



**AGENDA
WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Library Director's Report
Lana Ewell, Director of Library Services
2. Report from Youth Librarian Barbara Goss on the upcoming Summer Reading Program.
Lana Ewell, Director of Library Services

PUBLIC COMMENT This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Council on items not posted on the current meeting agenda. Only those who have submitted a proper "Request to Speak Form" shall be permitted to speak. Citizens should provide their name and address for the record and will have no more than 3 minutes to speak. If representing an organization or group, the speaker should identify who they represent. Those wishing to speak are reminded 1) All comments are to be directed to the Council. 2) Be respectful of others. 3) No profanity permitted. 4) Violators will be removed from the premises. No discussion by the Council or Staff is allowed except to correct factual inaccuracies or request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Council on current agenda action items (excludes presentations and reports). Only those persons who have submitted a proper "Request to Speak Form" will be allowed to speak. Citizens will be required to state their name and address for the record. They have up to 3 minutes to speak, and their comments must be germane to the item. If speaking for an organization or group, the speaker should identify the group represented. Council members may ask questions or discuss the item with the citizens directly.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

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. Any council member wishing to pull an item may do so.

1. Consider approval of the March 11, 2025 Library Board meeting minutes
Linda Proskey, City Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT (817) 514-5825 OR FAX (817) 514-3625 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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 May 9, 2025, before 5:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

/S/ Linda Proskey
City Secretary

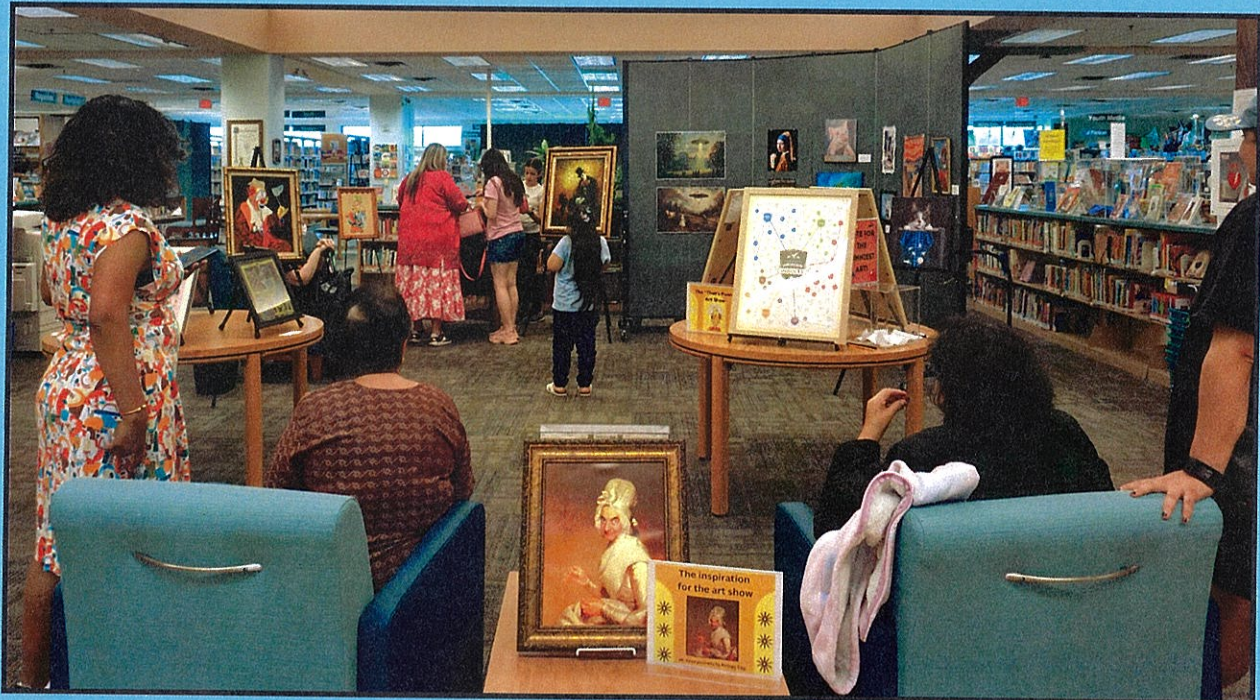


Watauga Public Library C.A.R.E.S.

March 2025



Big Vehicle Day in March!



Humorous Art Show

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.

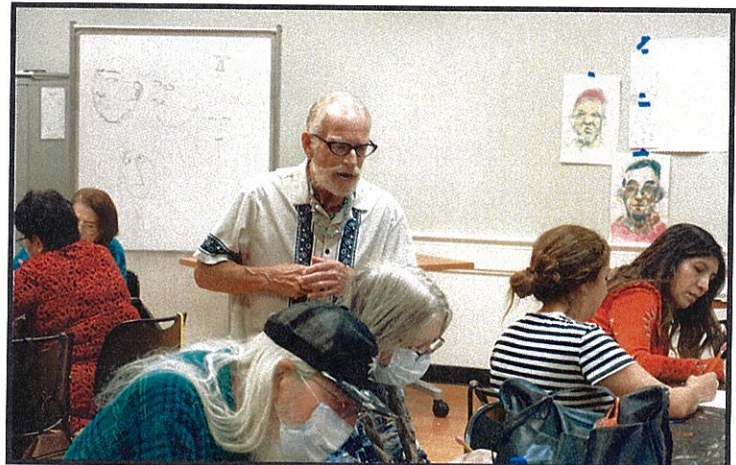
Adult Services Librarian Dana Harper & staff have created the following online classes & events to reach out to our public:

