

Library Report

Dates included: July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025

Circulation Statistics: 6,307 Checkouts (674 more than July 2024)

Cards issued: 139 total new cards | 96 in-person cards | 43 website sign-ups

Materials Added: 64 Items Value: \$6,226.36

Materials Weeded: 130 Items Value: \$1,840.36

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 5,877 eBooks, 5,310 eAudiobooks, and 732 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 46 new users

Total number of visitors: 3,207

Total number of computer users: 198

Total number of reference questions: 1,318

Meeting Room reservations: 28

Program totals: 45 Total Programs: (12 more programs than July 2024)

Family – 1 | Preschool – 16 | School Age – 6 | Teen – 2 | Adult – 12 | Outreach – 8 | Passive – 0 |

Total Participation: 1,291 Total (510 more than July 2024)

122 Giveaways (sponsored by Literacy Lubbock) |

535 Babies/Toddlers (0-5) | 198 Children (6-11) | 113 Teens (12-18) | 445 adults

Summer Reading 2025: 613 Registered Participants | 411 Active Participants | 20,230 Books Read | 3,107 Badges earned

Programs are offered for all ages!

Volunteer Hours: 65:53 hours

Summer Reading 2025 was a tremendous success, keeping the library bustling all season. We saw growth in both circulation and program participation across all age groups. We've watched children develop a love of reading and families strengthen connections through regularly attending library events. As a cornerstone of the community, the library uses summer reading to foster engagement and literacy. Literacy is essential to building strong communities, and books remain one of our most effective tools for creating a thriving, educated Wolfforth.

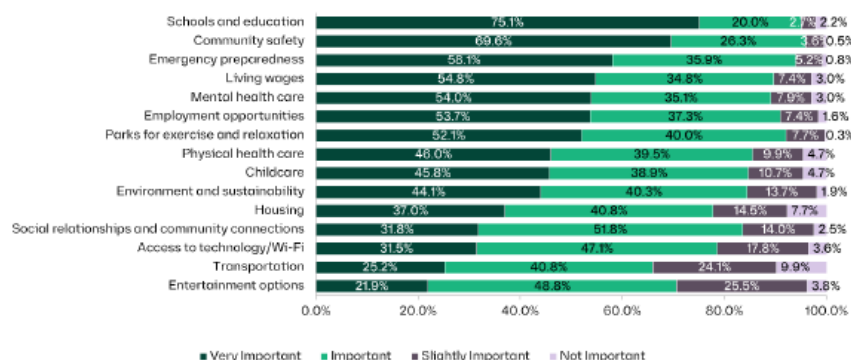
As we continue expanding our outreach efforts, we are preparing to attend the Lubbock Book Festival, sponsored by Literacy Lubbock, on August 23rd. We will spend the day sharing information about the library and giving away free books to children, generously donated by Literacy Lubbock. September is Library Card Signup Month, which we will use as an opportunity to connect with the community and promote library resources. We have an existing partnership with Frenship Middle School and will be working with their librarian, Mrs. Ammons, to introduce the library to all sixth-grade students. We are also in discussions with Bennett Elementary and Frenship High School to explore opportunities to visit with their students in the coming months. We are also partnering with Libro.fm, an online platform that works with independent bookstores to sell online audiobooks, to give away 3 "Golden Library Cards" during Library Card Signup month. These cards will give winners 12 free audiobooks. Every adult, 18+, that signs up for a library card in September will be entered into the drawing.

We completed the community input phase of our master planning process with 720 Design and received an outstanding level of participation. We collected 380 survey responses, 365 of which were fully completed, providing valuable and insightful feedback. In addition, our in-person community input sessions drew 542 participants. This combined input will directly inform the final master plan and design process. The most significant takeaway from both the surveys and sessions is that Wolfforth is a strongly family-focused community that values and supports its library and wants that focus reflected in the library’s future. While this aligns with our existing vision, the feedback reinforces that we are moving in the right direction, giving us confidence to continue on this path.

Last week, we completed the technology vision session. At the end of this month, we will meet in person with 720 Design to review facility recommendations, estimated cost projections for the expansion and renovation, and the draft of the master plan. While we initially planned to present the final report to City Council in September, a few unexpected delays have shifted that timeline, and we now anticipate presenting during the first week of October.

I would like to share this response from our online survey asking participants what local leaders’ priorities should be for the community. I think Wolfforth does a fabulous job meeting the needs of our residents and has created a place where people want to live and raise their families.

Q16. Thinking About the Community Overall, How Important Is it that Local Leaders Focus on the Following Priorities:



Responses	Number Able to Rate	% Very Important
Schools and education	365	75.1%
Community safety	365	69.6%
Emergency preparedness	365	58.1%
Living wages	365	54.8%
Mental health care	365	54.0%
Employment opportunities	365	53.7%
Parks for exercise and relaxation	365	52.1%
Physical health care	365	46.0%
Childcare	365	45.8%
Environment and sustainability	365	44.1%
Housing	365	37.0%