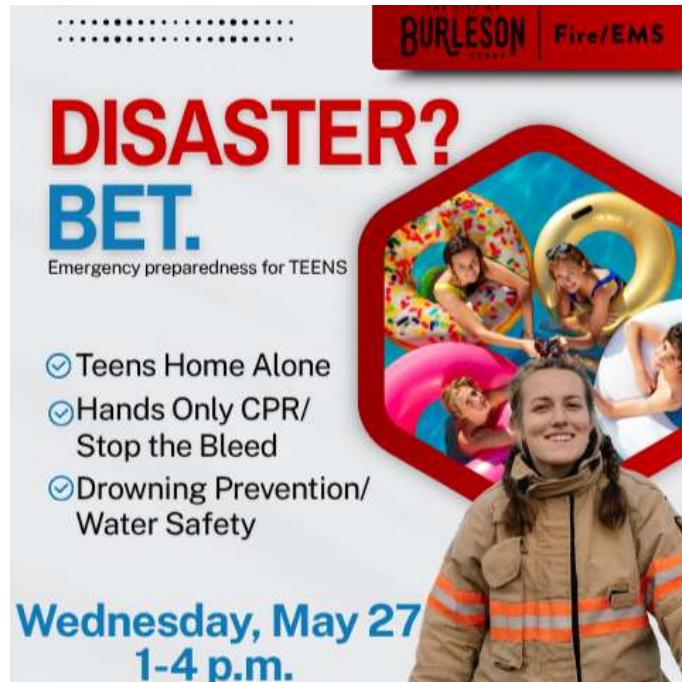


Children's Art Day: 35



Stories & Snacks: 23

May Program Highlights



Disaster? Bet.
w/ Burleson Fire/EMS: 95



Book Swap: 53



Mommy & Me Yoga: 28
(2 sessions)

Summer Reading Program Highlights



Dino Races: 20



Dinosaur Collaborative Art
Day: 225



Teen Lounge
Average weekly attendance:
17

Summer Reading Program Highlights



Jurassic Movie Days: 83



Dinosaur Sensory Storytime:
60



Read with Indy: 50
(4 sessions)