Adult Events Attendance:

- ◆ Well-Read Book Club 15
- ◆ Any-Book Book Club 15
- ◆ Medicare Education Class 2
- ◆ Meditation (4 class) 21
- ◆ Knitting /Crochet(5 sessions) 27
- ◆ Book Club Morbidly Curious 8
- ◆ Color Me Calm 7
- ◆ Dada Collage Class 41
- ◆ Steve Novy Art Class 28
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- ◆ Friends Of the Library meeting 10



Irish Concert



Mr. Novy's Art Class



Plant & Seed Exchange

Early Childhood Literacy / Family Development & Enrichment

Regular Youth Events:

- ◆ Mother Goose: (3) 74
- ◆ Music & Movement:(3) 109
- ◆ Storytime: (14) 497
- ◆ Sensory Storytime: (1) 0
- ◆ Bilingual Storytime: (0) 0

Special Programs (in person):

- ◆ Pokémon Club: (3) 84
- ◆ Crafter Exploration: (0) 0
- ◆ Easy Reader Book Club : (1) 2
- ◆ School Age Lego Challenge Club: (1) 22
- ◆ Scavenger Hunt: 178
- ◆ School Age Lego Challenge: (1) 8
- ◆ Ms. Frida Therapy Dog: (1) 8
- ◆ Big Vehicle Day: (1) 1325
- ◆ Sonic Hedge Hog Day (1) 157
- ◆ Cow Crafts: (1) 46
- ◆ Family Book Night: (1) 16
- ◆ Super Mario Kart Tournament: (1) 49



Big Vehicle Day



Mobile Dairy Replacement Event

WATAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY-REPORT SUMMARY
Monthly Report - March 2025

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	Current Month	This Month Last Year	Year to Date 2024-25	Year to Date 2023-24
Circulation Total	16,748	15,202	94,497	86,114
Total in Collection	N/A	N/A	117,138	119,332
Programs	77	83	413	372
Program Attendance	3,492	2,678	12,870	12,390
Cards Issued	148	117	720	641
Library Visits	7,960	7,470	40,889	36,539
Notary Service	N/A	8	N/A	141
Reference & Directional Transactions	1,355	1,321	6,859	7,232
Study Room Usage (hours)	715	604	3,516	3,331
Volunteer Hours	1780	133	2226	388
Webpage Views	2,123	2,173	11,999	11,366
CIRCULATION SERVICES	Current Month	This Month Last Year	Year to Date 2024-25	Year to Date 2023-24
Adult Books	1,377	1,214	7,002	6,292
Youth Books	4,344	3,856	23,911	22,651
Adult Books on CD	46	94	453	536
Youth Books on CD	57	26	316	191
Adult DVDs	723	650	3,910	3,886
Youth DVDs	356	443	2,116	2,484
Adult Kits	0	2	3	10
Youth Kits	29	20	185	157
Music CDs	16	34	210	253
Periodicals	36	15	172	149
Playaways - Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Video Games	94	3	457	3
Digital Circulation	1,360	885	7,326	5,452
Checked out to MetroShare Libraries	1,816	1,520	11,293	9,298
Renewals	6,494	6,440	37,143	34,752
TOTAL CIRCULATION	16,748	15,202	94,497	86,114
Hold/Requested Items Processed	2,318	1,985	14,493	12,259
Interlibrary Loan Requests (TexShare)	117	67	586	400
Curbside checkout transactions	3	0	6	19
Curbside-Misc. services	226	79	1,057	733
Self-Check Out-Items Checked Out	4,587	3,687	24,721	21,896
Revenue Collected	\$ 1,139.48	\$ 1,317.86	\$ 7,584.08	\$ 7,599.11
ADULT SERVICES	Current Month	This Month Last Year	Year to Date 2024-25	Year to Date 2023-24
Number of Programs	35	31	170	138
Program Attendance	434	323	2,199	2,310
Volunteer Hours	44	33	243	103
Internet Users	687	374	3,550	1,821
YOUTH SERVICES	Current Month	This Month Last Year	Year to Date 2024-25	Year to Date 2023-24
Number of Programs	42	52	243	234
Program Attendance	3,058	2,355	10,671	10,080
School Visits	0	2	2	3
Volunteer Hours	1,736	100	1,983	285
Youth Computer Users	N/A	879	2,509	4,167
TECHNICAL SERVICES	Current Month	This Month Last Year	Year to Date 2024-25	Year to Date 2023-24
Material Items Received	379	401	2,901	1,911
Materials Added	649	370	3,249	2,401
Materials Withdrawn	280	2,444	3,997	4,518

CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-002

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE LONG RANGE PLAN FOR YEAR 2020-2025; PROVIDING THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Watauga (hereinafter "the City") is committed to strengthening future planning for the Watauga Public Library; and

WHEREAS, The Long Range Plan for 2020-2025 provides for the administration of goals and objectives to ensure responsible growth of the Watauga Public Library into the future and continuing to make the Watauga Public Library, "A Public Library that values excellence, individually and collectively" ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

I.

The proposed Program, "City of Watauga Public Library Long Range Plan 2020-2025," set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted.

II.

