

Smith Public Library (SPL) Card for WISD Students and Families

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1. Goal

- a. Every student in Wylie ISD will be given a library card for the Smith Public Library

2. Solution

- a. Parents / guardians are asked to register their students in Skyward every year. During this registration process, there will be a NEW page or dialogue box that parents can accept or decline that would automatically register their child for a library card at the Smith Library. This prompt will also give parents the chance to register for a library card for themselves.
- b. The parents would receive their student's login information in an email. This information would allow students and parents to access any of the electronic resources available at SPL. This login would expire at the end of the academic year unless the student obtains a physical library card.
- c. In order to get a physical card, students would need to come into the SPL with a picture ID.

3. Needs in order to implement solution

- a. A page will need to be created in Skyward so when parents register their students they will be prompted with the choice to get a library card.
- b. To register for a city library card you need the following information:
 - i. Child's First / Middle / Last name
 - ii. Child's Birthday mm/dd/yyyy
 - iii. Parent's Driver's license
 - iv. Street Address / City / Zip Code
 - v. Parent's Phone
 - vi. Parent's Email address (We need the info of the responsible party for those 17 and under.)
 1. This information could be auto-filled from existing records in Skyward.

4. Benefits of solution

- a. All WISD students will have access to the following:
 - i. Physical book collections at SPL.
 - ii. eBooks and audiobooks

- iii. Hoopla digital streaming
- iv. Kanopy digital streaming (critically acclaimed films and documentaries)
- v. Flipster digital magazines
- vi. NoveList Plus (curated booklist for each user)
- vii. Creativebug (art, craft, and hobby videos)
- viii. Gale Courses
- ix. Mango Languages (Amazing! Language learning app.)
 - 1. Includes many languages spoken by student families (e.g. Urdu, Hindi, Arabic, Pashto, Polish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, etc.)
- x. Research databases that include:
 - 1. Business journals
 - 2. Medical journals and references
 - 3. Genealogy
 - 4. Military service and historical documents
 - 5. Texas history / Wylie news archive
 - 6. Primary / Intermediate / Junior level magazines, books and essays.
 - 7. Legal database
 - 8. Literary reference
 - 9. STEM journals
- b. Students and families will be able participate in SPL programs and clubs:
 - i. Teen book club
 - ii. Japanimation (Anime is extremely popular with our students)
 - iii. Roll for Initiative (Dungeons & Dragons for teens)
 - 1. Teacher sponsored clubs already exist at WHS and Cooper JH
 - iv. Teen Volunteer program (Great for volunteering hours, key club, NJHS)
 - v. Kids book club (1st - 2nd)
 - vi. Between book club (4th - 6th)
 - vii. Idea Lab (3rd - 4th)
 - 1. STEAM activities
 - viii. Storytime for families with children (Infants to 2nd grade)
 - 1. Programs in English and Spanish
- c. Students have physical access to:
 - i. Wi-fi

- ii. Cost-per-page printing in black-and-white or color
- iii. Access to 3D printers.
 - 1. This costs money but allows high school CAD or modeling classes to create prototypes of projects.
- iv. Scanning / Copying / Faxing
- v. STEAM Kits

Summary and Reasoning for proposal

The goal of this project is to promote independent literacy among our Wylie ISD students and families by encouraging them to visit the Smith Public Library and make use of all the resources available, both during the school year and throughout the summer. When we enable our students and their families with literacy from a young age, they are more likely to develop into thoughtful readers, writers, and citizens. With access to our city library from a young age, our pre-k and early primary students will have chances for guided reading. Their families will have tools and support from city librarians. Teens will have outlets for their curiosity. Soon-to-be graduates will have the research tools to understand the function and intricacies of any planned path for after high school. The city and district will have a robust student population that is pushed to embrace learning in all its forms.

Thank you for reading through this proposal. Please consider implementing this for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Questions and Concerns

- 1. What is the timeline for registration? When can parents register their child for school?**
- 2. When can Smith Public Library expect the largest influx of applications?**
- 3. Is WISD ok sharing this information? In other words, is there a privacy policy in place that would hinder the sharing of this info?**
- 4. How would we get the information for the cards?**