



Lubbock County Commissioners Court
May 22, 2024

re: Funding Request for Wolfforth Library

On behalf of the Wolfforth Library and the City of Wolfforth, I'd like to thank you for your support of the Wolfforth Library. The Lubbock County area and our Library have seen steady and outstanding growth, which is expected to continue for some time. The Wolfforth Library plays a significant role in the quality of life of the citizens of Lubbock County, as evidenced by the statistics provided in and with this request, and we're proud to play our role.

Over the past ten years, the Wolfforth Library has grown from one full-time Librarian and two part-time clerks with a total budget of \$120,000, to two full-time, degreed, Librarians, a full-time operations supervisor, and five part-time clerks with a total operating budget of over \$370,000 (*Figure 1*). Last year, our library had over 24,000 visitors (*Figure 3*) and circulated over 33,000 physical items in addition to over 100,000 digital circulations (*Figure 4*). Library memberships have increased from 3,610 in 2013 to over 10,000 today (*Figure 2*). Library programming for all ages is growing significantly with over 70 new programs in the past three years alone supporting over 4,500 participants in 2023 (*Figure 5*). Both longtime and new residents of Lubbock County are clearly benefiting and enjoying the Wolfforth Library. One of the most impressive statistics we can present is that out of our 10,518 active members, 94.24% are residents of Lubbock County, which the State recognizes as our service area (*Figure 6*). Notably, our Lubbock County patrons outnumber our City of Wolfforth patrons by nearly 2:1 (*Figure 7*).

We ask for your help as we continue to serve the residents of Lubbock County. For each of the past five years, Lubbock County supported the Library with funding of \$14,754, a participation that is greatly appreciated, but only represents about 4% of our current annual operating budget (*Figure 1*). As seen in the information following, we believe the benefit of the Wolfforth Library to Lubbock County is clear, and that it greatly improves the residents' quality of life.

We know that you have a difficult job ahead to create a budget for Lubbock County that benefits all, and we respectfully request an increase in funding for the Wolfforth Library to \$60,000 for FY 2025, equating to approximately 15% of the total operating budget for the Library.

We take considerable pride in serving this community and plan to continue doing so to the best of our ability. Please see the attached supporting documentation. Once again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the support you have shown us. We look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Lubbock County. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Kindest Regards,

Kimberly Brantley, MLIS
Librarian
City of Wolfforth Library

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City of Wolfforth Library Statistics

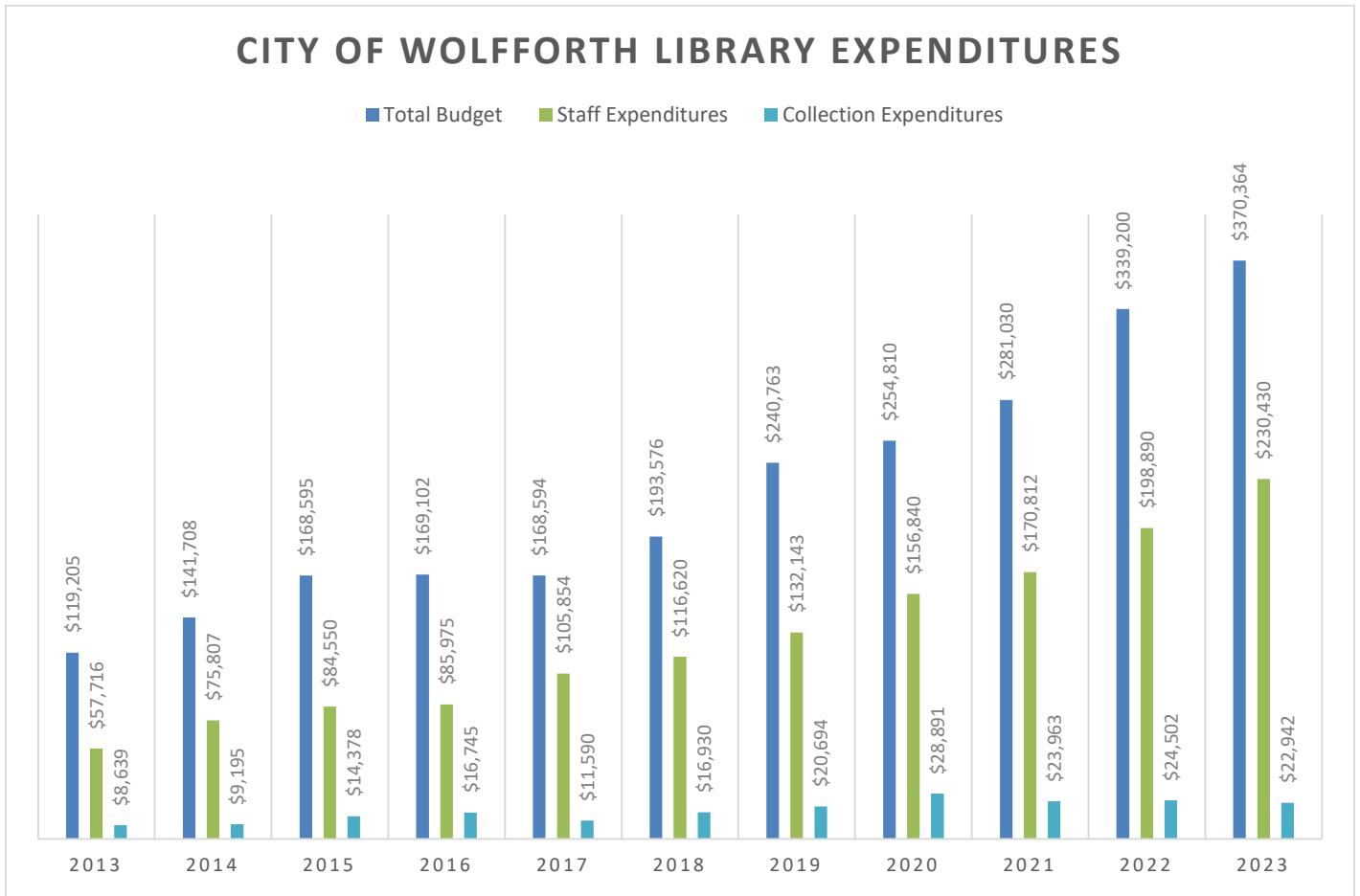


Figure 1: City of Wolfforth Library operating expenditures from FY2013 - FY2023.

