AGENDA
WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS The Library Director will be available for questions for questions about upcoming events at the Library.

1. The Library Director will give the bimonthly library report.
   Lana Ewell, Director of Library Services

2. Report about educational process of a career in Library Science.
   Lana Ewell, Director of Library Services

PUBLIC COMMENT If speaking for an organization or group, the speaker should identify the group represented. If speaking during Public Comment (for matters not posted on that particular meeting's agenda), members of the City Council and Staff may only provide a statement of factual information in response to the inquiry or recite existing policy in response (e.g., to correct a factual misstatement made by the citizen or provide factual information requested by the citizen). Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. If necessary, the Chair will task the City Manager to respond to the citizen and report back to the City Council as soon as practicable. Such report to the-City Council shall not constitute a meeting called by the City Council nor shall it constitute deliberation or formal action. Individual citizens addressing the City Council during Public Comment shall not exceed three (3) minutes in their comments; however, the Chair may extend or reduce the speaker's allotted time in order to conduct an efficient and effective public meeting. The time allotted shall not be donated to others desiring to speak. Public Comment is not established to engage in a conversation with the Council and no formal Council action will be taken.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS Only those persons who submit a completed Request to Speak form prior to the agenda item being introduced by the Chair will be allowed

to speak on agenda items set for action (this doesn't include presentations or reports). The Chair shall ask each person requesting to speak to approach the podium when called to speak. Speakers time shall generally not exceed three (3) minutes in their comments and all comments must be germane to the specific agenda item being discussed; however, the Chair may extend or reduce the speaker's allotted time. Speakers shall not be permitted to donate their time to other speakers. Members of the City Council may ask questions or discuss the item directly with the citizen during the citizen's testimony if necessary. Any discussion between a Council member and the citizen will not count toward the time limit and Council Members are encouraged not to speak until the citizen has first utilized their allocated time.

CONSENT AGENDA All of the items on the consent agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion, one second, and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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I, Linda Proskey, City Secretary for the City of Watauga, hereby certify that this agenda was posted on the bulletin boards at City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas, on 7/7/2023, before 5:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS

Watauga Public Library C.A.R.E.S.

March 2023

Comments from the public:

Brian Cannon requested a movie night for adults. (2/4/2023)

"Thank you again for your great help. You've been wonderful. And the staff- the rest of the staff." Sharon Walker, substitute GED teacher (2/8/2023)

"Again, thank you for having me sing at the library last week - I enjoyed it so much and you were so easy to work with and having my check ready on the DAY OF the performance was a first for me so I really appreciate that.
My friends enjoyed it too and commented on what a nice library it is - so glad you all are doing all you can to get folks into the library." Mari McAdoo, performer on 2/9/2023

"I love the extension classes [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension] especially the ones about food. They are so informative and tasty. They are great! Thank you for having them." Anonymous praise on a comment card on 2/14/2023

"We really enjoyed the concert." Passerby commenting on the Vinyl Stripes concert (2/23/2023)

"This is the second time I've ever painted in my life. She [Selma] is an excellent teacher." -comment after Selma's painting class (2/25/2023)

Watauga Public Library is in Fort Worth, TX

— JAN. 30 - FEB. 2 UPDATE —

Due to inclement weather, all of our adult classes and clubs for Monday, January 30th through Thursday, February 2nd are cancelled.

Our youth classes and events (including storytime) are cancelled due to the weather from Monday, January 30th- Thursday, February 2nd. We're planning to be back to the regular schedule for Mother Goose this Friday @ 10 AM. (Stay tuned for digital, at-home storytime resources to use in the interim.)... See more

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Watauga Public Library
Catch the at-home storytime plans here:
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At-Home Storytimes

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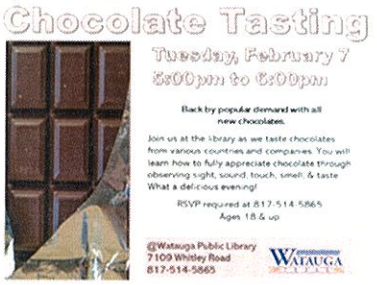
Back by popular demand with all new chocolates

Join us at the library as we taste chocolates from various countries and companies. You will learn how to fully appreciate chocolate through observing sight, sound, touch, smell, & taste. What a delicious evening!

RSVP required at 817-514-5865 See more



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Liz Claire
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Watauga Public Library
3,944 Tweets

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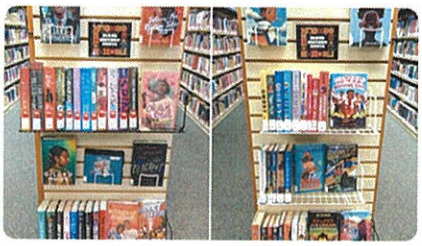
Watauga Public Library @LibraryWataugа · 18h
February is Black History Month! ✨

Celebrate Black authors and stories this month (especially!) by perusing our displays. 📚 Pictured are just the Young Adult and Middle Zone displays—there's many more throughout the library!

We hope you find something wonderful to read. 💕



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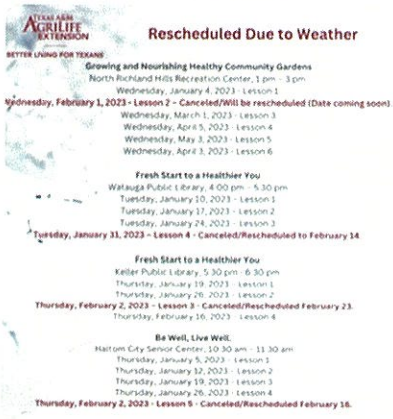
Please note, the final Fresh Start to a Healthier You class has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 14th at 4:00PM



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Tarrant County
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Our BLT Agent, Sanci Hall, has rescheduled many classes due to the weather. Please see below and reach out to her with any questions at sanci.hall@ag.tamu.edu See more

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Civic / Community Engagement / Cultivating Community/ Digital Inclusion / Economic Development / Job Skills

- Curbside Service continues.
- The Circulation Staff receives and processes print jobs sent from patrons' home or library computers. They send faxes and welcome informational questions.

Adult Services Librarian Dana Harper & staff have created the following online classes & events to reach out to our public:

Adult Events:

Well-Read Book Club (virtual)	9
Any-Book Book Club	5
Medicare Education Class	11
Meditation (4 classes)	6
Knitting (3 sessions)	15
Chocolate Tasting	30
Sleep with TCPH	8
Mari McAdoo Sings	24
Friends of the Library	11
Fresh Start Nutrition Class (makeup day)	15
Lip Print Reading	17
Vinyl Stripes- Arts Net	76
Starry Night Painting	15
Winter Reading Challenge	8
GED (delayed report from teacher)	?
ESL, beginner (8 classes)	91
ESL, advanced (8 classes)	35

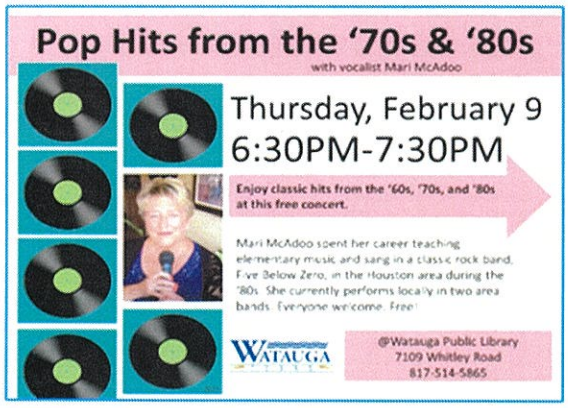
Other:

Staff Computer Classes (30 minutes +):	1
MetroShare Passport punches	30

Facebook informational/social services slides:

- 2/2 Chocolate Tasting
- 2/3 Missing Person Post
- 2/3 Fresh Start Rescheduled
- 2/3 Meditation Class
- 2/3 Starry Night Painting Class
- 2/6 Mari McAdoo Concert
- 2/6 Medicare Education Class
- 2/7 Goodwill Computer Classes
- 2/8 Lip Print Reading Class
- 2/9 Well-Read Book Club
- 2/9 Knitting
- 2/10 Medicare Education Class
- 2/10 Lip Print Reading Class
- 2/13 Family Book Night
- 2/13 Meditation Class
- 2/13 Any-Book Book Club
- 2/13 Healthy Sleep Class
- 2/14 Vinyl Stripes Concert
- 2/14 Plant Exchange
- 2/15 Knitting
- 2/16 Vinyl Stripes Concert
- 2/16 Enneagram Workshop
- 2/17 Garden to Table: Herbs
- 2/17 Van Gogh's Sunflowers Painting
- 2/17 Spelling Bee for Adults
- 2/20 Vinyl Stripes Concert
- 2/22 Vinyl Stripes Concert
- 2/23 Vinyl Stripes Concert
- 2/24 Well-Read Book Club
- 2/25 Friends of the Library Display
- 2/25 Any-Book Book Club
- 2/28 Suicide Hotline (988)

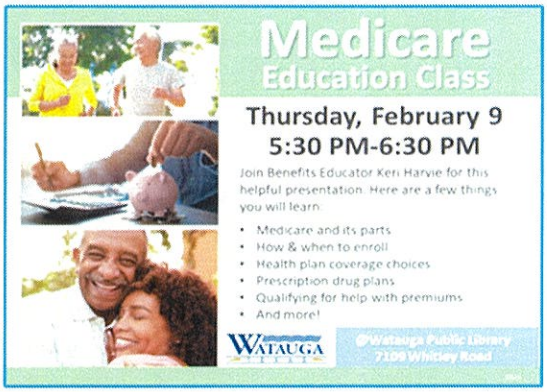
Adult Services:

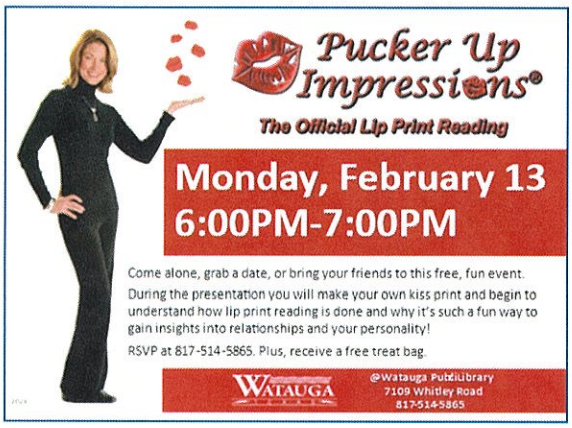


Vocalist Mari McAdoo gave a free concert at the library.

Mari spent her career teaching elementary music and sang in a classic rock band, Five Below Zero, in the Houston area during the '80s. She currently performs locally in two area bands.

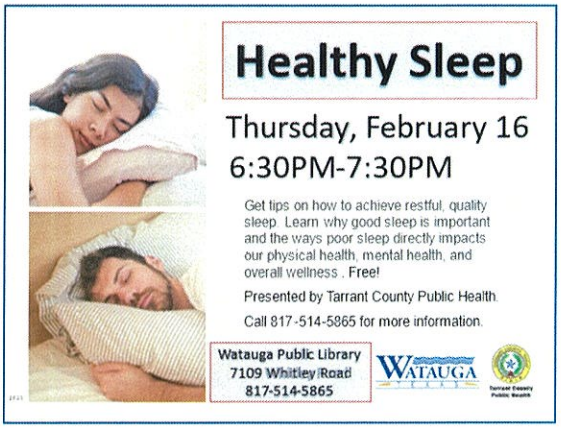
Benefits Educator Keri Harvie shared a helpful presentation. Here are a few things those attending learned:
Medicare and its parts
How & when to enroll
Health plan coverage choices
Prescription drug plans
Qualifying for help with premiums
And more!





A group of 17 adults had an excellent time learning about their personality and sharing what they learned with friends at this fun class which was just in time for Valentine's Day.

Tarrant County Public Health provided a free class about the benefits of healthy sleep. Participants also learned tools to achieve a good night's sleep.



ArtsNet and the City of Watauga paired for this rock concert featuring the Vinyl Stripes.

Citizens enjoy attending these free concerts.

Early Childhood Literacy / Family Development & Enrichment

Regular Youth Events:

- Mother Goose: (4) - **40**
- Music & Movement (1) - **24**
- Storytime: (14) - **718**
- Sensory Storytime (0) - **0**
- Bilingual Storytime: (0) - **0**

Special Programs (in person):

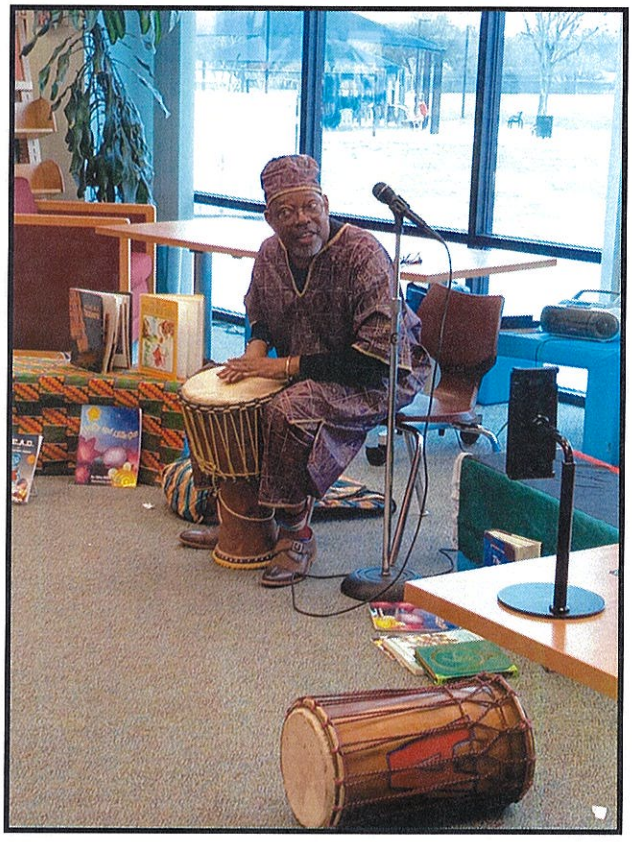
- 2/6,13,27,30—Pokémon Club: **20,25,32**
- 2/3,10,17,24—Chess Club: **4,2,8,2**
- 2/22—Crafts-N-Creations: **2**
- 2/9,16,23— Education Game Hour: **2,2,2**
- 2/1-28— Monthly Scavenger Hunt (Sea Animal): **307**
- 2/4– Black Excellence Day: **4**
- 2/17—Mardi Gras Day: **50**
- 2/15—Tween Girls Leadership Club: **7**
- 2/18– Storytelling with Oba King in person: **21**
- 2/18— Storytelling with Oba King Insta Live: **80**

Special Programs-Craft Take & Make:

- 2/13-18— Valentine Take-N-Make: **100**
- 2/21-25– Black History Month Take-N-Make: **50**
- 2/27-28—STEM (Static) Take-N-Make: **30**

Special Programs-Teen events:

- Anime Plus: **1**
- Youth Council Meet & Greet: **4**



Oba King

- **Youth Services:**

The Youth department celebrated Mardi Gras with an afternoon of games and decorating cookies.

The Youth department celebrated Black History month with the professional storyteller Oba King. He told African Folklore stories and had the kids participate in a drum circle.