This Resolution shall be and is hereby cumulative of all other Resolutions of the City of Watauga, Texas, and this Resolution shall not operate to repeal or affect any such other Resolutions except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, in which event, such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other Resolutions are hereby repealed.

III.

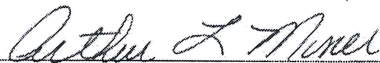
If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Resolution.

IV.

This Resolution shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage and adoption by the City Council and upon approval thereof by the Mayor and the City of Watauga, Texas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas this 13th day of January 2020.


APPROVED:


Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Andrea M. Gardner, City Manager/City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


George Hyde, City Attorney

Watauga Public Library Long Range Plan 2020 - 2025

Introduction

A Long Range Plan is required by the Texas State Library for each Public Library in the state. It is designed to set forth goals and objectives for the library's future growth, and service.

Mission Statement

The Watauga Public Library enriches the live of the community by providing free educational experiences. We celebrate ideas, promote creativity, connect people, enrich lives, and respond to the ever changing needs of our community.

Vision

The Watauga Public Library shares a vision with the nation's founders that liberty and learning are inseparable and that a democratic people must have free, open, and equal access to information.

Values

Open Access:

The Library values free, open, unrestricted access to its collections and services. We are committed to connecting our patrons to the ideas, information and materials they wish to explore in a friendly, nonjudgmental manner. We strive to offer materials, programs and services that represent the needs of our diverse population.

Customer Focus:

The Library values all patrons and is responsive to their service needs. The customer's opinion and input is welcomed in all initiatives and undertakings. We consider the impact on the customer in all decisions.

Excellence:

The Library values excellence, individually and collectively. We offer quality service to all customers by displaying a positive attitude, valuing the diversity of people and perspectives, and expecting integrity and competence in our personal and professional actions. We strive to earn the trust and confidence of all customers.

Growth and Innovation:

The Library values continuous learning and innovation in the pursuit of excellence. We respond to present situations and anticipate future needs.

Good Stewardship:

The Library values responsible stewardship of all the resources with which we have been entrusted. We are accountable for ensuring the proper use of public funds. We take seriously our responsibility to maximize the efficiency of staff time and talent making the best use of all our resources in the delivery of quality library service.

About the Watauga Public Library

The Watauga Public Library (WPL) began service to the public in October of 1983. The Library was located in a 676 square foot room in the Municipal Complex. It opened with a collection of 1,826 books. During the seven years that the Library was housed in the Municipal Complex, it was able to circulate only 30% of its growing collection due to a shortage of shelving space. The remaining 70% of the collection was kept in storage.

On September 24, 1990, the Library moved to its current facility, located north of the Municipal Complex. Expansion of the library was completed in 2007. This brings the library to a total of 20,413 square feet. There are two large and four small study rooms and a meeting room to provide quiet areas for study or meetings. A feature of the library is a woodland mural painted by nationally known local muralist and children's book illustrator Liz Bonham.

According to the 2018 Public Library Data from the Texas State Library the library houses 105,245 physical items, and has access to 15,120 electronic books. For the fiscal year ending September 2018, the Library's door count showed a total of 119,262 visits, and total circulation of 292,683 items were checked out to users. During this same fiscal year, 1,844 programs were offered to youth and adults, with a total program attendance of 42,018 persons. Library programs include pre-walker, toddler and pre-school story times, after-school programs, book discussions and lectures, educational classes and a variety of musical and entertainment programs. The Library's Summer Reading Club is one of the more successful programs in this area. In addition to standard reference, readers' advisory, and research assistance, the Library provides a Homework Help Center, language literacy tutoring, computer training, and notary public and fax transmission services. The Library also provides a separate Spanish language collection for both children and adults. There is a Virtual Library at the Senior Center. It is our hope to reach underserved areas of the community. The Library is open to the public six days a week, for a total of 44 hours.

The Watauga Public Library participates in the MetrOPAC Consortium, which provides users access to over two million items, sharing an integrated library catalog with six other area libraries, including Fort Worth Library. The Library also has reciprocal agreements with five other Northeast Tarrant County libraries. The consortium and reciprocal agreements allow our users to take advantage of collections and programs in most Tarrant County libraries free of charge. WPL also participates in the TexShare program.

About Watauga

Watauga occupies a 4.1 square mile area in the northwest quadrant of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Legend has it that the name "Watauga" is Cherokee, meaning "land of many springs". Historians say the Cherokee and other Native Americans lived for a time in the area. The outlaw Sam Bass is supposed to have buried treasure in Big Fossil Creek. The area supposedly contains Comanche burial grounds and a rumored lost Spanish gold mine.

The first permanent residents arrived from Tennessee in 1843. After the Civil War the settlement grew and developed as a loosely organized area of large farms and ranches. It developed into an established community in the early 1880s thanks to the extension of tracks of the Texas and Pacific Railway. Watauga had a population of sixty-five in the middle 1930s. It had an identical population ten years later. It emerged from a period of decline

during the post-World War II years in part due to the development of defense plants in the area. The town of Watauga was incorporated in 1958.

The following data is based on the United States Census Bureau American Fact Finder 2018 Population Annual Estimates & 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates for Watauga, Texas. The estimated population of Watauga is now 24,555.