The City of Wolfforth Library has experienced tremendous growth in 10 years, which is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

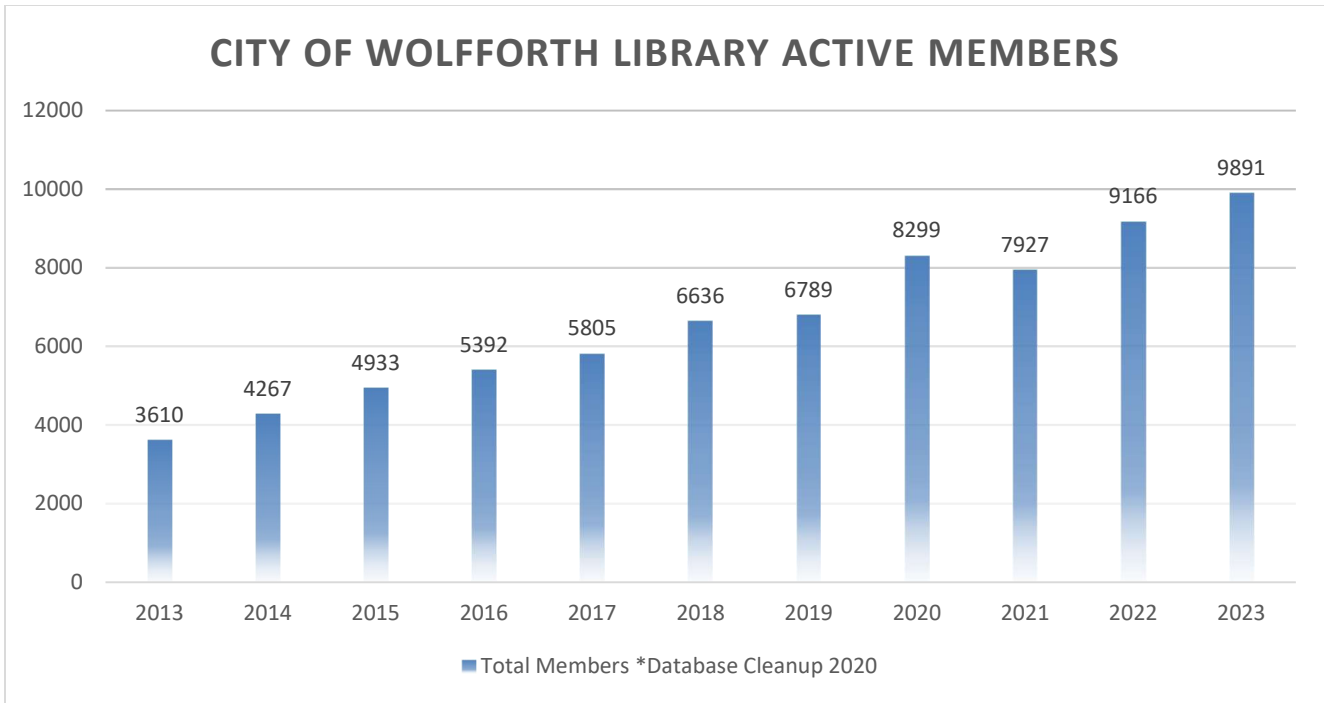


Figure 2: City of Wolfforth Library active registered members from FY2013 – FY2023. Current active membership as of May 15, 2024, is 10,518.

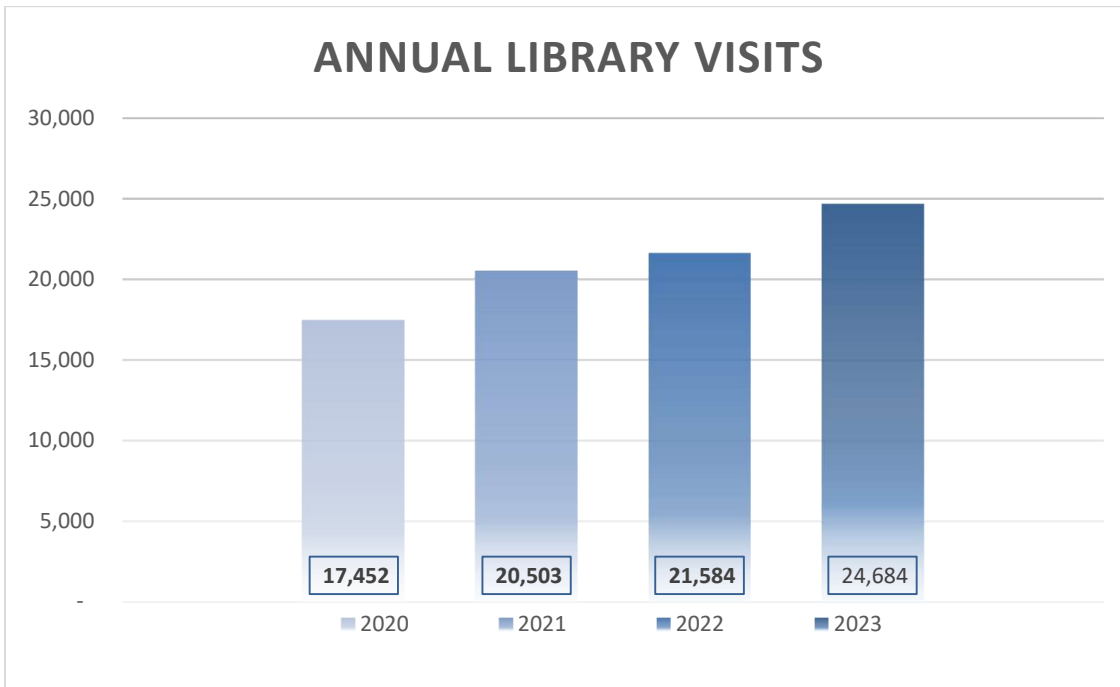


Figure 3: City of Wolfforth Library annual visitor count for FY2020 - FY2023. The Library has welcomed 17,552 visitors for the first half of FY2024.