- **Photos from the events:**

Chocolate Tasting

- **Photos from the events:**

Lip Print Reading

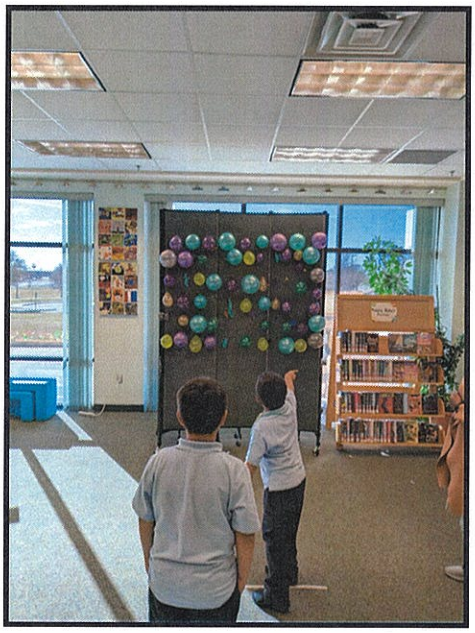
Mari McAdoo Sings

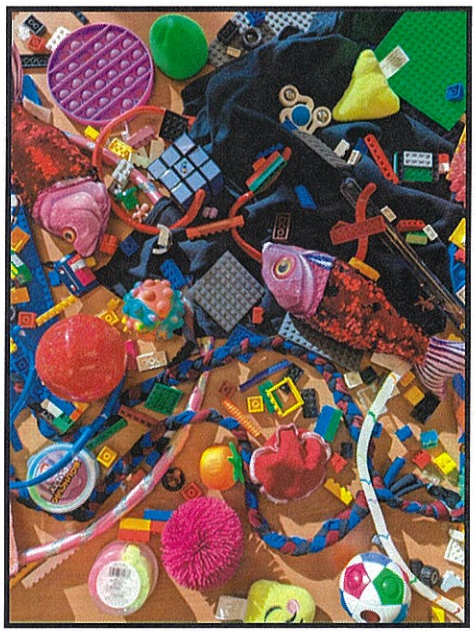
Medicare Education Class

Fresh Start Healthier You (makeup class)

Starry Night painting Class with Selma

Mardi Gras Day





WATAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY-REPORT SUMMARY
Monthly Report - March, 2023

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	Current Month	This Month Last Year	Year to Date 2022-23	Year to Date 2021-22
Circulation Total	14,439	11,696	76,448	59,798
Total in Collection	N/A	N/A	121,046	118,790
Programs	97	67	516	359
Program Attendance	2,444	1,470	12,812	7,483
Cards Issued	126	130	749	589
Library Visits	7,033	5,308	36,083	23,839
Notary Service	18	17	97	78
Reference & Directional Transactions	1,311	1,032	6,224	4,572
Study Room Usage (hours)	454	276	3,065	985
Volunteer Hours	153	105	665	346
Webpage Views	2069	1977	11458	10389
CIRCULATION SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Adult Books	1,278	1,049	6,714	5,275
Youth Books	4,307	4,215	22,621	19,597
Adult Books on CD	87	63	566	509
Youth Books on CD	42	18	180	114
Adult DVDs	682	658	3,962	3,755
Youth DVDs	434	430	2,436	2,002
Adult Kits	0	1	0	15
Youth Kits	32	20	156	141
Music CDs	51	50	225	247
Periodicals	43	24	245	244
eBooks	328	293	1,821	1,710
eAudiobooks	398	331	2,244	1,760
eMagazines	32	19	187	139
Checked out to MetroShare Libraries	1,545	912	7,496	4,746
Renewals	5,180	3,613	27,595	19,544
TOTAL CIRCULATION	**14,439**	**11,696**	**76,448**	**59,798**
Holds/Requested Items Processed	2,187	1,434	10,572	6,978
Interlibrary Loan Requests (TexShare)	75	93	393	486
Curbside checkout transactions	**4**	**13**	**21**	**62**
Curbside-Misc. services	**140**	**150**	**819**	**811**
Self-Check Out Transactions	732	567	3,682	2,670
Self-Check Out-Items Checked Out	3,716	3,136	19,093	14,178
Revenue Collected	$ 1,760.34	$ 2,117.91	$ 8,179.14	$ 6,768.50
ADULT SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Number of Programs	47	16	231	77
Program Attendance	330	161	2,715	850
Volunteer Hours	104	0	489	0
Internet Users	335	341	1,898	1,721
YOUTH SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Number of Programs	50	51	285	282
Program Attendance	2,114	1,309	10,097	6,633
School Visits	0	0	4	0
Volunteer Hours	49	105	176	346
Youth Computer Users	595	443	3,770	2,825
TECHNICAL SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Material Items Received	354	541	2,772	2,412
Materials Added	694	715	2,698	3,172
Materials Withdrawn	202	629	2,120	2,627

Watauga Public Library C.A.R.E.S.

April 2023

Comments from the public:

"Everyone is just so nice here." Anonymous

"I think you should have more Redstone Junyer High; or more Minecraft grafec novels! I love this Library!"

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On the Potato Chip Tasting (4/26/2023):

- "I love your research and your presentation. You always do such a nice job. Very funny too." -Diane Kissel
- "You keep us very engaged" -Will
- "The presentation part is so interesting." - anonymous
- "Dana always puts together such nice adventures. Watauga is lucky to have her." -anonymous

News from the Director:

"On April 26, 2023, at the MetroShare Directors meeting the 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit group (MetroShare Community of Libraries) was approved by the attendees.

Civic / Community Engagement / Cultivating Community/ Digital Inclusion / Economic Development / Job Skills

- Curbside Service continues.
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Adult Services Librarian Dana Harper & staff have created the following online classes & events to reach out to our public:

Adult Events Attendance:

Well-Read Book Club #1	11
Well-Read Book Club #2	8
Any-Book Book Club	6
Medicare Education Class	8
Meditation (0 classes)	0
Knitting (4 sessions)	19
Craft the Day Away	25
Shakespeare presentation	12
Tough Plants for North Texas	28
Friends of the Library Meeting	9
Potato Chip Tasting	28
ESL, beginner (8 classes)	116
ESL, advanced (2 classes)	5

Other:

Staff Computer Classes (30 minutes +):	1
MetroShare Passport punches	0
At-Home Delivery	0

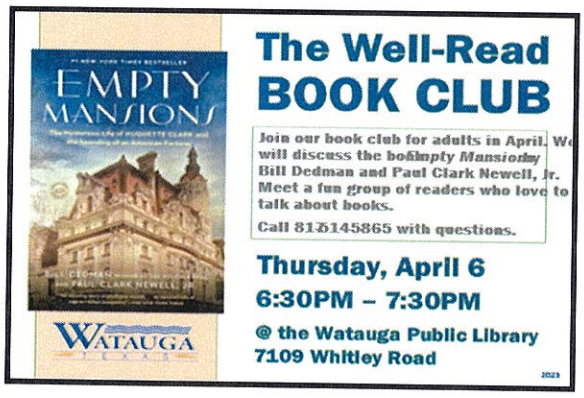
Facebook informational/social services slides:

- Friends of the Library Meeting
- Knitting and Crochet Group
- Meditation Classes
- Salsa Tasting Class
- Tough Plants for North Texas
- Craft the Day Away
- Medicare Education Class
- Acrylic Painting Class
- Any-Book Book Club
- Potato Chip Tasting
- (Bad) Behavior in Elizabethan England x 2
- Well-Read Book Club

Instagram Posts:

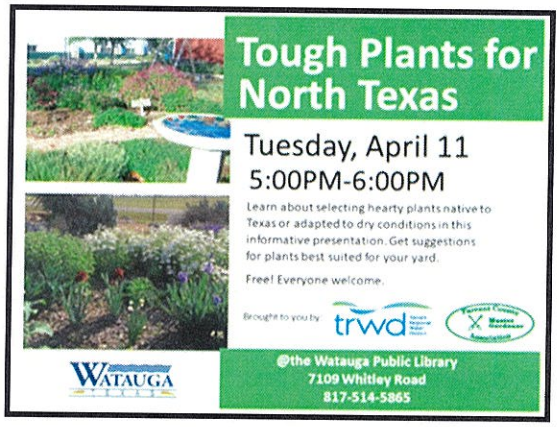
- Craft the Day Away
- (Bad) Behavior in Elizabethan England
- Tough Plants for North Texas

Adult Services:



The monthly book club enjoyed discussing a nonfiction book this month.

