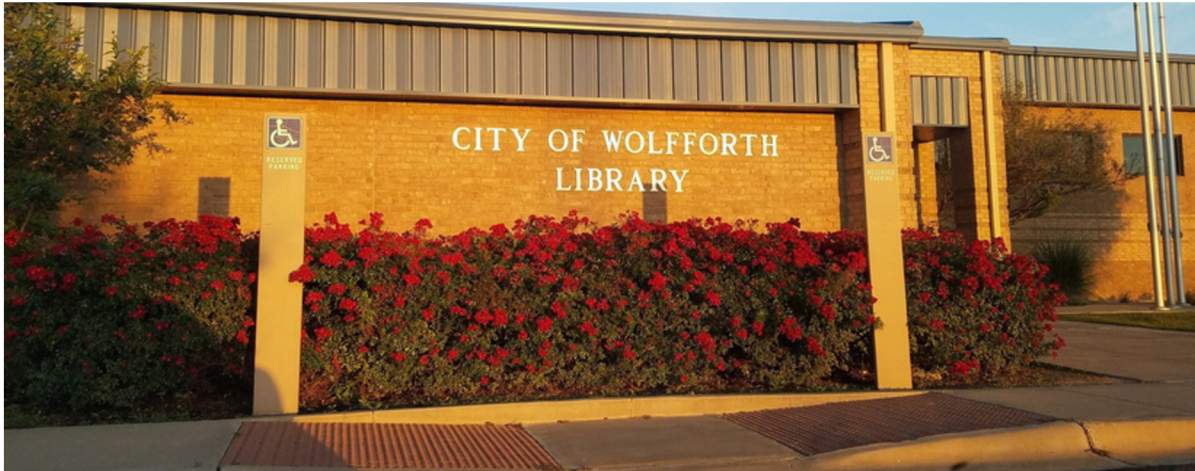

2024 Review

CITY OF
WOLFFORTH
LIBRARY
◆



A Message from the Director

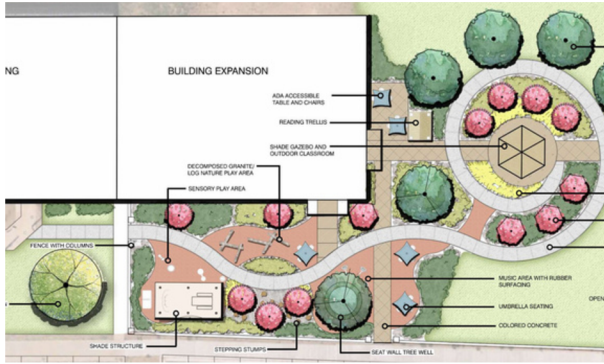
What an incredible year 2024 has been for the Wolfforth Library! This past year marked the busiest year in our history across every area we track. When I first became Library Director in 2013, the Library served 3,600 members, and Wolfforth's population was just under 4,000. Today, our city has grown to more than 7,000 residents, and the Library proudly serves over 10,000 members—an achievement that reflects both the growth of our community and the increasing role the Library plays in it.

To put this growth in perspective, in my first year as director, the Library circulated 15,490 items, hosted 32 programs (for the entire year), and welcomed 24,000 visitors (with a less-than-perfect people counter). At that time, the Library operated with a team of just four staff members, only one of whom was full-time. Fast forward to today: the Library buzzes with activity nearly every day, supported by our amazing team of eight staff members, three of which are full-time. Watching the Library's evolution over the past decade has been nothing short of extraordinary, and it's a journey I will always treasure.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this journey has been welcoming families year after year and witnessing their growth and transformation over time. Many of the children who visited the Library when I first began are now grown, with some even starting families of their own. While my responsibilities keep me in my office more often than I'd like, I'm still uplifted every day by the laughter and conversations I hear between our staff—Mrs. Marla, Mrs. Taylor, and the rest of the team—and the families and individuals who walk through our doors.

It's you—our community—who make the Library so special. Whether you visit once a year or once a week, you are the reason we are here and why we love doing what we do. Your families are the heart of this Library, and we are grateful to be part of your lives. Thank you for making 2024 an unforgettable year, and we look forward to growing with you in the years to come!

Kimberly Brantley



Future Planning

The City of Wolfforth is growing rapidly, along with the surrounding areas of Lubbock County. To keep pace with this growth, the Library must expand its services and facilities to meet increasing demand for books, computers, programs, and community space.

To address the needs of our growing population, we are planning an exciting expansion. The Library owns the land adjacent to its current building, and our vision includes extending the facility, renovating the existing space, and creating a welcoming outdoor area for community activities.

As we move into 2025, we will partner with a professional planning firm to develop a Master Plan. This plan will be shaped by input from our community to ensure the design reflects the needs and aspirations of our residents.

We invite you to stay engaged during this transformative time. Follow us on social media, sign up for our newsletter, and watch for opportunities to contribute your ideas. Together, we can ensure the future of the Library continues to serve as a cornerstone for our growing community.



Community Outreach Highlights

This year, the library made a concerted effort to step beyond our walls and into the heart of the community. Our Community Librarian led monthly storytimes at a local childcare facility, engaging little ones from 18 months old through pre-kindergarten with stories and activities that inspire a love of reading.

Library staff also joined in the fun at various City of Wolfforth events, including Fourth on the Fifth, National Night Out, Harvest Festival, and Small Town Christmas. At these events, we connected with community members by sharing free books, custom buttons, and information about library services.

Getting out into the community has been a meaningful experience for us, offering opportunities to meet new faces and introduce the library to individuals who may not yet be regular visitors. We're grateful for the chance to connect and share all the library has to offer!

2024 By the Numbers



Library Use

31,508 visits

1,512 new library cards

1,768 computer users

11,427 reference questions



Library Programs

260 programs

7,825 program attendees

623 summer reading participants



Library Materials

2,093 new items added

48,643 check outs

\$607,462 saved by users



Library Support

265 volunteer hours

\$9,038 donated

New things we did

- Presented at the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference.
 - Established a Library Foundation and a Library Building Committee.
 - Launched a new eBook service: Boundless.
 - Hosted our first-ever Library Card Design Contest.
-



Thank you for a great year!

CITY OF WOLFFORTH
LIBRARY

806-855-4150

wolfforthlibrary.org

508 E. Hwy 62/82,
Wolfforth, TX 79382