Summer Reading Program Highlights



Flower Power with the Texas
Master Naturalists: 52



All About Animals: 180



T-Rex Tea Party @ Mayor
Vera Calvin Plaza: 415

Summer Reading Program Highlights



Craft Day: 92



Family Movie Marathon: 165



Assemble a Terrarium: 27

Summer Reading Program Highlights



National Cowgirl Museum-
The Cowgirl Closet and
Cowgirl Tools: 45



Friends Trivia Night @
Station 330: 97



Touch a Truck @ the BRiCk:
250

Summer Reading Program Highlights



Unearth the Music: Egyptian
and Moroccan Instruments:
25



Dress Your Dino: 11



Foam Party and Watermelon
Day at Russell Farm Art
Center: 475

Summer Reading Program Highlights



DIY Chicken Nugget Pillow:
44

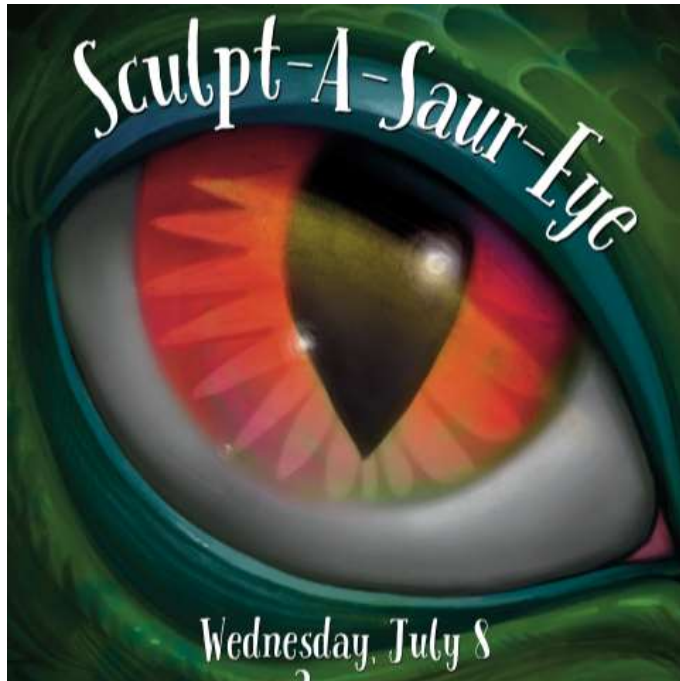


Children's Art Day: 77



Fort Worth Museum of
Science and History: 168

Summer Reading Program Highlights



Sculpt-A-Saur Eye: 26



Fossil Fest: 65

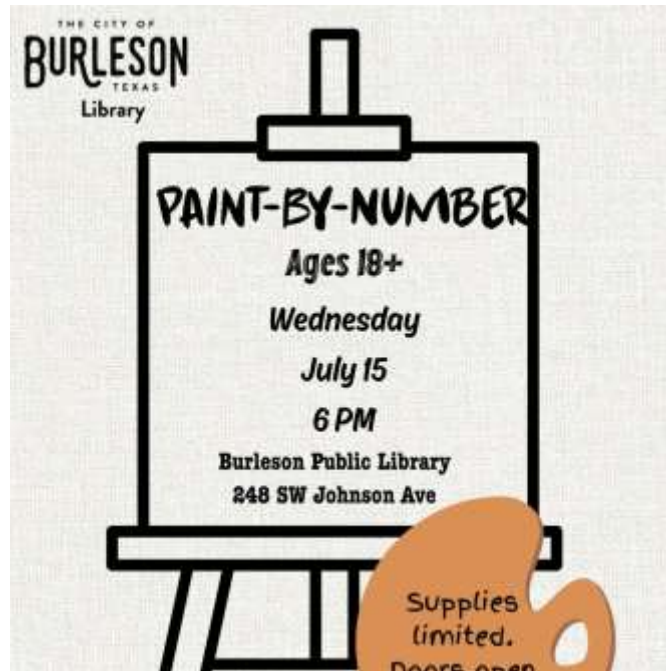


Dino-Mite with Texas Master
Naturalists: 80

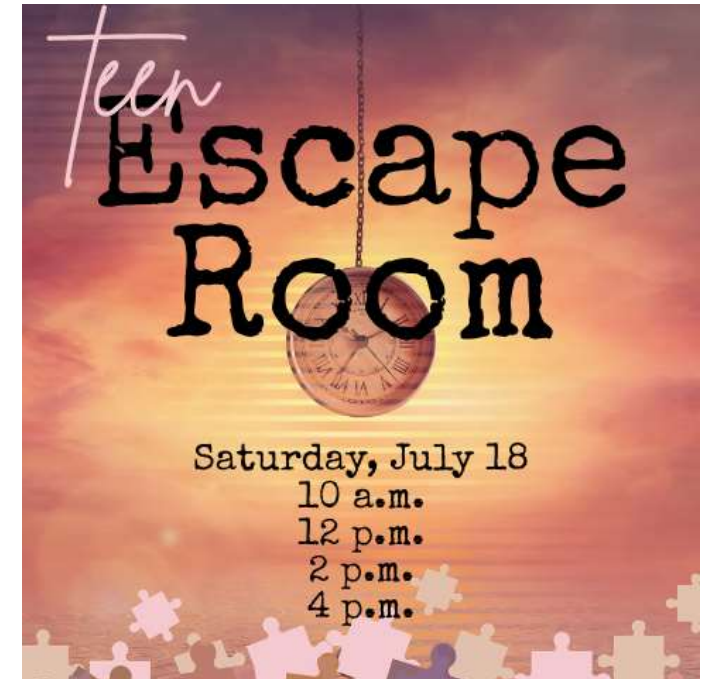
Summer Reading Program Highlights



Window to the Wild-
All About Birds: 179



Paint by Number: 9



Time Travel Escape Room: 28

Summer Reading Program Highlights



DIY Phone Charms: 25



National Cowgirl Museum
Early Spelling & Literacy with
a Western Spin: 29



Camp Half Blood Mystery: 75

Summer Reading Program Highlights



PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

AT THE BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY

248 SW Johnson Ave
Burleson, TX

	CRASE TRAINING: CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS	 WEDNESDAY JULY 8 6 PM
	MAKING A PLAN, BUILD A KIT	 WEDNESDAY JULY 22 6 PM
	STOP THE BLEED	 WEDNESDAY JULY 29 6 PM