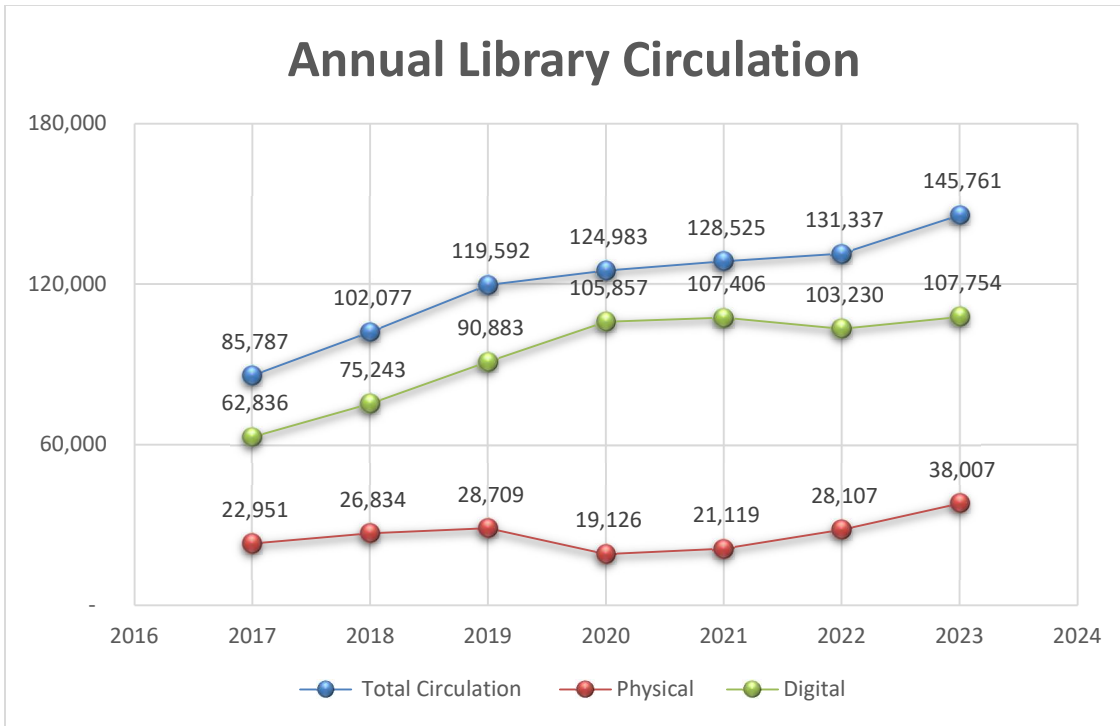


Figure 4: Annual library circulation from FY2016 - FY2023. The Library currently has 20,462 physical items and over 62,000 digital items through Libby and E-Read Texas.

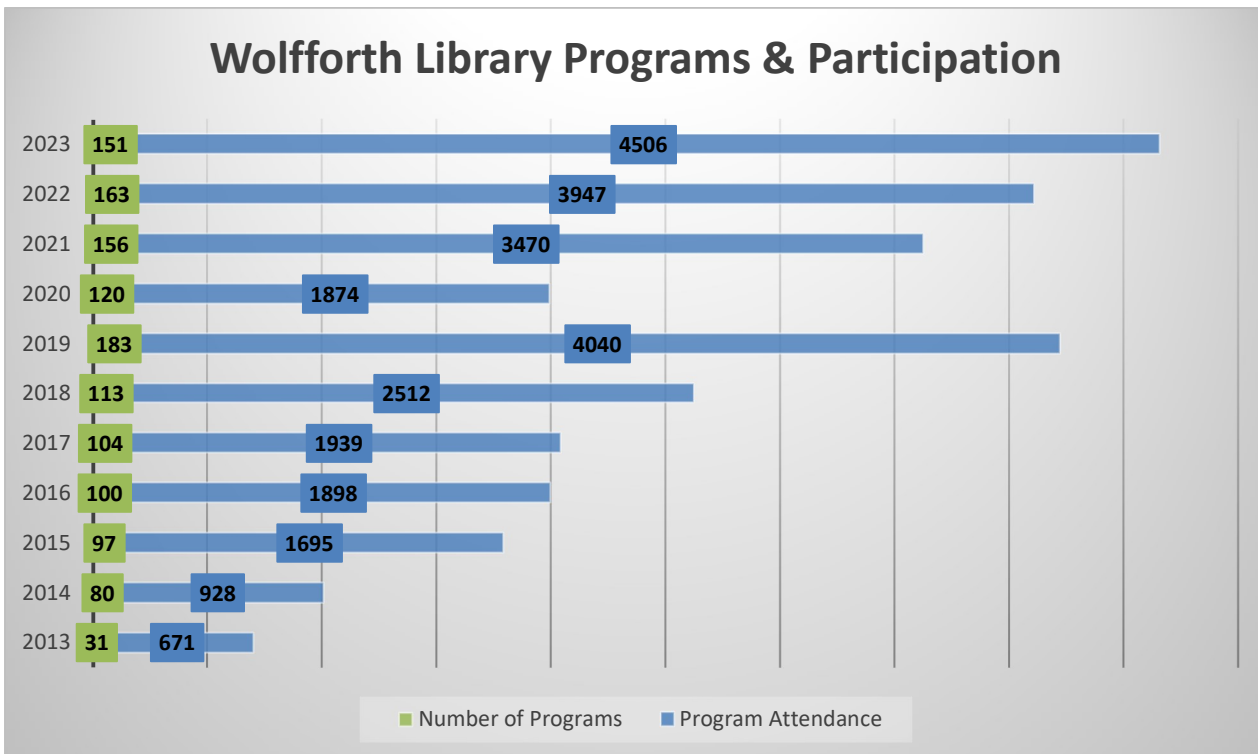


Figure 5: Library programs and participation from 2013 - 2023. The Library offers free programs for all ages throughout the year, with a robust Summer Reading program every June and July.

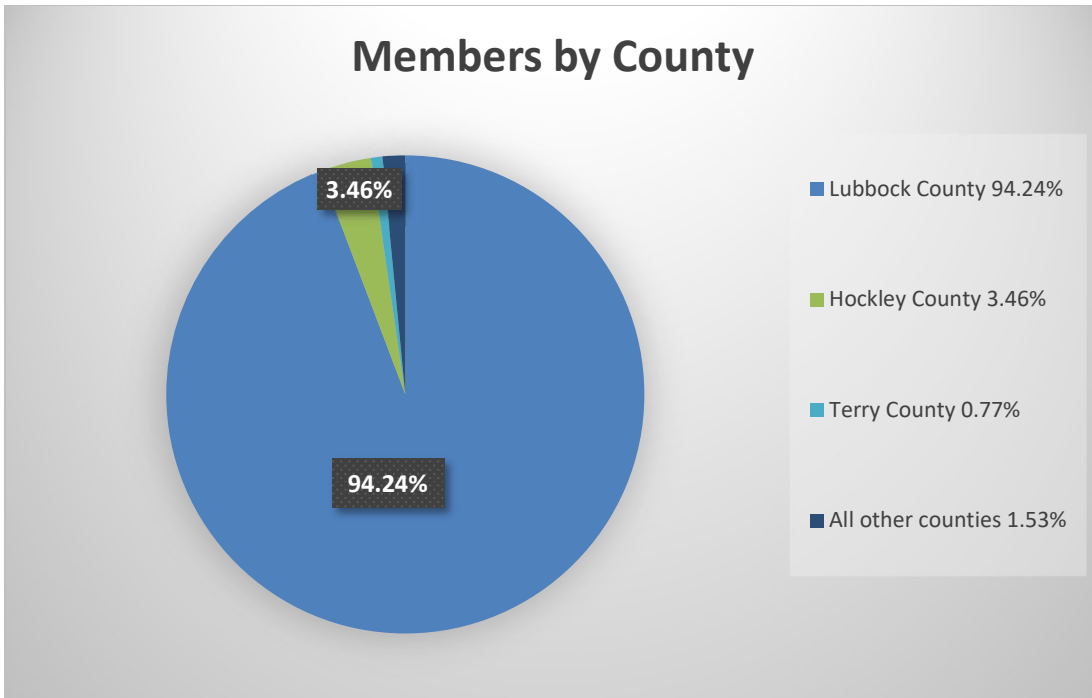


Figure 6: Based on active Library members on May 15, 2024. Lubbock County data includes members within Wolfforth city limits, Lubbock County, and Frenship ISD student members.

