

Atwell Public Library

Accomplishments, Partners, Grants, Recognition 2021-2024

Supporters & Partners 2024

- Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA)
- National Education Association (NEA)- Dallas
- Southwest Dallas County Area- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (SWDCA DSTS)
- Atmos Energy
- Determine to Stand, LLC.
- Wintergreen Terrace MHC
- Quail Run MHC
- Marigold's Florist
- Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas
- Half Price Books



Notable Library Programs

- Black History Month – Arts & Culture Program Ticket Raffles – February 2022
- Summer Reading Program Awards Ceremony & Luncheon – July 2023
- Hutchins Senior Center Craft Days – Fall 2023
- NASA Astro Camp – November 2023
- ReadSquared reading challenges - I,000 Books Before Kindergarten, National Smokey Bear Reading Challenge – Ongoing
- Spring Break Yoga Challenge – March 2024
- Solar Eclipse Watch Party – April 2024
- Summer Reading Kickoff – May 2024 with TSTA/NEA Dallas/ Hutchins Fire Dept. – May 2024
- Library Olympics - July 2024
- Outreach Programs with Wintergreen Terrace MHC and Quail Run MHC – Library Card Sign Up, Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas, Pool Party, Back to School, etc. – Ongoing

Story Time & Build MOM a flower bouquet!
(while supplies last)



Free Event
Monday May 8th
4:30PM

Atwell Public Library
800 N Denton St
Brenham, TX 77814



MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

Solar Eclipse Watch Party

12:30PM - 2:00PM
ATWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY



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TSTA & NEA DALLAS

LIBRARY OLYMPICS



TSTA/NEA

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FOR GRADES K-12 • NASA DESIGNED STEM ACTIVITIES
HOSTED BY: TEXAS ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
NOV. 18, 2023



QUAIL RUN Summer POOL PARTY










YOGA CHALLENGE

WITH:
TSTA & NEA DALLAS






Accomplishments



2024 "Ice Cream For Flowers!"

2021

- Established Regular Children's Programming
- Established Monthly Activity Calendar
- Established Social Media – Instagram and Facebook
- Overhaul and expansion of Summer Reading Program and Prizes
- Established Community Library Bookstands



Accomplishments

2022

- Established Winter Break Activities – for families
- Established Carter Blood Care Blood Drives
- Established Community Outreach Programs – Gateway Hutchins Apartments, Quail Run MHC, Wintergreen Terrace
- Established Regular Adult Programming – Reading Challenges and Raffles
- Expansion of the Spanish Book Collection for Children and Adults
- Established Library Volunteer Program – applications, waivers, etc.



2024 Summer Reading Kickoff

Accomplishments

2023



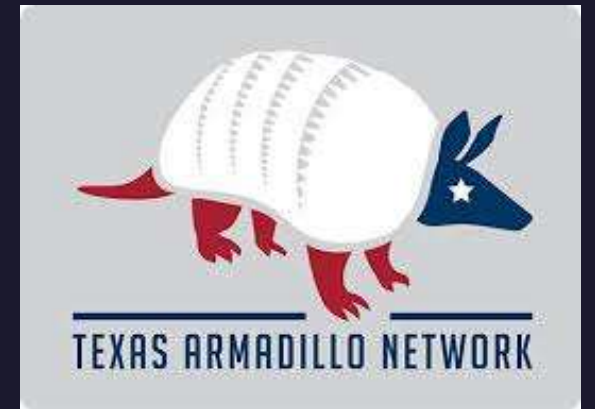
- Expansion of the Summer Reading Program to all patrons – babies, families, kids, teens, adults
- New library cards – paper to customized plastic barcoded cards
- New ILS System- Biblionix Apollo online catalog
- New ILS qualified library to have e-book and audiobook app called SimplyE with access to over 17,000 books through the TSLAC.
- New PC Management (MyPC), scanning & faxing equipment (ScanEZ), credit card payments (Nayax) and coin tower, print management (PaperCut), mobile printing portal (ePrintIT).
- New ReadSquared App to encourage ongoing reading habits.

Accomplishments

2024

- Expansion of the Summer Reading Program- use of ReadSquared platform to log points, weekly challenges take patrons on excursions, and incentives to attend library activities for extra points.
- Improved summer reading grand prizes include: PS5, laptops, TVs.
- Before 2024, interlibrary loans were closed to other library's requests. Staff trained for transition to new ILL platform Auto-Graphics, Inc. SHAREit . Atwell Public Library receives, processes, and ships interlibrary loan books to over 1,000 libraries and branches in Texas.
- After the discontinuation of the free resource for cataloging, OCLC Classify, the library subscribed and is currently training on platform OCLC WebDewey.

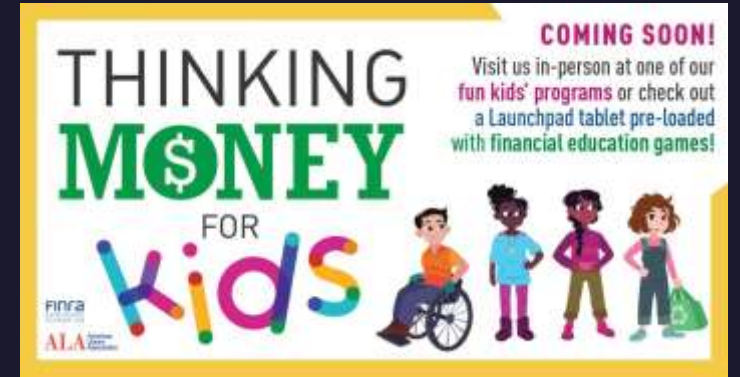
READ **squared**
Habit Forming



The world's libraries.
Connected."

Grants & Donations

- Half Price Books – Book Donation – Two donations since 2021 - over 6,000 books
- Texas Book Festival Award (TBF) September 2022 - \$2,500 for Spanish language books, 2024 award TBD
- Mellon Foundation/ Booklist Reader –April 2023- patron subscription to ALA’s Booklist Reader
- Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Annual Conference Grant – November 2023 - \$3,500
- ALA Grant/ FINRA – Thinking Money for Kids – November 2023 – tablets and programming for kid’s financial literacy (Program starts Fall 2024)
- A.rt R.esources T.ransfer – December 2023- A.R.T Library Program – 400 art books (Ongoing)
- Gordan and Betty Moore Foundation/ Space Science Institute – December 2023 -Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) – 500 eclipse glasses
- Atmos Energy / Determine to Stand LLC – May 2024 -\$7,600 to special programs/ summer reading



Attendance to library activities – 2021 to 2024

Attendance between FY2022 and FY2023 increased by over 300%.

Library activities include in-person on-location, offsite programs, outreach activities, & adult and children's reading challenge participation.

Patron attendance statistics are reported annually to the Texas State Library Archives & Commissions.

Metric	Before 2021	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024 Current
Number of library activities per year	1	35	79	85	65
Attendance	15	335	479	1458	1208

Recognition

**2023
ACHIEVEMENT OF
EXCELLENCE IN
LIBRARIES AWARD**

**ATWELL PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

The TMLDA has awarded the library for demonstrating commitment to providing exceptional service to our community. Of the 545 public library systems in Texas, your library is one of only 84 who have earned this year's award. With this honor, your library is now in the top 15% of all public libraries in the state.



Texas Municipal Library
Directors Association





The Atwell Public Library has been awarded the “Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award” from the Texas Municipal Library Director Association (TMLDA) in 2022 and 2023 for outstanding contributions to public service.

Note: The 2024 award winners will be announced in the Spring of 2025.





The power of community

Thank you

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