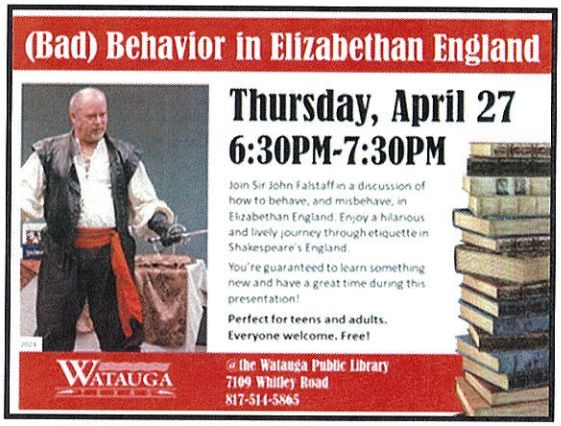
The gardening classes are popular! Twenty-eight eager folks attended and came away with strategies to fight the north Texas summer heat!



This event was well received. Twenty-five attended and had a great time. Folks are already asking when it will be held again.

Attendees have positive comments about this event, and complement Ms. Harper on her impressive research.

Actor and Shakespearean performer Sam Nash delighted an audience with fun facts about Elizabethan manners.



Early Childhood Literacy / Family Development & Enrichment

Regular Youth Events:

- Mother Goose: (3) - **32**
- Music & Movement (1) - **12**
- Storytime: (14) - **724**
- Sensory Storytime (0) - **0**
- Toddler Time: (0) - **0**

Special Programs (in person):

- 4/3,10,17,24—Pokémon Club: **17,32,38,16**
- 4/3,14,21,28—Chess Club: **10,10,13**
- 4/3-6— Monthly Scavenger Hunt (Sonic Hedge-hog): **247**
- Tween Paint with Bob Ross Night: **17**
- 4/12 — Tween Girls Leadership Club: **7**
- 4/10-6– Easter Scavenger Hunt: **32**

Special Programs-Craft Take & Make:

- 4/1-1— Spring Take-N-Make: **30**
- 4/17-29– Solar Printing Take-N-Make: **41**

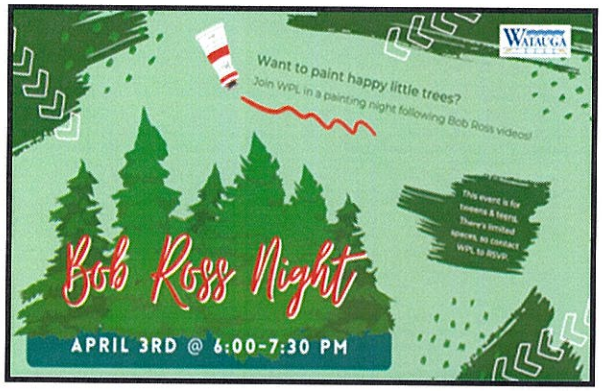
Special Programs-Teen events:

- Anime Plus (1): **13**
- Teen How to Study (1): **2**
- Teen College Fair (1): **22**

Out Reach:

- ASPIRE Showcase (2): **485**

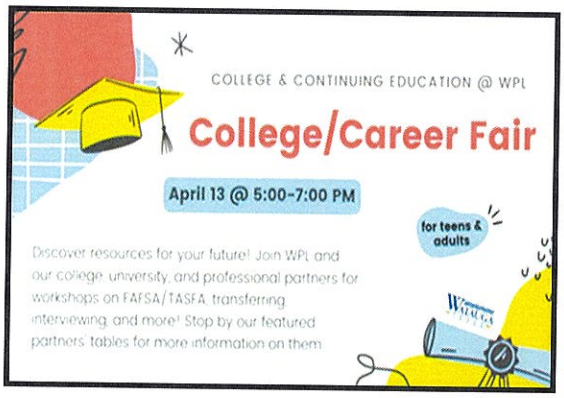
- **Youth Services:**



Tweens watched the classic artist Bob Ross and painted along to his videos.

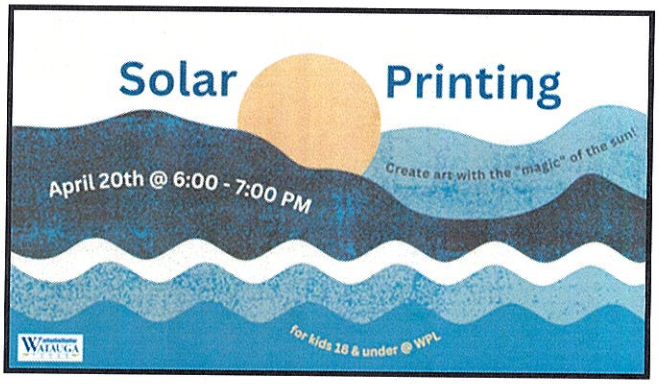
- **Youth Services:**

Children were able to bring their favorite item to the library and talk about why they love their item.



The College & Career Fair was a collaboration event between 13 local Universities and Colleges that discussed with teens and adults about their education and career paths.

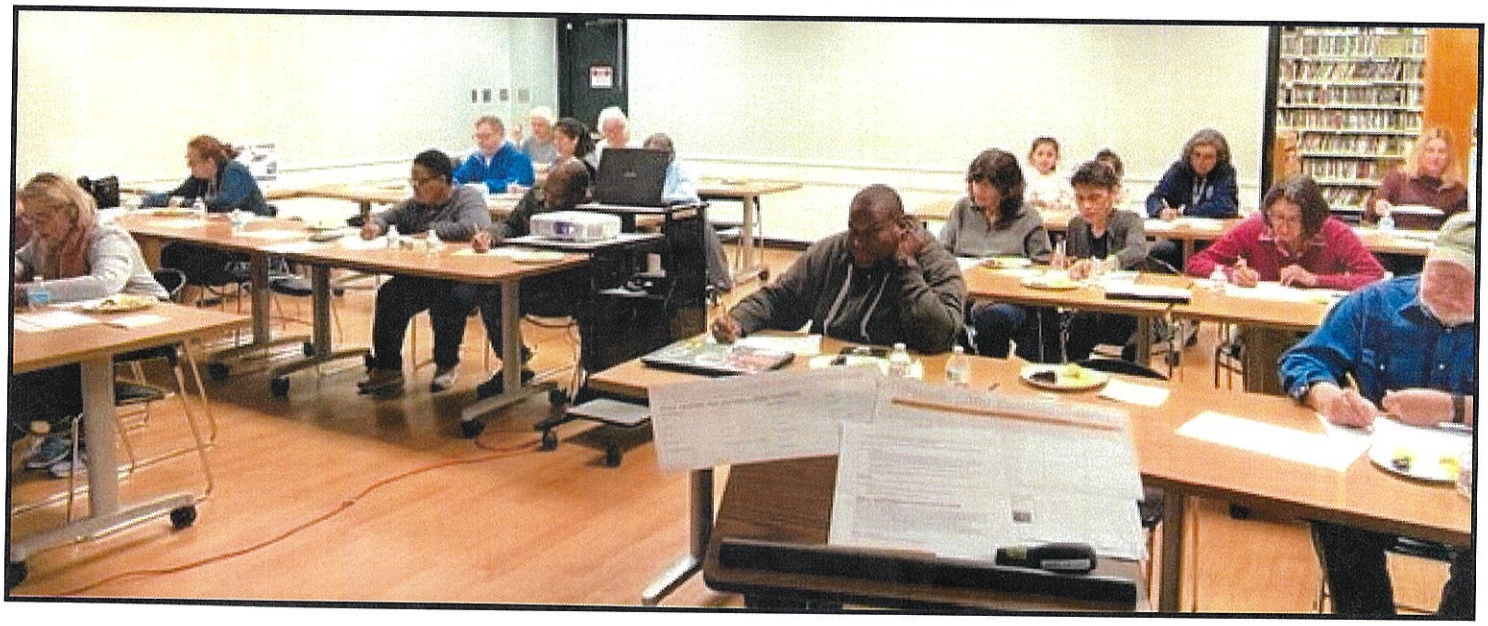
Solar Printing was a family event that had families use solar printing paper, flowers, leaves, and sunlight to make fun images.