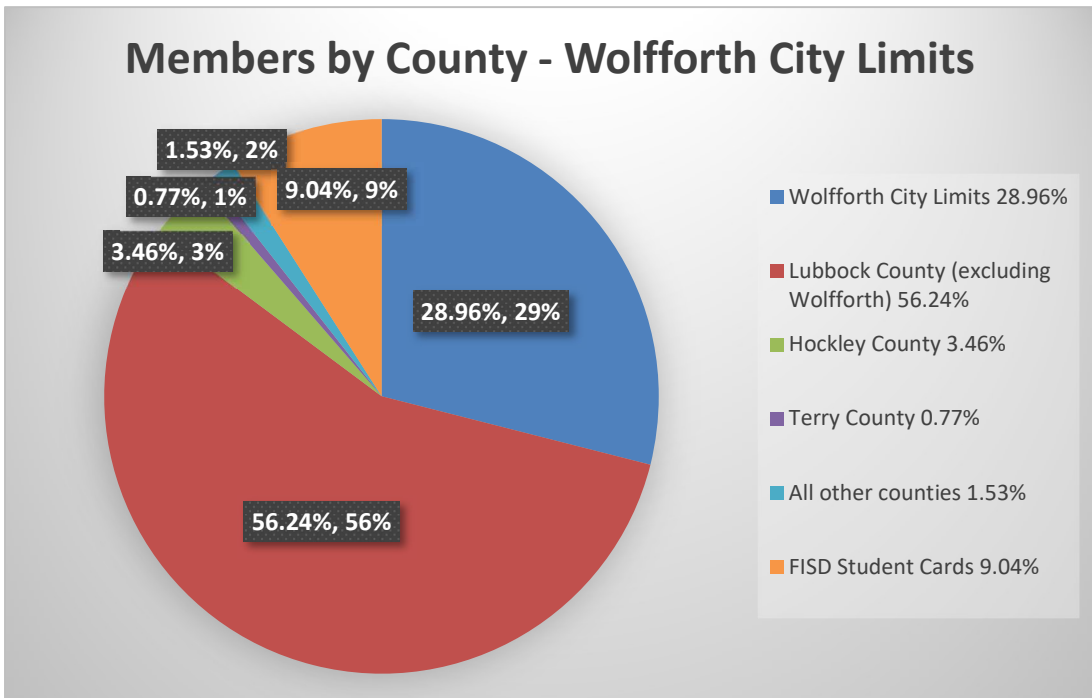


Figure 7: Based on active Library members on May 15, 2024. Lubbock County has 5,915 members excluding Wolfforth and 3,046 who reside within Wolfforth city limits. There are 951 FISD student members, a combination of Wolfforth and Lubbock County residents.

Library Comparison Charts for Fiscal Year 2022

Provided by TSLAC (Texas State Library and Archives Commission)

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/statistics>

TSLAC provides yearly comparison data based on the Texas Public Libraries Annual Report. The Libraries selected for comparison are the three other state-accredited Lubbock County Libraries, and two neighboring libraries, Levelland and Brownfield.

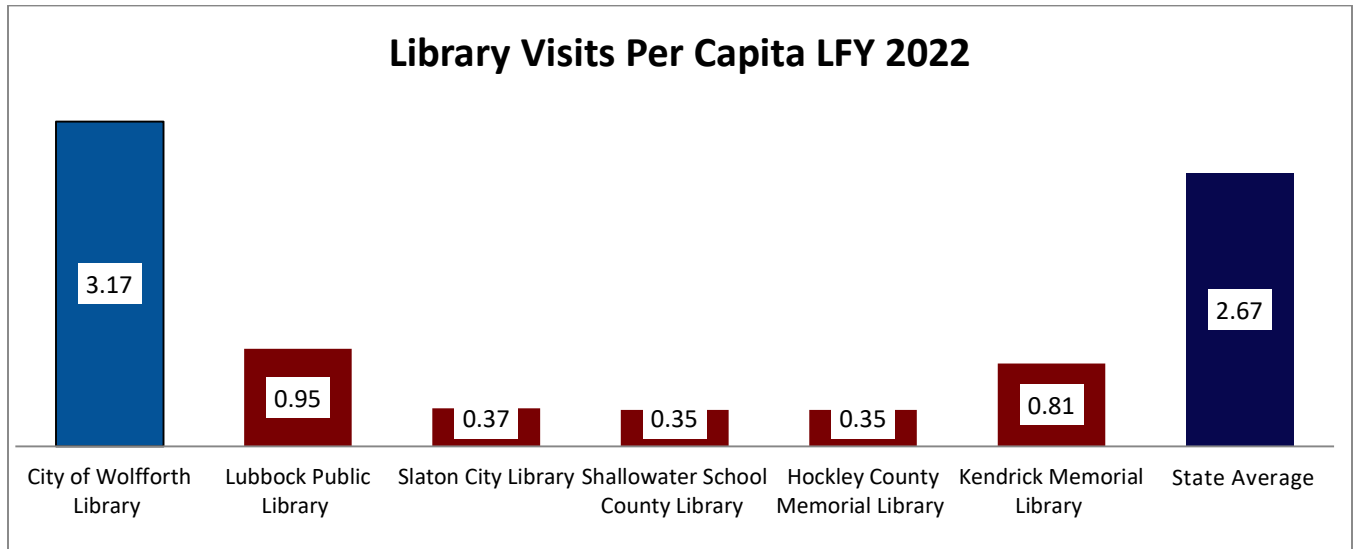


Figure 8: TSLAC comparison of library visits per capita for FY2022.

