BENBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Proudly serving the Benbrook community for over 19 years

1065 Mercedes Street Benbrook, TX 76126 817-249-6632
LAST YEAR AT BPL

Take a look at some of our most vital statistics from October 2017 - September 2018

### 1,359
New Library Cards Issued
A lot of new people decided to add the most valuable card around to their purse or wallet last year. There are now 13,881 total BPL cardholders.

### 102,610
Total Visitors
The library was open for a total of 304 days last year, meaning an average of 338 people visited BPL per day.

### 199,225
Items Circulated
This total includes checkouts and renewals for all books, audiobooks, DVDs, Blu-rays, electronic devices, and kits circulated at BPL last year. Our cardholders also checked out 15,835 digital items.

### 19,992
Program Attendees
The library offers a wide variety of programs, including storytimes, book clubs, computer classes, special children's events, and more. We had 648 programs last year alone!

Thank you to all of you who contributed to another successful year at the library. You're more than a number to us!
DO YOU HAVE YOUR LIBRARY CARD?

THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO HAVING YOUR LIBRARY CARD

BENBROOK RESIDENT CARD

In order to sign up for a resident card, patrons must present a valid state-issued ID with a Benbrook address on it and a piece of recent, first class mail with the same address.

METROPAC LIBRARY CARDS

If you live in Fort Worth, Burleson, Haltom City, Keller, Richland Hills, or Watauga, we accept your library card! There are a few collections we limit to Benbrook cardholders, but patrons can place holds, log on to the computers, and pick up their holds at our library.

BENBROOK NON-RESIDENT CARD

To get a non-resident library card, you must have a valid state-issued ID and a piece of mail with the same address on it. Those who live in the service area of one of our partner libraries are ineligible.

BENBROOK BUSINESS CARD

A business card grants access to all of our databases and online resources. To obtain one, a patron must provide documented proof of operating or being employed by a local business and be ineligible for a resident or non-resident card.
BOOKS

WE HAVE OVER 40,000 BOOKS FOR ADULTS, TEENS, AND CHILDREN

COLLECTIONS
We have book collections for all ages. Each includes fiction, non-fiction, biographies, and audiobooks. Our special sub-collections include large print and Spanish language books for adults, graphic novels for teens and adults, and picture books, board books, easy readers, and award winners for children.

EREADERS
We are proud to offer a circulating collection of eReaders. Our Nook Glowlight readers are pre-loaded with content, including current best sellers. Our Kindle readers come without content and are intended to be loaded with library eBooks through Overdrive.

MAGAZINES
Enjoy current issues of national and regional magazines and newspapers in our reading area. Also, try RBdigital on your computer, phone, or tablet to access over 80 digital magazines.

MEDIA

OVER 5,000 DVDS FOR ALL AGES

We have a wide selection of popular movies, TV shows, documentaries, and educational videos on DVD. Cardholders are welcome to check out up to ten videos at a time.

Our expanding collection of Blu-ray movies offers another option for those who would like an HD viewing experience.

Don't forget our Great Courses, which feature lessons on a variety of subjects taught by renowned professors.

WANT MORE?

LIBRARY PARTNERS
Benbrook resident cardholders may request that items owned by our partner libraries be sent to our library for convenient pick up. Other libraries' items may be returned to Benbrook.

Interlibrary loan service allows Benbrook cardholders to borrow items from libraries throughout the country.

Resident cardholders may also get a Texshare card, which grants borrowing privileges from many public and academic libraries throughout Texas.
Computers @ The Library

- 12 Adult Computers
- Windows 7 Pro, MS Office 2010
- Users allotted up to 3 hours per day
- Printing: 10¢ black and white, 25¢ color

There are also 5 computers in the Teen Room, including an iMac, and 6 computers in the children’s area. Reservations are accepted when all computers are in use.

- Laptops available for in-library use
- Free Wi-Fi
- Print wirelessly from your laptop, phone, or tablet. Or, send your print job from home and pick it up!

Take Technology Home!

Wi-Fi hotspots enable the internet to come home with you! Connect up to 10 devices to one hotspot. Simply power on the hotspot and connect your phone, tablet, or computer to its network, and you can then enjoy your favorite internet activities anywhere. We have thirty in our collection, and each device has unlimited data, so no more worries about data usage!

Our 2-in-1 laptop computers feature a hinge that enables them to be converted into a tablet. The tablet mode features a touch screen that allows you to easily navigate by swiping and tapping. The computers are loaded with Open Office to allow for work with word processing, spreadsheets, and slideshow presentations and feature a camera for video conferencing or chatting. To browse the Web, an internet connection is required. Check out a laptop and a Wi-Fi hotspot together to give yourself internet access anywhere!