 **FREE EVENTS HOSTED BY:**

No registration required
for any event.

Prepare for Emergencies: 39
(3 sessions)



Science Heroes: 56



Dino Dig with Dinosaur Valley
State Park: 140

Storytimes



Average attendance

Baby: 49
Toddler: 67
Preschool: 40
Evening: 11
Saturday: 16

Program Partners

- Atmos Energy
- Friends of the Burleson Public Library
- H-E-B
- Texas Library Association
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Tarrant Regional Water District
- Keep Burleson Beautiful
- Rio Bravos Chapter: Texas Master Naturalists
- National Cowgirl Museum
- Station 330
- Burleson Parks & Recreation
- Russell Farm Art Center
- Goodwill Digital Literacy
- Burleson Police Department
- Burleson Fire/EMS
- Tarpley Music
- HTeaO Burleson
- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)



Community Events & Outreach



Career Day @ Clinkscale
Elementary



Sadi & Jed's 25th Birthday
Celebration @ Russell Farm

Senior Outreach Summary:
Mustang Creek Estates
Avir at Burleson
Residence at Alsbury
Wilshire by Abby
Elk Creek Assisted Living
2 new borrowers
232 checkouts for May

Community Events & Outreach



Brock Elementary



Burleson Fire 100th
Anniversary



Burleson ISD ESL Summer
Program

Community Events & Outreach



Sprouts 1 Year Anniversary Celebration

Meet the Counselor Night @
the BRiCk

Sara & Kelly attended:
STAND Summit with Burleson
PD

Camp BTX @ the BRiCk

Community Events & Outreach



4th of July Parade



Grace Learning Center



Grace Montessori Christian
School

City of Burleson 2025 Employee of the Year

Wendy joined the library in December 2022 as a Youth Services Librarian. She was nominated for her leadership, initiative and commitment to supporting local youth.

Wendy's empathy and service-focused approach reflect the highest standards of our organization. She was honored at the January 5, 2026 city council meeting.



2025 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award

This prestigious award is given to libraries by the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA), an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League. The award recognizes excellence in ten key service areas, including community outreach, literacy support, workforce development, and innovative programming.

The award reflects the library's work in areas such as literacy support through Summer Reading, Storytimes, VOX Books, and reading challenges; digital inclusion through public computers, Wi-Fi hotspots, mobile printing, and one-on-one technology assistance; workforce development through job search support, online tutoring, and business research tools; and community outreach through the Reading Rover, inclusive programming, cultural celebrations, and partnerships with schools, city departments, and local organizations.



Texas Reads Grant Awarded

The Library has been awarded a \$9,021 Texas Reads Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant will fund the replacement of the library's well-loved but worn wooden StoryWalk® behind the library with durable, weather-resistant metal fixtures. The new installation will ensure that families can continue enjoying stories while exploring the library garden for years to come.

Our StoryWalk® is a popular destination for children and caregivers, combining literacy, physical activity, and outdoor exploration, and this grant will help preserve and enhance this valued community resource.