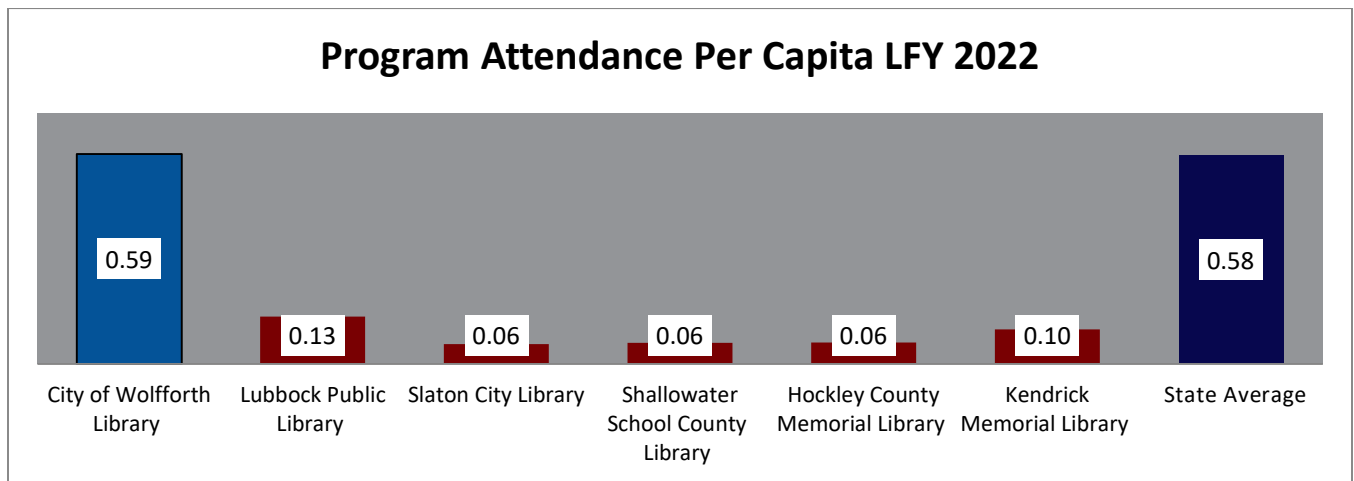


Figure 9: TSLAC comparison of library program attendance per capita for FY2022.

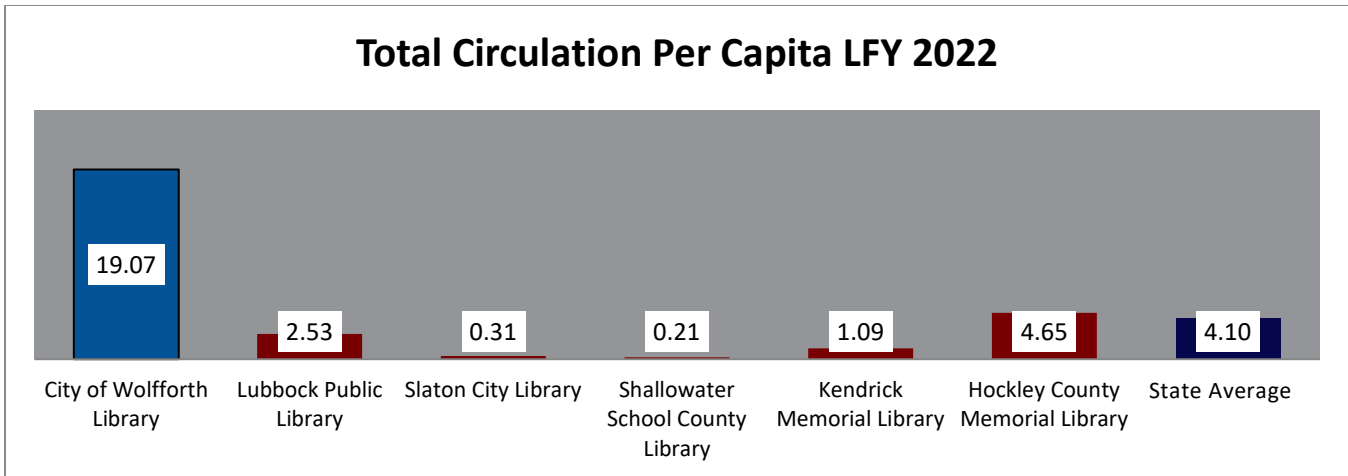


Figure 10: TSLAC comparison of total circulation per capita for FY2022. The exemplary rate based on population size (5,000-24,999) is 5.25.

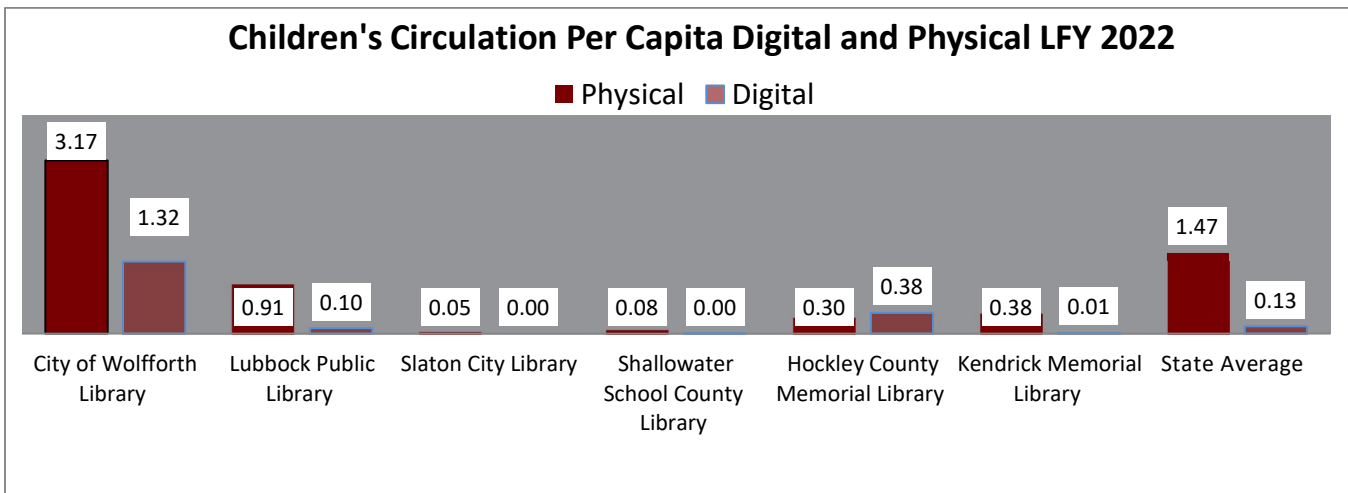


Figure 11: TSLAC comparison of children's circulation for FY2022.