The median age of a Watauga citizen is 33.6 years old. The breakdown of Citizens ages are:

- Under the age of 18 years - 28.2%
- 15 to 19 years - 9.2 %
- 25 to 34 years - 15.1%
- 35 to 44 years - 13.7%
- 45 to 54 years - 14.0%
- 55 to 64 years - 7.1%
- 60 to 64 years - 4.0%
- 65 to 74 years - 5.5%
- 75 to 84 years - 2.5%
- 85 to over - 0.7%

The basic ethnic breakdown of the City of Watauga according to the Census data is:

- White* - 78.6%
- Asian - 8.2%
- Black - 4.2 %
- Two or more races - 3.2%
- Native American and Alaskan Native - 1.1%
- Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander - 0.1%
- Some other race - 4.6%

*The Hispanic population is combined with the "White" statistics. When broken out of this group it is:

- 19.6% Total of the population.
- 15.6% is listed as Mexican;
- 0.3% Puerto Rican;
- 0.4% Cuban;
- 3.4% as other Hispanic or Latino

The total number of households within the City is 8,125 according to the 2013 – 2017 American Community 5-Year Estimates.

- Total housing units - 8,125
- Occupied housing units - 7,948
- Vacant housing units - 177

- Homeowner vacancy rate - 0.9
- Rental vacancy rate - 1.9

The Median Household Income is \$68,293. Employment status:

- Population 16 years and over - 18,508
- In labor force - 13,367
- Civilian labor force - 13,355
- Employed - 12,651
- Unemployed - 704
- Armed Forces - 12
- Not in labor forces - 5,141

Commuting to Work:

- Workers 16 years and over - 12,198
- Car, truck, or van – drove alone - 10,457
- Car, truck, or van - carpooled - 1,117
- Public transportation (excluding taxicab) - 101
- Walked - 35
- Other means - 82
- Worked at home - 406
- Mean travel time to work (minutes) - 27.8

Individuals below the poverty level in Watauga are at 9.6% of the population. The Texas state poverty rate (as of September 2018) was 14.7%.

- Total population 5 years and over (English speakers) :
- Age 5 to 17 years estimated at 5,004 22.5%
- Age 18 to 64 years estimated at 15,402 68.0%
- Age 65 years and over estimated at 2,114 9.5%

- Total population 5 years and over (Speak a language other than English at home) :
- Age 5 to 17 years estimated at 925 21.0%
- Age 18 to 64 years estimated at 3,091 70.0%
- Age 65 years and over estimated at 398 9.0%

- Total population 5 years and over (Speak Spanish at home):
- Age 5 to 17 years estimated at 588 22.9%
- Age 18 to 64 years estimated at 1,716 66.7%
- Age 65 years and over estimated at 269 10.5%

Educational attainment results within the population 25 years or older show the following:

- Less than 9th grade - 5.1%
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma - 6.2%
- High School graduate or GED - 30.9%
- Some college, no degree - 30.6%
- Associate degree - 8.7%
- Bachelor's degree - 12.9%
- Graduate or Professional degree - 5.6%

The Birdville and Keller Independent School Districts provide elementary and secondary education services within the City. There are four campuses located within the City. All four are Title 1 schools. Six elementary schools, four middle schools and four high schools serve Watauga citizens throughout the county.

There are also numerous Colleges, Universities, and training institutes within the region.

- Remington College- Fort Worth (6.1 miles)
- Tarrant County College District- Fort Worth (8.7 miles)
- Texas Wesleyan University- Fort Worth (8.8 miles)
- Westwood College Of Technology- Euless (9.4 miles)
- University Of North Texas-Health Science Center At Fort Worth (10.0 miles)
- JPS Institute For Health Career Development (11.5 miles)
- Texas Christian University- Fort Worth (11.8 miles)
- The University Of Texas- Arlington (12.1 miles)
- DeVry University- Irving (15.0 miles)
- Court Reporting Institute- Wheeler Institute Of Texas at Dallas (21.7 miles)
- University Of Texas Southwestern Medical Center At Dallas (24.4 miles)
- Dallas County Community College District (26.6 miles)
- University Of North Texas- Denton (25.7 miles)
- Texas Woman's University- Denton (26.7 miles)

Library Needs Assessment Information

In FY 2018/2019 the Watauga City Council approved a "Library Needs Assessment" Study. The study was presented to the City Council on September 21, 2019 by Bill Hidell of Hidell Associates Architects. It was agreed to present the question of a new library building before the citizens in an upcoming bond election, at a date yet to be determined.

Library Survey 2019

As part of the "Library Needs Assessment" the Library conducted a Library Survey. The survey ran from May to October 2019. The survey will be presented to the City Council in 2020.

Goals and Objectives for 2020 to 2025

Strategic Priority 1:

Provide access to library resources and services in an environment that is convenient, user-friendly, and welcoming to all.

Initiatives

- Continue and improve upon, the tradition of friendly and knowledgeable personal service.
- Optimize and facilitate ease of use of library services through effective policies and procedures.
- Integrate public opinion into library services as expressed on surveys.

Actions

- Revise and expand staff training manual.
- Encourage participation in continuing education opportunities (when available in reasonable proximity and free of charge, as scheduling allows).
- Revise and expand comprehensive procedures manual.
- Develop Adult and Youth Services programming manual.
- Work on strategies to reduce ambient noise in current building.
- Assess, prioritize and implement feasible suggestions from focus groups, surveys, and ongoing public feedback.

Strategic Priority 2:

Serve the community as a cultural community center.