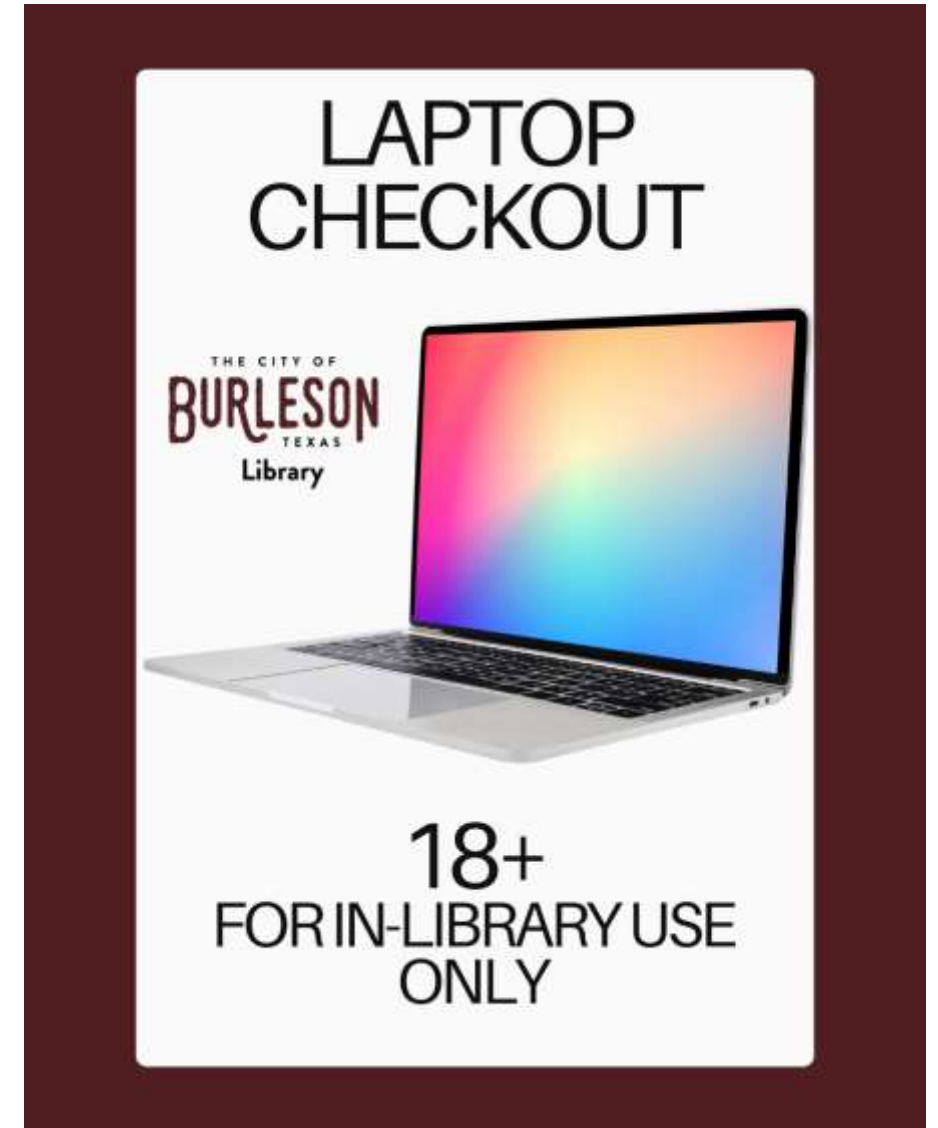
Laptop Checkout

The library now offers in-house laptop checkouts for adult cardholders.

- 2-hour checkout
- Up to two renewals, if no one's waiting
- Free with your library card
- Perfect for job applications, homework, remote work, and more



Strategic Plan Achievement
This initiative completes an action item under
**Focus Area One: Maximize Use of the Existing
Facility**



Tonies Now Available

Tonies are screen-free audio characters that play stories, songs, and educational content when placed on a Tonie audio player. They're an engaging and easy way for children to enjoy listening and learning independently.

