

Library Services Update

Sept 2024 to Jan 2025

Library Advisory Board

Feb 25, 2025



Program Highlights



Rachel Whitely

Thank you for all your hard work on this Mrs. Becky and team! This is a favorite of ours!



Becca Arias

These are great!! Thank you for doing this. My son had so much fun dropping off his alien and can't stop talking about picking him up in the morning. He is going to love these pictures. The sleep masks are too funny!



Stuffed Animal Sleepover:
46 Stuffedies

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Storytime: 78



Sharon Gresham

Thank you for doing this. The movie today was very good!

Friday Movie Matinees: 26

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Play and Learn Workshop:
114



Young Builders Club
Cardboard Edition: 28



Apple Storytime & Tasting:
36

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There's a Ghost in this Town:
an Art Project for Kids and
Teens: 26



Let's Boo-gie: Tiny Tots Rave:
500
(held offsite due to limited
space)



Teen Haunted Graham
Cracker Houses: 23

Program Highlights



Saturday Fire Safety
Storytime: 57



Día de los Muertos Stories &
Sweets: 28



Teen Spooky Movie Nights:
94

Program Highlights



Teen Lounge: 23



Baby Fall Sensory Storytime:
30



Saturday Play & Learn
Workshops: 196

Program Highlights



Saturday Turkey Storytime:
23



Kids Fall Crafts: 22



Sourdough Starter Class &
Bread Tasting: 24

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GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE ENROLLMENT HELP

3rd Wednesday in November
and
1st and 3rd Wednesdays in December

ID required to sign up for benefits

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance applying for **SNAP, MEDICAID, CHIP, HEALTHY TEXAS WOMAN, or TANF** benefits, someone will be available to help:

Wednesdays, November 20
and
Wednesdays, December 4 and 18
@ 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
at the Burleson Library

TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK

THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS | Library

Connie L. Cooley
Such a great thing! I love the Burleson Library!

Government Assistance Enrollment Help: 23



Teen Pie Eating Contest: 30



Outdoor Movie Night: 30

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Elf Academy: 58



Christmas at the Library: 832



Mocktails & Masterpieces:
18

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Baby Holiday Sensory
Storytime: 90



Gingerbread Storywalk &
Crafts: 56



Saturday Hygge Storytime:
20

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Saturday Sandra Boynton
Storytime: 32



Play-doh Playdate: 227



Human Trafficking
Awareness: 27

Storytimes



Average weekly attendance



Baby: 40
Toddler: 61
Preschool: 28
Evening: 8



Community Events & Outreach



Emergency Preparedness Fair
(with Burleson Fire/EMS)



Kerr vs. Hughes football
game



Be Healthy Run

Community Events & Outreach



National Night Out
(with Burleson Police Dept.)



Founders Day



Fall Literacy Night
(Clinkscale Elementary)
Read 'n' Treat
(Norwood Elementary)

Community Events & Outreach



Boo Bash
(with Parks & Recreation
Dept.)



Emergency Preparedness Fair
at Center for ASD
(with Burleson Fire/EMS)



Employee Health & Lifestyle
Expo
(with Human Resources
Dept.)

Community Events & Outreach



Great Giveback



STEAM Middle School: Taste of STEAM



Hughes Middle School: Family Game Night

Texas Book Festival Grant



The Burleson Public Library has been awarded a \$2,500 Collections Enhancement Grant from the Texas Book Festival. This generous grant will allow staff to expand the library's collection with a new set of VOX books for children. VOX books are an innovative format that combines a print book with a built-in audio reader, making it easy for young readers to listen to and follow along with the story.

Youth Services Librarian Becky Fowler wrote the successful application for this grant.

Library Accredited for FY2025

Burleson Public Library has been officially accredited as a member of the Texas Library System for State Fiscal Year 2025. This accreditation highlights the library's commitment to providing exceptional services and resources to the community. Accredited Texas libraries are eligible for certain services from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, including:

- participation in the TexShare Database program. The TexShare Databases provide homework help, health or business information, academic journals, popular magazines, genealogy, or job and career development.
- participation in the TexShare Card reciprocal borrowing program.
- statewide interlibrary loan service (ILL), which allows Burleson cardholders to request materials from other participating libraries.
- eligibility for any of the State Library's competitive grants. Burleson Public Library received a TexTreasures grant in 2020, which helped digitize the library's historic newspaper collection, a Regional ILS Cooperative Grant in 2022, which helped start the MetroShare Libraries consortium and a Community Advancement Package in 2022, which funded supplies for outreach and collection development.



Achievement of Library Excellence Award

Burleson Public Library has received the 2024 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association, an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League. To successfully receive the award, the library must exhibit excellence by:

- Providing service to underserved and special populations
- Marketing in innovative ways
- Pursuing collaborative efforts
- Offering enhanced services through unique or expanded programming
- Providing literacy support
- Providing for digital inclusion
- Supporting workforce development
- Promoting cultural, topical, and educational programming
- Comprehensively training staff
- Offering other unique services to their community.



Of the 542 public libraries in Texas, only 102 received this award in 2024.

YTD
Totals
thru Jan



86,285

digital downloads +21%



2,953

cards issued +19%

11,127

Wi-Fi sessions +20%



238,013

physical items checked out +4%

210,555

visitors +10%



28,170

attended programs +27%

Questions/Comments

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