

## Library Report

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

Circulation Statistics: 4,270 Checkouts

Cards issued: 120 total new cards | 87 in-person cards | 33 website sign-ups

Materials Added: 145 Items                      Value: \$3,294.59

Materials Weeded: 352 Items                      Value: \$4,498.74

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 4,105 eBooks, 3,747 eAudiobooks, and 608 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 35 new users

Total number of visitors: 2,414

Total number of computer users: 145

Total number of reference questions: 806

Meeting Room reservations: 26

Program totals: 21 Total Programs:

Family – 2 | Preschool – 13 | School Age – 0 | Teen – 3 | Adult – 3 | Outreach – 0 | Passive – 0 |

Total Participation: 1260 Total | 98 Giveaways (sponsored by Literacy Lubbock)

367 Babies/Toddlers (0-5) | 29 Children (6-11) | 5 Teens (12-18) | 318 adults

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party May 30<sup>th</sup> at Patterson Park | 799 attendees based on Placer.ai data

Volunteer Hours: 37.51 hours

The library received notice this week that our 2024 annual report to the Texas State Library and Archives commission has been reviewed. They have confirmed that the library will be accredited for the state fiscal year 2026, September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. Formal notification letters will be emailed in early fall. For planning and budgeting purposes, the estimated maintenance of effort (MOE) for the reporting year 2025 is \$375,698.33. "Maintenance of effort" (MOE) is a requirement for maintaining accreditation and ensures that public libraries maintain a local level of financial support that meets or exceeds what has been expended in previous years.

The library hosted a community wide Summer Reading Kick-off party at Patterson Park, and it was incredibly successful. We have always hosted an end of summer party in early August, but the past couple of years we have battled 100-degree+ heat, with last year being 108. This has been incredibly draining to staff, and has had a negative effect on attendance, so we made the decision to try something new. We invited food trucks, local community partners, along with BigFoot Foam to join us and it ended up a wonderful event for the community to kick-off summer reading at the library. We received many comments from attendees that thanked us for offering a safe family-friendly event, and others that said the event felt like when they used to attend 4<sup>th</sup> on the 5<sup>th</sup> back when Wolfforth was half the size it is now. While we are all excited about the growth and all the amazing things happen, it felt good to give our community a chance to just enjoy a nice summer evening together. We made library cards onsite, making almost 30 new cards, and helped families get signed up for our summer reading programs, which we have for all ages this year. In just the first week, we have 148 participants, and they have already logged 295 books.

We are making steady progress with 720 Design on our Library Master Plan. We have completed gathering all the requested data and worked with Tara to update our plat and correct inconsistencies that were discovered

during the process. We are currently finalizing our community survey that is being coordinated with Ivy Group and 720 Design. The community survey portion will run from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>, online and in paper form in both English and Spanish. This portion will also include 720 Design joining us at our booth at the 4<sup>th</sup> on the 5th event to do in-person community input, as well as encouraging users to complete the online survey, accessed by QR code. The community input portion of the master planning process is a vital part of the process, as it will help guide us in preparing for the next 20 years, ensuring that all Wolfforth residents have an opportunity to have their voice heard. In small communities, public libraries serve as essential community hubs, providing free access to information, technology, and resources. We pride ourselves on providing these essential services to our community, such as internet access, educational programs, and spaces for gathering and learning, and we want to make sure that what we offer truly meets the needs of those we serve. Following the community input portion, 720 Design and Ivy group will review the data and we will move into program refinement and technology visioning. Following that, 720 Design will review all the information and we will meet in late August to discuss facility recommendations and cost estimates, and they will begin preparing the final master plan for review. We are currently expecting the final report to be ready by the end of September.