Initiatives

- Increase year-round programming for children, tweens, teens and families.
- Search for low-cost programming.
- Continue to present regularly scheduled, quality art exhibits.
- Pursue grants for special programs.

Actions

- Utilize community expertise.
- Plan diverse roster of programs for a range of ages.
- Publicize art exhibits in local media.
- Publicize exhibition opportunities.
- Investigate feasibility of online summer reading log.

- Continue to provide public meeting space as schedule of library events allows.

Strategic Priority 3:

Continue to develop and maintain a dynamic collection which meets the recreational, informational, and educational needs of the community.

Initiatives

- Present a collection that is appealing and well organized.
- Publicize and promote digital collection of downloadable e-books, e-audiobooks and databases.
- Showcase current collection.
- Advocate for increased materials budget.

Actions

- Perform annual weeding assessments to determine areas of need.
- Create eye-catching slides/links on website.
- Create a series of library information videos to educate the public on searching options.
- Optimize end-cap book display space.

Strategic Priority 4:

Maintain and improve library technology and provide easy access to information and resources.

Initiatives

- Maintain the current number of public access computers.
- Publicize online reference database offerings.
- Review website for ease-of-use.

Actions

- Work with City IT department regarding hardware needs.
- Distribute database information to schools.
- Publicize database information via Library website, social media, and signage at computers.

Strategic Priority 5:

Watauga Public Library will increase awareness of the Library's resources and services.

Initiatives

- Market programs and services in every media, including print, Internet, and the Library's bulletin board.

Actions

- Increase information and ease of use of the library's website.

- Promote the Teen Advisory Board.
- Collaborate with the Friends of the Library.
- Increase and expand visibility and awareness of the Friends of the Library.
- Promote and advertise Wi-Fi in the Library.
- Better utilize word of mouth for programs and services.
- Promote and advertise:
 - * Live Homework Help
 - * Research Databases

Strategic Priority 6:

Watauga Public Library will train, encourage, reward, and celebrate a knowledgeable and dedicated staff, generous volunteers and vital support organizations.

Initiatives

- Create and maintain an atmosphere that recognizes, rewards, and empowers all staff.
- Establish library leadership meetings that address management/library philosophy and feedback.

Actions

- Improve internal communications and operational policies.
- Staff attends professional conferences, all-day staff training. Individual needs for professional development are encouraged and financially supported whenever possible.
- Focus on improving staff work spaces to make their work easier to accomplish, resulting in increased morale and dedication to service.
- Utilize skilled volunteers who can help the library to grow its services without incurring increased burdens on library staff.

*Approved by the Watauga Public Library Board
Watauga, Texas
November 14, 2019*

*Approved by the Watauga City Council
Watauga, Texas
January 13, 2020*

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All Topics



Watauga city,
Texas

Population estimates, July 1, 2024, (V2024)

NA

PEOPLE

Population

Population estimates, July 1, 2024, (V2024)

NA

Population estimates, July 1, 2023, (V2023)

22,934

Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2024)

NA

Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2023)

23,657

Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2024, (V2024)

NA

Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2023, (V2023)

-3.1%

Population, Census, April 1, 2020

23,650

Population, Census, April 1, 2010

23,497

Age and Sex

Persons under 5 years, percent

5.8%

Persons under 18 years, percent

22.8%

Persons 65 years and over, percent

13.6%

Female persons, percent

48.8%

Race and Hispanic Origin

White alone, percent

60.9%

Black alone, percent (a)

10.2%

American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)

0.6%

Asian alone, percent (a)

4.9%

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)

0.7%

Two or More Races, percent

16.4%

Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)

26.8%

White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent

54.6%

Population Characteristics

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Veterans, 2019-2023 1.269
 Foreign-born persons, percent, 2019-2023 12.9%

Housing

Housing Units, July 1, 2023, (V2023) X
 Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2019-2023 80.4%
 Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2019-2023 \$233,400
 Median selected monthly owner costs - with a mortgage, 2019-2023 \$1,714
 Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2019-2023 \$756
 Median gross rent, 2019-2023 \$1,826
 Building Permits, 2023 X

Families & Living Arrangements

Households, 2019-2023 7,903
 Persons per household, 2019-2023 2.94

Living in the same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2019-2023 87.9%

Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2019-2023 21.2%

Computer and Internet Use

Households with a computer, percent, 2019-2023 98.5%

Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2019-2023 96.5%

Education

High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2019-2023 89.3%

Bachelor's degree or higher, Percent of persons age 25 years+, 2019-2023 25.9%

Health

With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2019-2023 8.8%

Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent 20.3%

Economy

In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2019-2023 70.5%

In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2019-2023 60.8%

Total accommodation and food services sales, 2022 (\$1,000) (c) 82,114

Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2022 (\$1,000) (c) 24,329

Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2022 (\$1,000) (c) 3,010

Total retail sales, 2022 (\$1,000) (c) 399,727

Total retail sales per capita, 2022 (c) \$15,597

Transportation

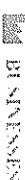
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2019-2023 29.2

Income & Poverty

Median households income (in 2023 dollars), 2019-2023 \$91,669

Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2023 dollars), 2019-2023 \$33,940

Persons in poverty, percent 10.1%



Businesses

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1	Total employer establishments, 2022	X
2	Total employment, 2022	X
3	Total annual payroll, 2022 (\$1,000)	X
4	Total employment, percent change, 2021-2022	X
5	Total nonemployer establishments, 2022	X
6	All employer firms, Reference year 2022	323
7	Men-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	146
8	Women-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	59
9	Minority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	119
10	Nonminority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	111
11	Veteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	2
12	Nonveteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	252

GEOGRAPHY

Geography

1	Population per square mile, 2020	5,686.5
2	Population per square mile, 2010	5,646.1
3	Land area in square miles, 2020	4.16
4	Land area in square miles, 2010	4.16
5	FIPS Code	4876672

[About datasets used in this table](#)

Value Notes

Methodology differences may exist between data sources, and so estimates from different sources are not comparable.