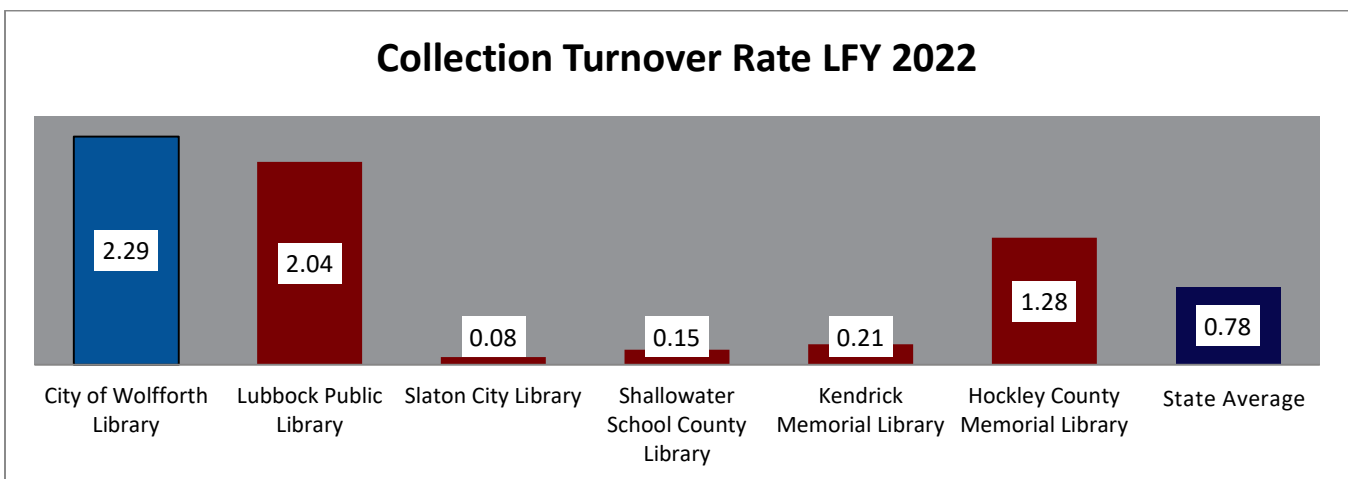


Figure 12: TSLAC comparison of the collection turnover rate for FY2022. The collection turnover rate measures how often items in a library's collection are checked out. A high collection rate demonstrates that the collection meets the community's needs. The exemplary rate based on population (5,000-24,999) is 1.42.

City of Wolfforth Library Community Programs

0-5 Programs

- Baby Rhyme Time (10 weeks/ break for Family Place then start again)
- Tuesday Tots with Literacy Lubbock (partnership - weekly)
- Wiggle Worms storytime (monthly)
- Family Place (weekly 5 weeks, twice a year/ alternate with Baby Rhyme Time)
- Parenting Cottage storytime (partnership - monthly)
- Bookworm storytime (monthly)

K-5 Programs

- STEAM Club (monthly)
- Science spectrum during summer (partnership - twice a year)
- Fire/EMS during summer (partnership - every other year, but looking to do yearly if schedules allow)
- Author visits (partnership - based on scheduling, but typically once or twice in summer)
- Other special guests (partnership - the singing zoologist from the TCA touring roster is coming this summer/ based on funding, would like to have one of these performers every summer at minimum)

6-12th Programs

- Teen art days (goal to offer once a month, but right now it averages once a quarter)
- Teen video game days (goal to offer once a month, but currently averages twice a year)
- Life-size clue (offered in the spring, but plan to offer similar programs regularly)
- Minute to win it/hands-on games (planned for this summer, and planning to offer one to two times a year at minimum)

Adult Programs

- Adult book club (monthly)
- GED/ESL with Literacy Lubbock (partnership - weekly)
- Murder mystery nights (quarterly)
- Life-size clue (offered in the spring, but planning to offer similar programs regularly)
- Art days (offered in the spring, but planning to offer similar programs regularly)

Family Programs/ All Ages

- Cocoa Fridays (weekly in December and January)
- Punchy Fridays (weekly in June and July)
- Escape rooms (twice a year if successful when offered this June)
- Saturday storytime (will be monthly starting in June, and continue if it is successful)
- Evening storytime (will be monthly starting in June, and continue if it is successful)
- End of summer party (annually)

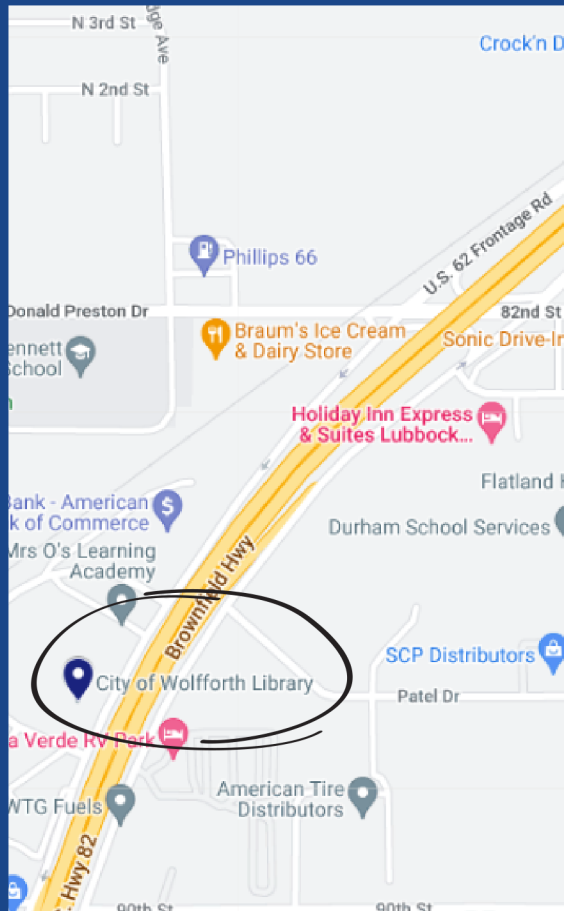
Mission :

The City of Wolfforth Library will provide innovative Library services, delivered in a friendly, efficient and effective manner, that will assist all residents to continue to grow and learn throughout life, with materials, programs, and services in a variety of formats suited to the informational and recreational needs of the community, and a relaxed, open environment that offers all citizens the opportunity to meet and interact with others.

Services :

- **Borrowing of materials**
 - books
 - games
 - movies
 - and more!
- **Technology**
 - computers
 - high-speed internet access
 - free wifi
- **GED/ ESL Classes**
- **Online resources**
- **Downloadable books**
- **Reference questions & book recommendations**
- **Printing, copying, scanning & faxing**
- **Programs for all ages**
 - book discussions
 - storytimes
 - special events
- **Homeschool resources & support**
- **Community room for public use**

Want to know more?
Stop in, call, or visit
[wolfforthlibrary.org!](http://wolfforthlibrary.org)



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Hours :

Monday-Thursday	9am - 8pm
Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	10am - 5pm
Sunday	Closed

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wolfforthlibrary.org





Access Your Account :

Place holds, check due dates, renew items, and more!

1. Visit wolfforthlibrary.org
2. Click on **Catalog**

Your card number is on the back of your card, and the password/PIN is your phone number.



Eligible patrons can also use this login to download **free ebooks!** Ask us to help you get started.

Programs :

Your library is more than just books. We host events for all ages, including **storytimes, book discussions, a summer library program, and special events** throughout the year!

A full **calendar of events** is available on our website.