- **Photos from the events:**

Craft the Day Away

Drought Tolerant Plants for North Texas



Potato Chip Tasting Class

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Total in Collection	N/A	N/A	121,544	119,499
Programs	60	51	576	410
Program Attendance	2,081	1,333	14,893	8,816
Cards Issued	73	120	822	709
Library Visits	5,230	4,284	41,313	28,123
Notary Service	13	7	110	85
Reference & Directional Transactions	1,076	794	7,300	5,366
Study Room Usage (hours)	406	302	3,471	1,287
Volunteer Hours	56	45	721	391
Webpage Views	1750	1818	13208	12207
CIRCULATION SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Adult Books	929	1,066	7,643	6,341
Youth Books	3,414	3,482	26,035	23,079
Adult Books on CD	76	101	642	610
Youth Books on CD	31	51	211	165
Adult DVDs	595	641	4,557	4,396
Youth DVDs	324	336	2,760	2,338
Adult Kits	0	0	0	15
Youth Kits	21	11	177	152
Music CDs	25	28	250	275
Periodicals	48	42	293	286
eBooks	316	268	2,137	1,978
eAudiobooks	369	310	2,613	2,070
eMagazines	28	17	215	156
Checked out to MetroShare Libraries	1,333	816	8,829	5,562
Renewals	4,504	4,168	32,099	23,712
TOTAL CIRCULATION	**12,013**	**11,337**	**88,461**	**71,135**
Holds/Requested Items Processed	1,835	1,213	12,407	8,191
Interlibrary Loan Requests (TexShare)	46	82	439	568
Curbside checkout transactions	**2**	**5**	**23**	**67**
Curbside-Misc. services	**103**	**146**	**922**	**957**
Self-Check Out Transactions	603	490	4,285	3,160
Self-Check Out-Items Checked Out	3,128	2,505	22,221	16,683
Revenue Collected	$ 1,000.65	$ 947.16	$ 9,179.79	$ 7,715.66
ADULT SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Number of Programs	25	11	256	88
Program Attendance	281	117	2,996	967
Volunteer Hours	47	0	536	0
Internet Users	317	362	2,215	2,083
YOUTH SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Number of Programs	35	40	320	322
Program Attendance	1,800	1,216	11,897	7,849
School Visits	0	0	4	0
Volunteer Hours	9	45	185	391
Youth Computer Users	875	425	4,645	3,250
TECHNICAL SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Material Items Received	404	669	3,176	3,081
Materials Added	591	721	3,289	3,893
Materials Withdrawn	93	12	2,213	2,639

Watauga Public Library C.A.R.E.S.

May 2023

Comments from the Library Director:

The Watauga Public Library 2023 Summer Reading Club program brochure is now available online (https://www.cowtx.org/DocumentCenter/View/16072/2023-SRC-Brochure), or at the library in print form. Information about "Beanstack," the library's web-based Summer Reading Club software included (https://wataugatx.beanstack.org/reader365).

As a member of the MetroShare Consortium, Watauga Public Library (WPL) applied with the consortium members for a third "Regional ILS Cooperative Grant" with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). The applicants were informed of approval from the Grant Review Panel in May 2023.

On April 26, 2023, MetroShare Directors meeting the 501 (C)(3) Non-Profit group (MetroShare Community of Libraries) was approved by the attendees.

The Adult Services Department has launched a new *At-Home Delivery Program,* focused on serving Watauga residents who cannot leave their homes.

During these dates in 2022 the "Door Count/Customer Traffic" was 1,673. For the same dates in 2023 the total was 2,204. This is a 31.7394% increase.

Comments from Patrons:

"Everyone is just so nice here." - anonymous

"Thank you for all your effort you put into this. It's a highlight for us." -Mr. Watson (salsa tasting)

"You're such an exceptional educator. I'm so impressed by you. Thank you so much." -phone call from Vera Sweet. She was calling to ask about upcoming adult classes.

"Keep the tastings going. They're great!" -anonymous survey response (salsa tasting)

Civic / Community Engagement / Cultivating Community/ Digital Inclusion / Economic Development / Job Skills

- Curbside Service continues.
- The Circulation Staff receives and processes print jobs sent from patrons' home or library computers. They send faxes and welcome informational questions.

Adult Services Librarian Dana Harper & staff have created the following online classes & events to reach out to our public:

Adult Events:

◊ Well-Read Book Club	9
◊ Any-Book Book Club	5
◊ Medicare Education Class	6
◊ Meditation (1 class)	5
◊ Knitting (4 sessions)	23
◊ Salsa Tasting Class	16
◊ Blotted Line Printmaking (outreach)	15
◊ Regional Spelling Bee (outreach)	48
◊ Star Wars Trivia	17
◊ Family Book Night	14
◊ Mr. Novy Art Class	30
◊ Backyard Composting (TCMGA)	17
◊ Drought Gardening (TCMGA)	9
◊ Insect Hotels (TCMGA)	15
◊ Job Fair (vendors)	21
◊ Job Fair (job seekers)	3
◊ ESL, beginner (10 classes)	66

Other:

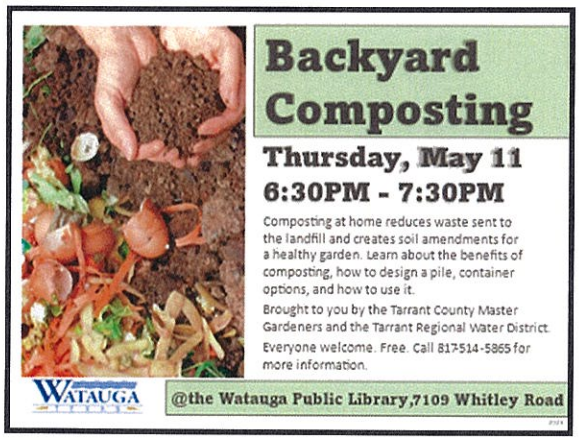
◊ Staff Computer Classes (30 minutes +):	1
◊ MetroShare Passport punches	0
◊ At-Home Delivery	1

Facebook informational/social services slides:

- ◊ Friends of the Library Meeting
- ◊ Knitting and Crochet Group
- ◊ Meditation Classes
- ◊ Salsa Tasting Class
- ◊ Tough Plants for North Texas
- ◊ Craft the Day Away
- ◊ Medicare Education Class
- ◊ Acrylic Painting Class
- ◊ Any-Book Book Club
- ◊ Potato Chip Tasting
- ◊ (Bad) Behavior in Elizabethan England x 2
- ◊ Well-Read Book Club

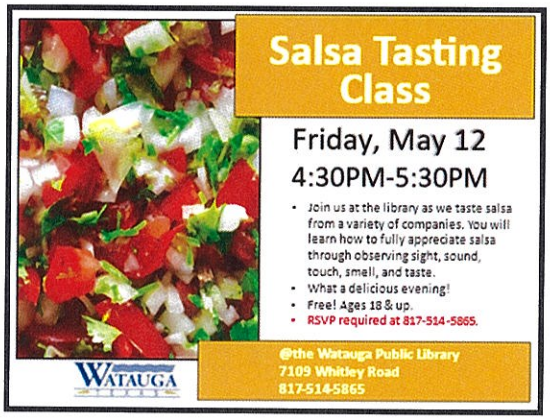
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AT WATAUGA FEST