Some estimates presented here come from sample data, and thus have sampling errors that may render some apparent differences between geographies statistically indistinguishable. Click the Quick Info icon to the left of each row in TABLE view to learn about sampling error.

The vintage year (e.g., Y2024) refers to the final year of the series (2020 thru 2024). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

Users should exercise caution when comparing 2019-2023 ACS 5-year estimates to other ACS estimates. For more information, please visit the [2023 5-year ACS Comparison Guidance page](#).

Fact Notes

- (a) Includes persons reporting only one race
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories
- (c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data

Value Flags

- D Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information
- F Fewer than 25 firms
- FN Footnote on this item in place of data
- NA Not available
- S Suppressed: does not meet publication standards
- X Not applicable
- Z Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown
- Either no or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest or upper interval of an open ended distribution.
- N Data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

QuickFacts data are derived from: Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, Current Population Survey, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits.


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ABOUT SUMMER READING 2025

What is **Beanstack**?

Beanstack is the Library's web-based Summer Reading Club software. It allows you to track your minutes and activities, see upcoming events, and receive weekly, personalized book and event recommendations.



How do I **sign up**?

1. Go to <https://wataugatx.beanstack.org/>
2. Click on the blue **"Register an Individual or Family"** button.
3. Fill in the information.
 - a. If you are a parent registering a child, be sure to enter your information under **"Adult Information."** Beanstack allows a family's separate accounts to be linked together so that all family members can be accessed with one login.
4. Once you are registered, you will be taken to your account page. This is where you will log your minutes and activities and track the badges you earn.

Follow us on **social media** to keep up to date with our events.



Sign up for **Beanstack** here:



Reading **Requirements**

All material read from June 1 - July 31, 2025 will be counted toward the reading goal of 1500 minutes or 25 hours.

Reading **Prizes**

A fun prize will be awarded for every 5 hours of reading. If you're an adult, your name will go into a drawing.

Prizes are subject to change due to availability.

No prizes will be awarded after August 2, 2025.

Watauga Public Library

7109 Whitley Road
Watauga, Texas 76148

Call: 817-514-5866 or 817-514- 5865
Website: <https://cowtx.org/898/Library>



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JUNE'S EVENTS



Summer Reading Kick-Off
at the Splash Pad
June 2nd @ 10AM-12PM

Snake Encounters
with Daryl Sprout

June 3rd @
4:00-5:00PM



Looking for **family nights**?

Family Night Lotería

June 2nd @ 5:00-7:00PM

Family Night Bluey

June 9th @ 5:00-7:00PM

Family Night Art

June 23rd @ 5:00-7:00PM



Juggling & Magic
with David Slick

June 4th @ 4:00-5:00PM

DO YOU LIKE SPELLING BEES?

- **Pokémon Spelling Bee** is June 17th @ 4-5PM
- **Dinosaur Spelling Bee** is June 19th @ 5-6PM
 - As a part of Dino Day

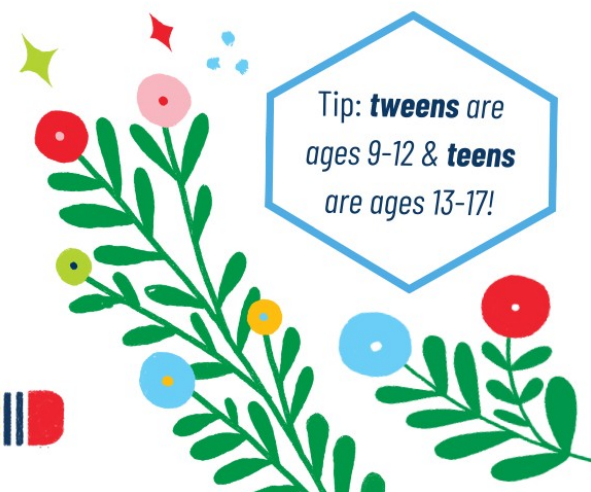


Looking for **gaming**?

The **Super Smash Bros: Ultimate Tournament**
is June 20th @ 1-6PM. Open to ages 7-17.

RSVP required to participate.

Tip: **tweens** are
ages 9-12 & **teens**
are ages 13-17!



Events for **tweens & teens**:

- **Bead Expo** on June 6th @ 2:00-4:00PM
 - Explore beading and create bead art
- **Tween After Hours: Tie Dye Tag** on June 13th @ 6:45-8:00PM
 - Wear comfy clothes to run in and get dirty!
- **Teen June-o-ween After Hours** on June 27th @ 6:45-8:00PM
 - Enjoy Halloween- and horror-themed activities, such as our Haunted Stacks



JULY'S CLASSES



For our **week-long camps**, you need to sign up only once to attend!