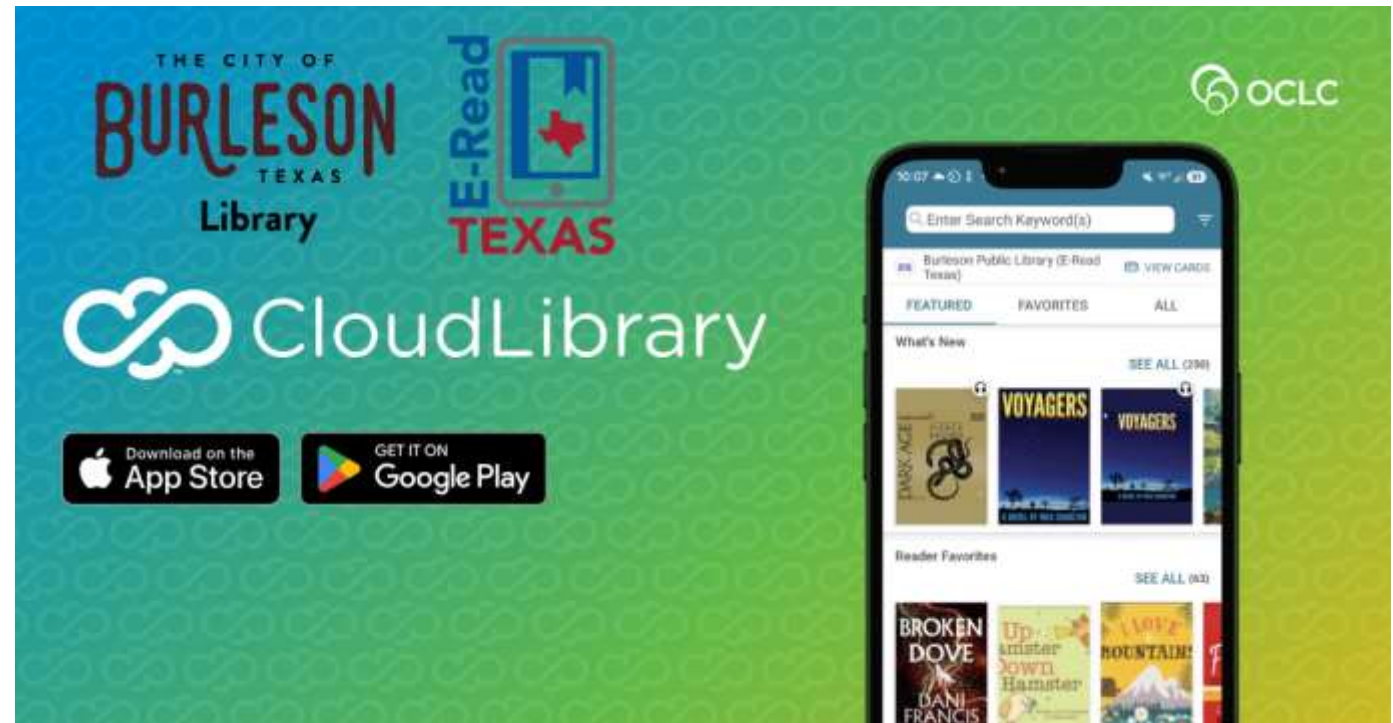
- Available for checkout to Burleson Public Library cardholders
- Individual Tonies are available in convenient sets of two
- A Tonie player is available for checkout through our Library of Things collection



E-Read Texas Collection Now Available in cloudLibrary

The E-Read Texas digital collection is now available in the cloudLibrary app.

This free service from the Texas State Library & Archives Commission will give Burleson Library cardholders access to an additional 20,000 eBooks and audiobooks.



Friends of the Library Fundraiser

The Friends of the Burleson Public Library have successfully raised **\$40,000** to replace 30-year-old picture book shelving with modern, child-friendly browsing bins designed specifically for young readers.

These bins will:

- Make it easier for young readers to find books they're excited about
- Encourage early literacy and independent book selection
- Help families quickly browse popular picture books
- Improve access for children of all abilities, including those who may struggle with traditional shelving

The new shelving will be installed this fall, and the picture book collection will be reorganized by category instead of author.