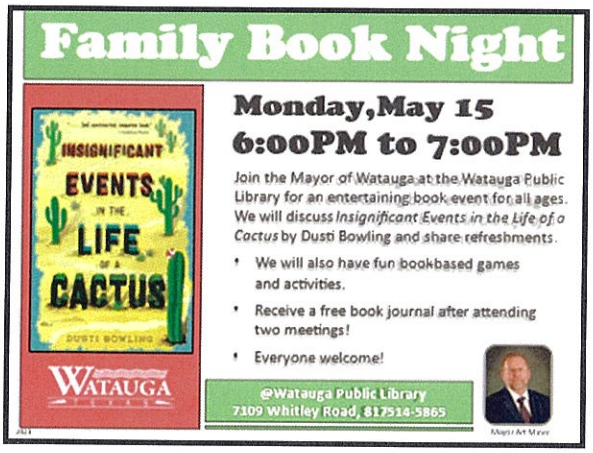
Adult Services:



Tarrant County Master Gardener John Cheney shared his tips for composting and followed up this class with a bonus class on insect hotels.

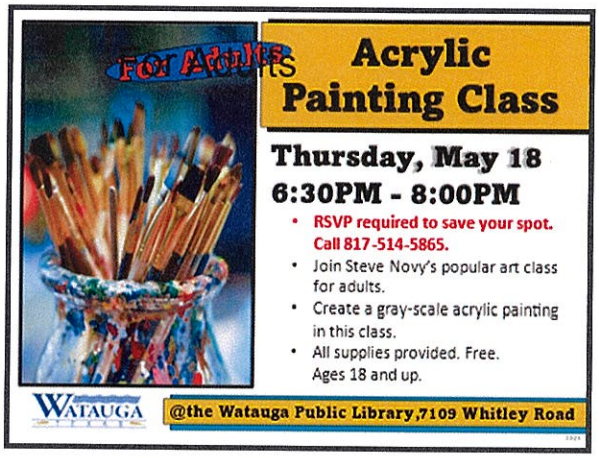
Attendees love our tasting sessions. These classes teach people the art of tasting using all 5 senses.





Family Book Night brings all ages together to discuss middle-grade books. The Mayor is always our special guest.

Mr. Novy is back and teaching art classes for adults! The May class focused on gray-scale acrylic painting.



Early Childhood Literacy / Family Development & Enrichment

Regular Youth Events:

- Mother Goose: (1) - **12**
- Music & Movement (0) - **0**
- Storytime: (4) - **178**
- Sensory Storytime (0) - **0**
- Bilingual Storytime: (0) - **0**

Special Programs (in person):

- 5/1,8,15,22,—Pokémon Club: **19,16,18,**
- 5/5—Chess Club: **8**

Special Programs-Teen events:

- Anime Plus: **1**
- Teen Summer Volunteer Training: **34**
- ASPIRE STEM Projects Out Reach: **200**

Special Programs-Craft Take & Make:

- Spring Take-N-Make
- Solar Printing Take-N-Make

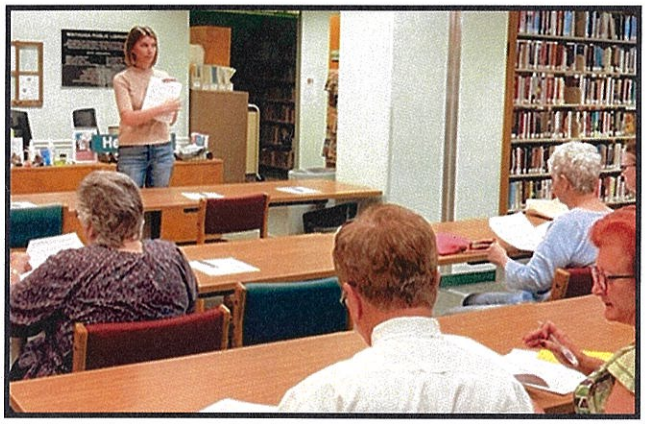
- **Photos from Events:**

Family Book Night with Mayor Miner

Job Fair with Goodwill

- **Photos from Events:**

Insect Hotels with Tarrant County Master Gardeners



Medicare Education Class

Mr. Novy's Black-and-White Acrylic Class

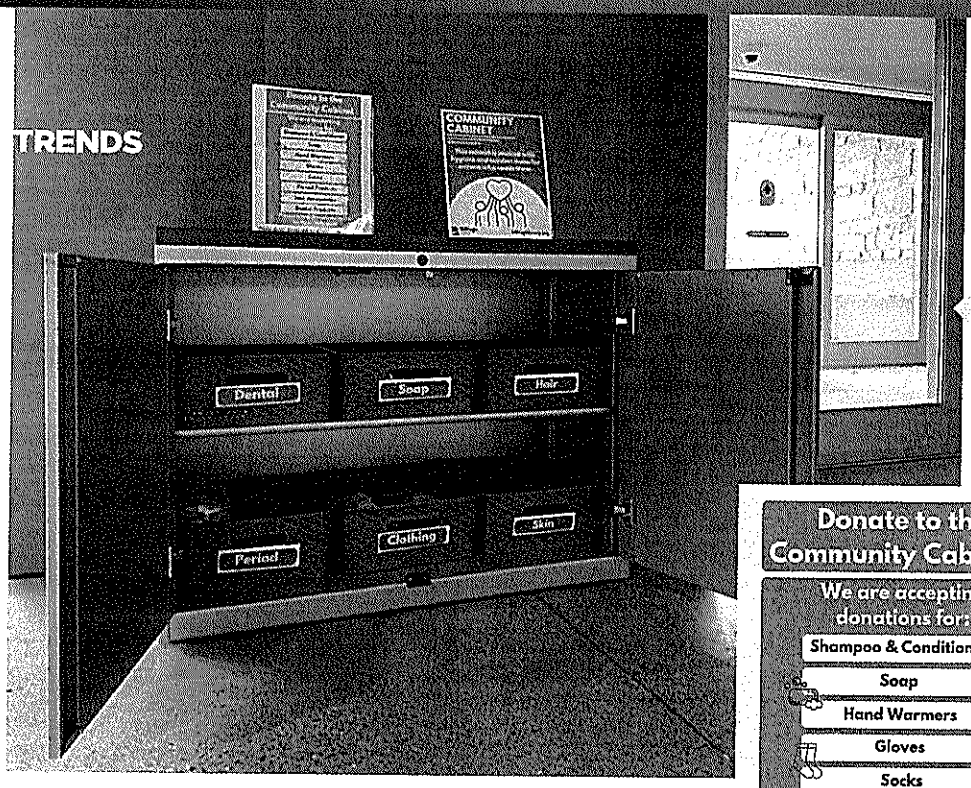
Salsa Tasting Class

Backyard Composting with Tarrant County Master Gardeners

Regional Spelling Bee

WATAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY-REPORT SUMMARY
Monthly Report - May, 2023