Who We Are :

Library Director
Kimberly Brantley, MLIS

Community Librarian
Taylor Revilla, MLIS

Circulation Supervisor
Marla Waller

ABOUT US

The City of Wolfforth Library is located near the intersection of West 82nd Street and the Brownfield Highway.

The City of Wolfforth Library provides free services to all residents living within the state of Texas.

The library system holds over 25,000 materials including books, videos, audio books and magazines.



Raising kids takes a village. We have been lucky to have the City of Wolfforth Library and their amazing staff as part of our village.

Loans :

Books check out for 2 weeks, and movies check out for 1 week.

We have fiction and nonfiction books, movies, and game kits.

If no one's on the waiting list, your items are **renewable!** Check your account online, email us, call, or ask at the desk.

Fees :

No overdue fees on books!

Please renew or return your items on time for the next person.

Printing and copying

- o black & white . . . 25¢ per page

Faxing

- o \$1 per page

Scanning to email

- o free!



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bright from the Start 10am *Registration Required*	2	3 Builders Club 2pm-4pm
4	5	6 Tuesday Tots 10:30am	7 Bookworm Storytime 10am	8 Bright from the Start 10am *Registration Required*	9	10
11	12 STEAM Club 11am	13 Tuesday Tots 10:30am Adult Book Club 12:45pm	14 Parenting Cottage Storytime 10am	15 Bright from the Start 10am *Registration Required*	16 Wiggle Worm Storytime 10am	17
18	19 Library Closed	20 Tuesday Tots 10:30am	21	22 Bright from the Start 10am *Registration Required*	23	24
25	26	27 Tuesday Tots 10:30am	28 Seuss Celebration 10am-11am	29 Family Storytime 10am		



City of Wolfforth Library

508 East HWY 62, Wolfforth, Texas 79382 | 806-855-4150

<https://wolfforthlibrary.org/>



Tuesday Tots

Weekly on Tuesdays
10:30am

Tuesday storytime will consist of one short picture book and a couple of movement songs. This program is geared at children ages 4 years and younger, and the program will last 15-20 minutes.

Thanks to a partnership with Literacy Lubbock, each family in attendance will receive a copy of the book to keep forever.



STEAM Club

Second Monday each month
11am

We will provide “building” supplies and a challenge that encourages students to use their brains to solve a problem. This will be a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) based program.



Bookworm Storytime

February 7th at 10am

Join us for our Bookworm storytime. This program is geared at preschool-first grade ages (about 4-6 years), but everyone is welcome to attend and try it out. We will read one longer picture book and discuss that book, then we will do an activity (like a game or craft). This is a great storytime for our older storytime kids that are past songs and rhymes.



Wiggle Worms Storytime

February 16th at 10am

Join us for our Wiggle Worm storytime. This program is geared at ages 2-4 years, but everyone is welcome to attend and try it out. We will read a couple picture books and do some movement rhymes. This is a great storytime for our younger toddlers that aren't quite ready to sit through a long book, but are past the baby rhymes.



Builders Club

First Saturday each month
2pm-4pm

We will provide Lego bricks, MEGA Bloks , and KEVA Planks for everyone to build with. This is for all ages! We also provide a prompt challenge to get you started, but you are not required to build something to meet the challenge.



Bright from the Start

Begins January 25th at 10am

Registration Required

This is a five week play based program, and each week will focus on a different developmental topic. This is a chance for your child to play while you visit with adults and gather community resources.

To register please speak with our Community Librarian, Taylor, or email her at trevilla@wolforthtx.us



City of Wolfforth Library

March 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



March is *Women's History Month*

The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women
by Kate Moore

1
**NEW
LIBRARY
HOURS!**

2
Builders Club
1pm-3pm

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Tuesday Tots
10:30am

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Bookworm Storytime
10am

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Baby Rhyme Time
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STEAM Club
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Adult Book Club
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Parenting Cottage
Storytime
10am

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Baby Rhyme Time
10am

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Wiggle Worm Storytime
10am

16
Life-size Clue
2pm
Teens

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Tuesday Tots
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Baby Rhyme Time
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Tuesday Tots
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Baby Rhyme Time
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► Kids

Tuesday Tots

Every Tuesday | 10:30 A.M.

Tuesday storytime will consist of one short picture book and a couple of movement songs. This program is geared at children ages 4 years and younger, and the program will last 15-20 minutes. Thanks to a partnership with Literacy Lubbock, each family in attendance will receive a copy of the book to keep forever.

Bookworm Storytime

March 6th | 10:00 A.M.

Join us for our Bookworm storytime. This program is geared at preschool-first grade ages (about 4-6 years), but everyone is welcome to attend and try it out. We will read one longer picture book and discuss that book, then we will do an activity (like a game or craft). This is a great storytime for our older storytime kids that are past songs and rhymes.

STEAM Club

March 11th | 11am

We will provide "building" supplies and a challenge that encourages students to use their brains to solve a problem. This will be a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) based program.

Parenting Cottage Storytime

March 13th | 10:00 A.M.

Join us and our community partner (Parenting Cottage) for an in person storytime. Each family in attendance will receive a copy of the book (while supplies last). Make plans to arrive a little early.

Wiggle Worms Storytime

March 15th | 10:00 A.M.

Join us for our Wiggle Worm storytime. This program is geared at ages 2-4 years, but everyone is welcome to attend and try it out. We will read a couple picture books and do some movement rhymes. This is a great storytime for our younger toddlers that aren't quite ready to sit through a long book, but are past the baby rhymes.

Baby Rhyme Time

Thursdays | 10am

A 45 minute program children ages 0-2 and their caregivers. We sing nursery rhymes, tickle rhymes, play with bells and scarves, and just get to interact with everyone! It's a blast. We encourage you to try it out, even if you don't think your child will sit through it (it's ALWAYS okay to leave a program early, we understand).

► Teens

Life-Size Clue

March 16th | 2pm

Join us as we bring the Clue game to life. There's been a crime in the mansion and we need your help to solve the mystery!

Ages 12+

► Adults

Book Club

March 12th | 12:45pm.

Join our adult book club for a light snack and interesting discussion over their book "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn

► All Ages

Builders Club

March 2nd | 1pm-3pm.

We will provide Lego bricks, MEGA Bloks, and KEVA Planks for everyone to build with. This is for all ages! We also provide a prompt challenge to get you started, but you are not required to build something to meet the challenge.

NEW HOURS!

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2024

Our new hours are as follows:

Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm

Friday 9am-6pm

Saturday 10am-5pm

Closed Sunday

This is just a friendly reminder that we do have a suggestion box on the wall near Mrs. Taylor's office (the one with all the stuffies). Feel free to let us know what you think of our new hours or offer up any other suggestions. We love our community and are so grateful for each and every one of you.