Sewing Camp for Teens

July 1st - July 5th @ 2:00-4:00PM

RSVP for an exciting week of sewing!

This is a daily camp and the final projects made during the camp will be displayed in the Fashion Show Reveal on July 5th!



Art Camp with Mr. Novy

July 7th - July 12th @ 2:00-3:30PM

RSVP to experience Mr. Novy's sensational art classes!

This is camp that varies in age day-to-day. Younger kids will have classes that build on the previous day.

Please sign up for the age-appropriate date(s).

Ages & Dates for Art Camp

- July 7th & 10th: Ages 5-7
- July 8th & 11th: Ages 8-11
- July 9th: Ages 12-17



Theater Camp for Tweens
with Stage West

July 14th - July 18th @ 2:00-4:00PM

Embrace the art of the theater acting!

This is a daily camp, so please plan to attend each session. This camp experience builds off the skills taught by Stage West and the comfort built by the tweens all together.

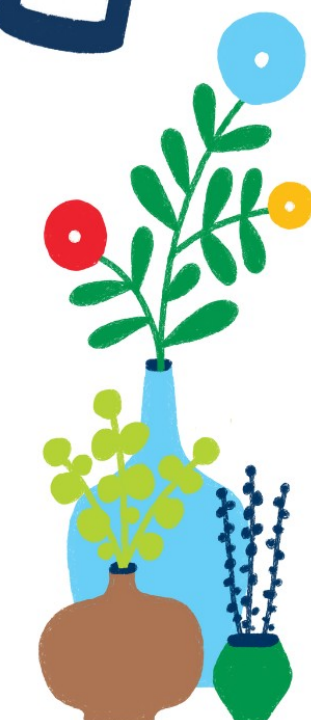


Crafty Adventures Camp for Ages 6-17

July 21st - July 25th @ 2:00-4:00PM

RSVP to request art materials you'd like to explore and craft with!

This camp runs throughout the week, so feel free to join and create a long-form project, such as something involving papier-mâché. This camp is similar to our Crafty Explorations club.



Doc Gibbs Trio
Jazz Trio

July 12th
@ 1:00-2:00PM



Chemistry Road Show

with Texas A&M

July 30th @ 4:00-5:00PM

End of Summer Reading Party

July 31st @ 2:00-3:30PM

Celebrate with ice cream and more!

DO YOU LIKE ANIME & MANGA?

ToshoCon is July 26th @ 12:00-4:00PM

Enjoy games, prizes, a cosplay contest, and more!

Event for ages 10+ | Cosplay must be PG

JULY'S EVENTS

Fashion Show Reveal

July 5th @ 1:00-2:30PM



Come see what our teens who attended Sewing Camp made during their week!

JUNE'S EVENTS

Pirates
with Sam Nash

June 11th
@ 4:00-5:00PM



A Magic Show
with Brett Roberts

June 10th @ 4:00-5:00PM

Dino Day & Spelling Bee
with Ranger Zach

June 19th @ 4:00-6:00PM

Animal Trivia
with WPL

June 24th
@ 4:00-5:30PM



Gabby's Dollhouse
Mermaid Sparkle Party

June 25th @ 4:00-5:30PM

DO YOU LIKE POKÉMON?

- **Family Night: Pokémon Crafts** is June 16th @ 5:00-7:00PM
- **Pokémon Spelling Bee** is June 17th @ 4:00-5:00PM
- **Pokémon Art Contest** is June 18th @ 4:00-5:30PM
- **Pokémon TCG Tournament** is June 20th & the **Pokémon Videogame Tournament** is June 21st @ 1PM

RSVP

Dallas Zoo
Limited Presentation
June 7th @ 1:00-2:00PM

Korean Fan Dance
with Buchaechum

June 14th @ 1:00-2:00PM



WPL in partnership with
ARTSNET

Superhero Day
with WPL

June 30th
@ 5:00-7:00PM



RSVP with Youth via Sign-Up



LOOKING FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AIMED TOWARDS ADULTS?

Jazz All Stars Concert

June 12th @ 6:30-7:30PM

Dinosaurs for Adults
with Ranger Zach

June 19th @ 6:00-7:00PM

Mixed-Media Still Life
with Steve

June 26th @ 6:00-7:45PM

Slow Stitch with Alicia

July 10th @ 6:00-7:30PM

3-D Interior Collage
with Steve

July 24th @ 6:00-7:45PM

The Lake Worth Monster
with Lyle Blackburn

July 24th @ 6:30-7:30PM

Harry Potter Lego Night

July 29th @ 4:00-6:00PM

Harp Essence Concert

July 31st @ 6:30-7:30PM

RSVP for art, sewing, and Legos with Adult Services @ the Reference Desk, Facebook, or via 817-514-5865.

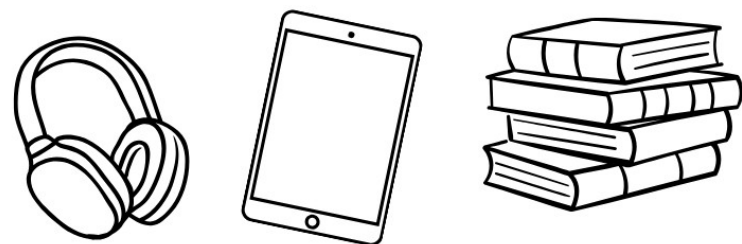


REMEMBERING MY READING

Summer Reading isn't only about numbers—it's about the experience and fun!
Use these prompts to keep track of what you liked about your reading and more.