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	Current Month	This Month Last Year	Year to Date 2022-23	Year to Date 2021-22
Circulation Total	13,401	12,634	101,862	83,769
Total in Collection	N/A	N/A	121,627	119,677
Programs	48	40	624	450
Program Attendance	868	709	15,761	9,525
Cards Issued	129	127	951	836
Library Visits	5,732	4,943	47,045	33,066
Notary Service	15	20	125	105
Reference & Directional Transactions	1,278	944	8,578	6,310
Study Room Usage (hours)	393	248	3,864	1,535
Volunteer Hours	100	14	821	405
Webpage Views	2394	2138	15602	14345
CIRCULATION SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Adult Books	1,266	1,201	8,909	7,542
Youth Books	4,059	4,300	30,094	27,379
Adult Books on CD	86	130	728	740
Youth Books on CD	61	32	272	197
Adult DVDs	742	607	5,299	5,003
Youth DVDs	510	427	3,270	2,765
Adult Kits	2	0	2	15
Youth Kits	35	10	212	162
Music CDs	39	17	289	292
Periodicals	54	41	347	327
eBooks	320	271	2,457	2,249
eAudiobooks	400	296	3,013	2,366
eMagazines	39	24	254	180
Checked out to MetroShare Libraries	1,391	835	10,220	6,397
Renewals	4,397	4,443	36,496	28,155
TOTAL CIRCULATION	**13,401**	**12,634**	**101,862**	**83,769**
Holds/Requested Items Processed	1,930	1,181	14,337	9,372
Interlibrary Loan Requests (TexShare)	62	101	501	669
Curbside checkout transactions	**3**	**7**	**26**	**74**
Curbside-Misc. services	**138**	**110**	**1,060**	**1,067**
Self-Check Out Transactions	689	526	4,974	3,686
Self-Check Out-Items Checked Out	3,746	3,059	25,967	19,742
Revenue Collected	$ 1,481.60	$ 1,230.22	$ 10,661.39	$ 8,945.88
ADULT SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Number of Programs	32	16	288	104
Program Attendance	360	178	3,356	1,145
Volunteer Hours	67	0	603	0
Internet Users	355	370	2,570	2,453
YOUTH SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Number of Programs	16	24	336	346
Program Attendance	508	531	12,405	8,380
School Visits	0	1	4	1
Volunteer Hours	33	14	218	405
Youth Computer Users	725	575	5,370	3,825
TECHNICAL SERVICES	**Current Month**	**This Month Last Year**	**Year to Date 2022-23**	**Year to Date 2021-22**
Material Items Received	351	397	3,527	3,478
Materials Added	364	450	3,653	4,343
Materials Withdrawn	281	272	2,494	2,911



In January, Billings (Mont.) Public Library installed the Community Cabinet in its lobby. The cabinet contains hygiene products that patrons can take freely and discreetly.

Personal Care

Libraries distribute free hygiene kits

BY Rosie Newmark

Last summer, Taylor Arnold, media and reference librarian at Billings (Mont.) Public Library (BPL), pedaled a bike library around the city. From an outfitted tricycle, he distributed books, taught yoga classes, and provided outreach services to the community.

During one of his routes, Arnold stopped at a downtown skate park and noticed that many of the people who approached him weren't skaters and had atypical requests.

"I had multiple interactions with folks who were like, 'Do you have any period products? Do you have soap?'" Arnold remembers. "That's what motivated me to start asking more of the folks there, 'What other things do you want? Let's see what I can get you.'"

These frequent conversations at the park, during which Arnold learned about individuals' transitional living situations, motivated him to create BPL's Community Cabinet. The library installed the cabinet in its lobby in January, stocking it with free toiletries and hygiene products that anyone can discreetly take.

"You don't have to be using or patronizing the library to come in and use the cabinet," Arnold says. "You can just pop in the front door before anyone has really seen you or talked to you yet."

Other libraries across the country are identifying similar needs in their communities and implementing hygiene product distribution programs at their institutions.

"It's great that it's being used, but it's sad that folks are having to use the Community Cabinet for these resources," Arnold says. "Everyone should have access to these products for an ideal level of comfort."

Kits create connections

BPL's Community Cabinet, which relies on public donations, has six bins dedicated to different types of items: dental products, soaps, hair products, period products, clothing, and skin care items. Arnold says he restocks the cabinet once or twice a day and usually finds it empty by the time he returns.

In 2021, DC Public Library (DCPL) in Washington, D.C., launched its Care Kits program using a Library Services and Technology Act grant and funding from the DC Public Library Foundation. The library spent $20,000 on the initiative in 2022 to make items like shampoo, hand wipes, lotions, clothing, and period products available to those in need.

"I think the community really appreciates that the public library offers these items," says Jean Badalamenti, manager of health and human services at DCPL, who oversees the program. "And I think our branches appreciate having them available to people."

Nearly all of DCPL's 26 locations carry Care Kits, says Badalamenti, but each branch decides on a distribution model appropriate for its customers. At Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, where Badalamenti works, patrons request kits at the front desk. Across town, the Northeast branch keeps its kits in a basket across from the circulation desk. Northeast Branch Manager Amy Steinbauer says her staffers felt the grab-and-go option created a dignified experience for patrons.

"Sometimes people take more than one kit, or one of our patrons would take the food items out of each bag and leave the rest," Steinbauer says. "Ultimately, we felt

Photo: Billings (Mont.) Public Library

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that it was still better to have them available than to try to control how people used them."

Steinbauer says the Care Kits have enabled her team to grow relationships with their regular patrons, many of whom are unhoused. She recalls a rainy day when a patron came in and took off his wet socks to dry on the radiator. Steinbauer told him he couldn't do that but offered a kit with a fresh pair of socks in them, which he was grateful for.

"Even though he was a regular, and I knew his name, we had never officially met," Steinbauer says. "From this moment, he asked me my name and introduced himself. That Care Kit brought a lot of positive interactions with him."

Removing the stigma

The township of Oak Park, Illinois, wants to make personal care products more accessible for a specific population: children and teens.

Oak Park Township's Youth and Family Services (YFS) Director Megan Traficano says that the topic of hygiene comes up often when working with this age group. Youth notice their bodies are changing and may have questions about puberty, she says, but many are too embarrassed to talk about it or get bullied if their families can't afford hygiene supplies.

"We really wanted to destigmatize and make it where somebody didn't necessarily have to come in and say 'I need this,'" Traficano says, "because sometimes, especially for youth, they might not feel comfortable doing that."

Though the local agency offers hygiene kits onsite and via delivery through the township, it had been looking to provide a more discreet distribution method. In 2022, YFS partnered with Oak Park Public Library (OPPL) to install a latched cabinet containing free toiletries in the restroom of the library's children's department.

The cabinet gets restocked nightly because it's so popular, says OPPL Children's Librarian Genevieve Grove. She notes the most-used items are toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, and body lotion.

"Sometimes unhoused adults come in and take things, and that's fine," Grove says. "It's not like the township has strictly said these supplies can only go for youth, but the first part of our mission is to try to get them in family spaces."

Grove says there has been discussion about expanding hygiene product distribution to other libraries and schools in Oak Park—and is excited by the prospect that these programs will emerge elsewhere across the country.

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>
> **TAYLOR ARNOLD,** media and reference librarian at Billings (Mont.) Public Library

For his part, Arnold wants to secure more sustainable funding for BPL's Community Cabinet. He views the cabinet as just a first step toward addressing larger societal concerns, such as financial and housing insecurity.

"Libraries are about creating an ease of access to items and information," Arnold says, "and that's really what the Community Cabinet strives to do."

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protected against liability under the federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (bit.ly/EmersonAct).

Documenting how often fridges are used can be challenging for several reasons, one of which is libraries' obligation to respect patron privacy. Hayter says her DMPL branch leaves out a sheet of paper and asks visitors to draw hashmarks after taking food. They average around 100 withdrawals weekly, knowing it could be an undercount. CCPL's Montgomery measures use by the weight of food delivered to its branches, which was 50,000 pounds in 2022, but doesn't include any patron-donated foods.

Lamanna of PPLD does not measure input or output, saying that quantifying the fridge's success is simple: Food comes in, food goes out.

"I don't think everything in the library needs to be datafied," he says. "If you're going to do community-based work, you have to be willing to let go of that a little bit and accept the will of the community."

For library workers considering installing a fridge, Hayter and Mangin say it is important to take inventory of local needs and what programs already exist to best determine what role the library should play. Since they installed the fridges, the two say that people on both sides—those who use and those who add to them—have shared their gratitude for DMPL's efforts.