Strategic Plan Achievement

This initiative completes an action item under **Focus Area Two: Strengthen Access to Collections & Digital Resources**

Library Restroom Remodel Funded for FY27

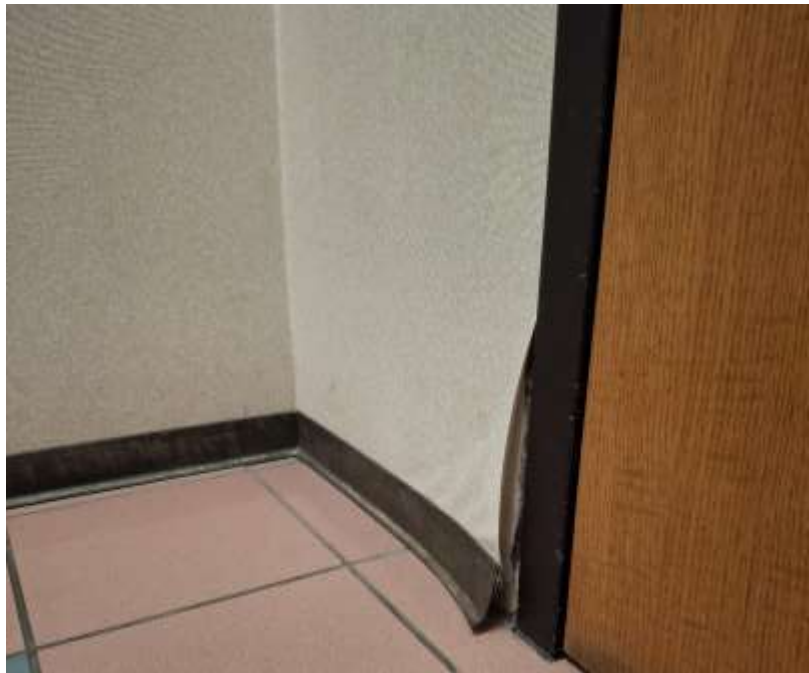
On 8/3, City Council approved an update to the City's Capital Improvement Plan which included our request to remodel the public restrooms and front hallway. After 30 years of continuous use, these areas show significant wear.

- Restroom finishes are outdated
- Floor tiles have a high-gloss finish that has raised privacy concerns in restroom stalls
- Lighting is inadequate
- Doors have accumulated wear and staining from hand contact over time
- Wallpaper is peeling, torn, or missing in areas
- Cove base is damaged or detached in multiple locations

To ensure continued service during construction, the City's portable restroom trailer will be placed in the library parking lot for patron use.



Strategic Plan Achievement
This initiative completes an action item under
Focus Area One: Maximize Use of the Existing Facility

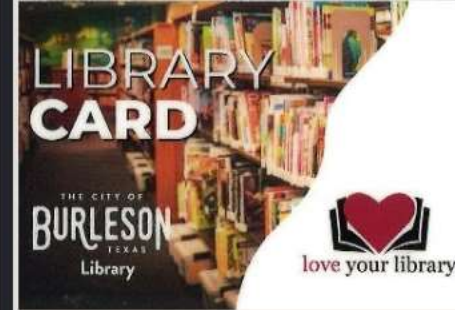




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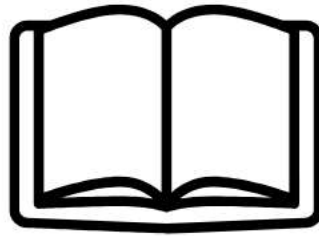
97,410
digital downloads +8%



+0.2%
8,317
Active cardholders

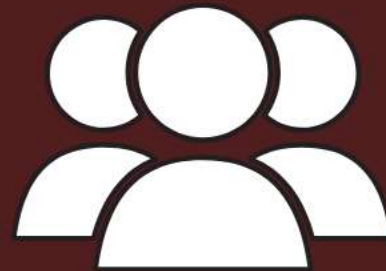
18,965

Wi-Fi sessions +53%



231,060
physical items checked out -0.5%

223,697*
visitors +3%



*estimate, equipment issue-vendor troubleshooting



32,541
attended programs +6%

Questions/Comments

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