WHAT I'M READING SUMMER 2025:

WHAT TYPES OF READING I DID:



MY FAVORITE AUTHOR:

(LEAST FAVORITE BOOK I READ)

HOW MANY PAGES:

MAKE SURE TO ADD YOUR TIME TO YOUR BEANSTACK ACCOUNT TO RECIEVE PRIZES!



LOGGING MY READING

FILL IN EACH CLOCK FOR **ONE HOUR OF READING**

FAVORITE BOOK OF SUMMER 2025:



Add a book to the stack for each one you finish!

DATE

REDEEMED?

DATE

REDEEMED?

DATE

REDEEMED?

DATE

REDEEMED?

DATE

REDEEMED?

AT THE END OF SUMMER, MAKE SURE TO JOIN WPL FOR OUR **END OF SUMMER READING PARTY** ON JULY 31ST!



MINUTES

WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING WATAUGA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Woodruff called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Kip Woodruff	Chairperson/Place 7
Lindsey Neal	Vice-Chairperson/Place 1
Kristen Chapman	Secretary/Place 6
Samantha Ostendorp	Place 2
Sian Brannon	Place 3
Vacant	Place 4
Whitney Isbell	Place 5
and	
Arthur Miner	Mayor
Andrew Neal	City Council Liaison
Lisa Benavidez	Assistant to the City Secretary
Lana Ewell	Director of Library Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

REPORTS

1. Library Director's Report

Director Ewell reported that the library won the 2024 Texas Municipal Director's Award of Excellence. December and January programs had good attendance. The *Nutcracker* performance drew 327 attendees and *Read to a Reindeer* had 376 participants. The third Independent Author Day had 73 in attendance. Dana Harper hosted an adult jigsaw puzzle competition, which was very well received. The youth department held a New Year's Eve Day activity with a strong attendance of 155. An Adult Legos program was launched, with starter donations from Director Ewell, and it has been going well. Therapy dog visits continue to be popular with the community.

Circulation has increased, and overall program participation is up 19%. There has been a dip due to challenges in relaunching the ESL program. While there is a community need, attendance has been hesitant due to the current climate. Library visits are up 16%, with higher numbers expected during the summer. Volunteer participation has also increased significantly. The library maintains one of the more prominent web pages in the city, with traffic up 10%.

The library is still awaiting the arrival of the central desk, which Director Ewell expects to be installed by the next meeting.

Chairperson Woodruff inquired about the lack of school visits mentioned in the report.

Director Ewell explained that most school visits typically occur later in the calendar year and that she expects an increase as the Summer Reading Program approaches.

2. Report from Dana Harper regarding Art Programming in Adult Services

Adult Services Librarian Dana Harper presented a report on Fostering Creativity in Adult Services. Ms. Harper holds a master's degree in art history from Vanderbilt University and previously worked at the Dallas Museum of Art as an Assistant Librarian. She has been with the Watauga Public Library for 12 years.

Ms. Harper is passionate about bringing art and creativity to adults. She recognizes a community need for creative outlets, especially given the distance and entry fees associated with nearby art museums. Her programs typically begin with a short, often historical, presentation on a specific art method or artist, followed by a hands-on session where participants create similar works. She has designed classes and presentations that align with exhibits at the Kimbell Art Museum.

Ms. Harper notes that many adults haven't created art since elementary school and are deeply appreciative of the opportunity to do so in an accessible environment. She regularly receives community feedback on preferred topics and interests. Some classes are structured, while others—such as *Color Me Calm* and *Bad Art Night*—encourage freeform creativity without pressure.

Through the MetroShare Library partnership, the library accesses resources and specialized art instructors, resulting in highly attended programs. Offerings have included painting, Zentangle, junk journaling, and an upcoming slow stitching class. Mr. Steve Novy is a consistent favorite, with many participants returning each time his class is offered. The library has also partnered with The Modern, the Amon Carter Museum, and the Welman Project for supplies and training.

The classes consistently receive enthusiastic reviews, with participants expressing gratitude for the library's role in facilitating these creative opportunities and wisely using its resources. Ms. Harper also discussed upcoming events, including a zine-making class taught by a UNT librarian and a metal embossing class she will lead herself.

Vice Chairperson Neal asked Ms. Harper to elaborate on one of the upcoming events. She described the Moroccan Mosaic class, scheduled for April, which will be taught by a Moroccan instructor affiliated with UNT. He previously led a well-attended class on Moroccan tea service.

This August will mark the fourth year of the Library's Art Show, hosted by Mayor Miner and featuring fun refreshments. Another planned art show will be humor-based, providing lighthearted and engaging experience for residents.

Ms. Harper concluded by emphasizing how these art classes foster community and combat loneliness. Participants include friends, couples on date nights, parents and children, and older residents seeking connection.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of the March 12, 2024, Library Board Meeting minutes**
2. **Consider approval of the January 14, 2025, Library Board meeting minutes.**

Vice Chairperson Neal made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Member Isbell seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0-0-0.

Ayes, Woodruff, Neal, Chapman, Rivera, Ostendorp, Bannon,
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Neal adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Approved: this _____ day of _____, 2025

Signed: this _____ day of _____, 2025

APPROVED:

Kip Woodruff, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kristen Chapman, Secretary