"Are we going to solve food insecurity in the community? No," Hayter says. "But what we've done so far is instrumental in addressing the need."

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Library Science and How to Become a Librarian

A master's degree in library science or information studies is necessary for most librarian jobs.

By Ilana Kowarski

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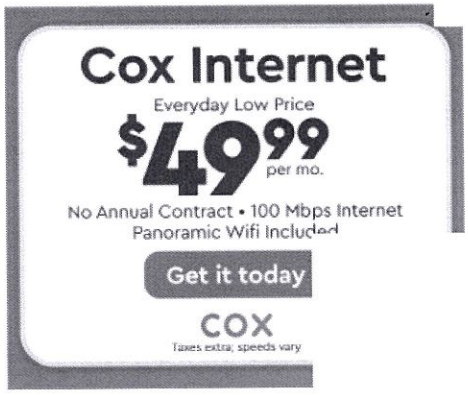
An inquisitive mindset is a beneficial character trait for a future librarian, since the mission of libraries is to encourage intellectual exploration. (GETTY IMAGES)

In those scenarios, librarians become sleuths, using their investigative skills to find whatever is sought after whether a particular fact or an amalgamation of all the credible scholarship on a specific topic.



There are also situations where librarians help people locate one-of-a-kind items such as authenticated historical manuscripts or genuine legal documents. Though it may not be possible to gain direct access to the original versions of rare objects, reliable copies are often available via digital archives. Librarians are skilled at discovering valuable resources in places where others might not think to look.

These information professionals often have a significant amount of authority, since they frequently choose which items are included and excluded within a particular library. Making that decision in an informed and thoughtful way requires encyclopedic knowledge about old and new publications.

Perceptiveness about people is helpful because librarians who understand the needs and wants of their patrons are more likely to provide helpful recommendations.

Why People Choose to Become Librarians

"Although the common perception is that people choose to become librarians because they love books, in reality what we see in our students – who often do love books – is the desire to become a librarian because of a passionate commitment to service, learning and community engagement," wrote Maria Bonn, an associate professor at University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign's School of Information Sciences.

▸▸ **See:** Best Library and Information Studies Programs.

"Librarianship is both a service and a leadership profession, offering many opportunities to both assist the community and its members by meeting information needs and to shape and guide that community," adds Bonn, the program director of her school's Master of Science program in library and information science.

An inquisitive mindset is a beneficial character trait for a future librarian, since the mission of libraries is to encourage intellectual exploration.

"People who are innately curious about the world find this field deeply satisfying, as they spend their time helping others explore their questions and find answers," Brian W. Sturm, associate dean for academic affairs with the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science, wrote in an email. "Students are also attracted to our field from a desire to preserve information for future generations."

Julie Peters, director of the James B. Carey Library in the Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations in New Jersey, says librarianship is a timeless and meaningful profession. "Libraries are not going anywhere," she wrote in an email. "There will always be a need to find, evaluate and organize information so that it can be accessed and used by others."

What Library Science Is and How to Study It

Library science is an academic discipline that is sometimes referred to as information studies. This field focuses on how to classify and use data or objects and emphasizes the importance of preserving knowledge and promoting literacy. Contrary to the myth that libraries are old-fashioned, the academic discipline surrounding the thoughtful management of libraries is not stodgy, explains Peters, who has a master's degree in the field.

"Library science is not about card catalogs and rows of dusty books," she explains. "It's a field that is constantly changing and evolving, as technology creates new strategies for sharing, managing and organizing information."

▸▸ **Read:** 6 Occupations That Typically Require a Master's Degree.

Specializations within library science often concentrate on how to oversee particular types of libraries, such as legal libraries or public libraries, Peters says. However, regardless of what area of library science a student focuses on, he or she will typically study how humans behave when they seek information and which technologies can help people learn, she says.

Bonn notes that graduates of library science programs don't always wind up working in libraries, since they have skills that are valuable in a variety of industries ranging from publishing to music to technology. "They work for the Culinary Institute of America and National Public Radio," she notes. "The skills that support connecting users with information are in high demand in many settings."

Anind Dey, dean of the University of Washington Information School, explains that library and information schools differ from one another, so content that is emphasized in one school's curriculum might not be highlighted at a different academic institution. Courses at his school cover an array of subjects ranging from the future of libraries to misinformation.

Librarian Qualifications and Job Prospects

Most librarian positions require a master's degree in library science, though a bachelor's degree coupled with a teaching certification may be sufficient for some school library jobs, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Master's programs in library science can usually be finished within two years and some can be finished within a single year.

Some library jobs require a degree from a library school that is accredited by the American Library Association, commonly known as the ALA.

▶▶ **Read:** Is Graduate School Worth the Cost?

Laura Robinson, the university librarian at Clark University in Massachusetts, says an education in library science can lead to an enjoyable career path.

"Librarianship is a great place to help people, to support communities, and to be always learning and growing," Robinson, who has a master's in library and information science, wrote in an email. "It's a profession that changes all the time due to all the technology and knowledge that evolves so quickly. It is great for those who are flexible, creative, and endlessly curious. As a librarian for over 20 years my day-to-day work changes on a regular basis."

The BLS predicts that the number of librarians and library media specialists employed in 2029 will be 5% higher than it was in 2019, which is slightly above the average predicted job growth rate for all U.S. occupations within that time frame.

However, aspiring librarians should be aware that paychecks within the profession are generally modest. The median annual salary among U.S. librarians and media collections specialists in 2020 was $60,820, according to bureau statistics.

The ALA Allied Professional Association, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the professional interests of librarians and other library workers, supports initiatives to improve salaries in the profession. But because library positions generally aren't high-paying, prospective library science students should investigate all of their financial aid and scholarship options before applying for a degree in the field, experts say.

Another key fact to keep in mind is that academic libraries often provide higher compensation than public libraries, and library jobs in major metropolitan areas tend to pay better than positions in rural areas, according to the ALA.

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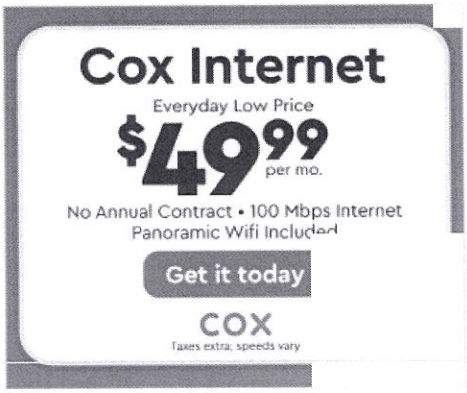
Libraries targeted toward a particular group of people frequently pay higher salaries than libraries aimed at a general audience, according to library science faculty. "Corporate information officers at places like Google or Amazon often start at six-figure salaries, archivists and academic librarians may start around $70,000, and public librarians may start around $45,000," Sturm explains.

Libraries sometimes concentrate on a single topic such as art, law or theology, and they occasionally serve the needs of a particular institution such as a hospital, museum or prison. These types of libraries are called special libraries. Librarians who cater to a specific clientele may opt to join the Special Libraries Association, a nonprofit professional organization.

Robinson notes that compensation within library science depends a lot on the type of job someone has. "Many positions pay quite well," she notes, adding that university libraries tend to offer generous vacation and tuition remission benefits. "Librarians also enjoy much personal freedom in the workplace, to create projects, to dress as we wish, and to occasionally have flexible work schedules."

One perk of a career as a librarian is that the job often allows someone to complete a variety of assignments rather than sticking to a single routine and becoming bored by repetition.

"I have worked in archives and special collections, book repair and preservation, taught college students on efficient ways to find high quality information in fields ranging from engineering to English, and collaborated with faculty to build instruction programs and promote their faculty research beyond the 'ivory tower,'" Robinson says.