Contact Us

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Hours

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Connect





City of Wolfforth Library

April 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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2
Tuesday Tots
10:30am
tickets required

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Bookworm Storytime
10am

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Baby Rhyme Time
10am

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Builders Club
1pm-3pm

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8
Solar Eclipse Event
See backside for
schedule!

9
Tuesday Tots
10:30am
tickets required

Adult Book Club
1pm

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**Parenting Cottage
Storytime**
10am

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Baby Rhyme Time
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**Wiggle Worm
Storytime**
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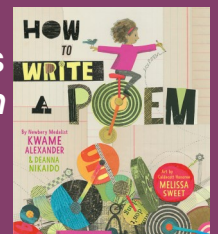
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Tuesday Tots
10:30am
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April is
National Poetry Month

How to Write a Poem
by Kwame Alexander & Deanna Nikaido



► Kids

Tuesday Tots

Every Tuesday | 10:30 A.M.

Join us for Tuesday Storytime featuring a delightful short picture book and lively movement songs! Tailored for children 4 years and younger, this 15-20 minute program includes a free book for each family, courtesy of our partnership with Literacy Lubbock. Tickets are mandatory and can be obtained in person starting at 9:30 am every week.

Bookworm Storytime

April 3rd | 10:00 A.M.

Join our enchanting Bookworm storytime! Geared for ages 4-6, but all are welcome. Explore a captivating picture book and enjoy a game or craft. Perfect for older kids beyond picture books. We can't wait to share this literary adventure with you!

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Parenting Cottage Storytime

April 10th | 10:00 A.M.

Join us and our community partner, Parenting Cottage, for an engaging in-person storytime. Every family present will receive a complimentary copy of the book (while supplies last). Plan to arrive a bit early to secure your spot!

Wiggle Worms Storytime

April 12th | 10:00 A.M.

Join our Wiggle Worm storytime! Tailored for ages 2-4, all are welcome to join in. We'll enjoy a couple of lively picture books and engaging movement rhymes. Ideal for younger toddlers transitioning from baby rhymes, this is a fun and interactive storytime experience.

► Teens

(Teen)y Art

April 20th | 1pm

Calling all teens (ages 12-18)! Get ready to unleash your creativity at our Tiny Art Show. We'll provide mini canvases, paint, and brushes, but feel free to bring your own supplies. Any art form is welcome, just keep it under 4x4 inches. You may also drop off your creations before or on this date. All art will be displayed April 22nd until May 5th.

► Adults

Book Club

April 9th | 1pm

Join our adult book club for a delightful snack and engaging discussion on "The Empress' Gift: The Volga Frontier" by Ellen Laubhan. Enjoy a casual gathering with fellow book lovers as we delve into this captivating read. We look forward to sharing insights and perspectives over refreshments.

► All Ages

Builders Club

April 6th | 1pm-3pm.

We will provide Lego bricks, MEGA Bloks, and KEVA Planks for everyone to build with. This is for all ages! We also provide a prompt challenge to get you started, but you are not required to build something to meet the challenge.

Free Solar Eclipse Glasses

Glasses can be picked up starting April 1, 2024 at 11am. There is a limit of 4 per household. If you snagged some back in October, you can reuse them!

Solar Eclipse Event April 8, 2024

Preschool Storytime

10am

Preschool storytime with a solar eclipse experiment. Limited solar eclipse glasses will be available.

School Age+ Crafts

12pm-1pm

Craft activities for kids focused on the solar eclipse, with limited glasses available for pickup

Eclipse Viewing

1:15pm-1:45pm

Join us for a solar eclipse viewing event. Limited eclipse glasses will be available. Peak viewing around 1:30pm



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JUNE 2024

Summer Program Schedule



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Library Closed	28 Summer Reading Kick Off 12p-4p	29 Life Size Candy Land 11a-6p	30 Baby Rhyme Time 10a	31 Punchy Friday 11a-6p	1 Tiny Painting (Adults) 11a-12:30p Builders Club 1p-3pm
3 Author Visit with Jefferson Marshall 10a	4 Tuesday Tots 10:30a *tickets required*	5 Singing Zoologist: Lucas Miller 10a *tickets required*	6 Baby Rhyme Time 10a	7 Punchy Friday 11a-6p	8
10 STEAM Club 11a	11 Tuesday Tots 10:30a *tickets required* Book Club 1p	12 Parenting Cottage Storytime 10a	13 Baby Rhyme Time 10a	14 Punchy Friday 11a-6p	15 Teen Game Challenge 1p-3p
17 Andy Mason Music 10a *tickets required* Baby Rhyme Time 1p	18 Tuesday Tots 10:30a *tickets required*	19 Library Closed	20 Baby Rhyme Time 10a Life Size Clue (Adults) 6p	21 Wiggle Worm Storytime 10a Punchy Friday 11a-6p	22 Family Storytime 10:30a Tiny Painting (Middle School) 1p-2:30p Tiny Painting (High School) 3p-4:30p
24 Baby Rhyme Time 1p Family Storytime 6p	25 Tuesday Tots 10:30a *tickets required*	26 Science Spectrum at the Library (SNAKES!) 10a *tickets required*	27 Baby Rhyme Time 10a	28 Punchy Friday 11a-6p	29





JULY 2024

Summer Program Schedule



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Baby Rhyme Time 1p	2 Tuesday Tots 10:30 a.m. *tickets required*	3 Bookworm Storytime 10a	4 Library Closed	5 Library close at 5pm	6 Builders Club 1p-3p
8 STEAM Club 11a Baby Rhyme Time 1p	9 Tuesday Tots 10:30a *tickets required* Book Club 1p	10 Parenting Cottage Storytime 10a	11 Baby Rhyme Time 10a Lost Mummy Escape Room 12p-6p *registration required*	12 Punchy Friday 11a-6p	13
15 Weather Program with Jacob Riley 10a *tickets required* Baby Rhyme Time 1p	16 Tuesday Tots 10:30 a.m. *tickets required*	17 Science Spectrum at the Library (Creepy Crawlers!) 10a *tickets required*	18 Baby Rhyme Time 10a Adult Murder Mystery 6p	19 Wiggle Worm Storytime 10a Punchy Friday 11a-6p	20 Teen Tile Painting 1p-3p
22 Baby Rhyme Time 1p	23 Tuesday Tots 10:30 a.m. *tickets required*	24 Bermuda Triangle Escape Room 10a-4p *registration required*	25	26 Punchy Friday 11a-6p	27 Family Storytime 10:30a Last day to log on Beanstack!
29 Baby Rhyme Time 1p Family Storytime 6p Last day to enter ticket drawings on Beanstack!	30 Tuesday Tots 10:30 a.m. *tickets required*	31	1 Library Closed Family concert at Patterson Park (5p-8p)	2	3 Builders Club 1p-3p