Roku Streaming Sticks provide access to streaming movies, TV shows, music, and more through various channels and services. Channels available on BPL streaming sticks are: Vudu, Netflix, Crackle, YouTube, Allrecipes.com, CBS News, CW Seed, Fox News, NBC News, NetFit, Pandora, PBS, PBS Kids, Popcom Flix, the Smithsonian Channel, Snag Films, Twitch, Vevo, and WeatherNation. All you need to enjoy a streaming stick is a TV or monitor with an HDMI port, as well as a Wi-Fi connection (Don’t have one? Check out a hotspot!). The devices are highly portable and can easily be taken with you to enjoy at a friend’s house, hotel, or anywhere else.

All devices circulate for a period of three weeks. One renewal is allowed for Roku and laptops, pending holds by other patrons. Borrowers of devices must be Benbrook cardholders 18 years of age or older.
MEETING SPACES
WE HAVE 3 DESIGNATED SPACES FOR MEETINGS, STUDY, & MORE

KATHY LEDFORD MEETING ROOM
Our 1,300 square feet meeting room space is available to reserve for non-profit, non-commercial functions. This space features:

- Tables and chairs
- Projection system with laptop connections
- Acoustic divider to separate the space
- Full kitchen
- Access to restrooms, courtesy phones, and vending machine
- Separate entrance doors, which enable meetings to be held outside library hours

A reservation is required to use the meeting room. Additional restrictions may apply. Contact the library for more information.

CONFERENCE ROOMS
Our conference rooms are a smaller alternative to our large meeting room and are great spaces for privately meeting or studying. They are available when the library is open and may be used for up to two hours at a time, with the potential for longer use if no one is waiting. We accept reservations for conference rooms up to two business days in advance.
**Book Clubs**

Every month our Bent Corners and Coffee Break book clubs read a preselected book and then meet to discuss it. We read a variety of selections, from classics to recent best sellers. Different Pages is a book club for those who don’t want to be limited in their discussions of the books they love. Readers come prepared to discuss whatever they’ve been reading recently.

**Coffee Break**
1st Wednesday at 11 AM

**Bent Corners**
1st Thursday at 6:30 PM

**Different Pages**
4th Tuesday at 11 AM

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**GED Classes**

Prepare to earn your GED with free classes taught by Fort Worth ISD instructors. Classes are held each fall and spring, and registration is required to attend. For full details contact the Fort Worth ISD Education Office at 817-492-7960.

When classes are in session, they meet Thursdays from 6-9 PM.

**Computer Classes**

Our free computer classes are paced for beginners and are intended to teach attendees basic skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, the internet & email, and other computer applications.

Meets every Wednesday at 5 PM

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 PM

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**Game Night**

Once a month, we break out our large collection of board games and let you and your family have at them. Enjoy an evening of games and snacking at this potluck affair.

Meets last Saturday from 6 - 8:30 PM

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**Tinker Tuesday**

This is an instructional program on how to use the library’s MakerSpace equipment, primarily the laser engraver. Our librarians teach basic skills through the completion of a specific project.

Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM

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**YOGA**

Twice a month, the library partners with the Benbrook YMCA for a yoga class. Come participate in this invigorating hour of relaxation for body and mind. Bring your own yoga mat, or borrow one of ours.

1st Monday at 6:00 PM
3rd Monday at 12:00 PM

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**Date Night**

One Friday a month after the library is closed, we bring in a musical act or other entertainment for adults to enjoy with their date, or as a night out. Snacks are provided.

Meets one Friday a month at 6:00 PM
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
SERVING PATRONS FROM BIRTH (AND BEFORE!) ALL THE WAY TO TEENAGE YEARS, WE HAVE IT ALL!

BOOK BABIES
Monday & Wednesday Mornings at 10:30
Fun books, songs, and crafts based on a weekly theme. Stories and crafts are intended for children ages 3 to 6, but all ages are welcome.

NURSERY RHYME YOGA
First Friday of Every Month at 10:30
Enjoy basic yoga combined with songs for a great bonding experience with your little one. This program is designed for children that are walking to age 5. Please dress for movement. Yoga mats are not used for this class.

ART TIME
Second Friday of Every Month at 10:30
Come explore your child’s artistic side with fun art and craft projects. Crafts are selected with children ages 2 to 6 in mind, but all ages are welcome. This program can get messy, so wear your less-than-best clothes.

MUSIC, MOVEMENT, AND ME
Third Friday of Every Month at 10:30 & 11:15
Encourage your child’s love of music with this great class hosted by Miss Donna. Children learn basic music terminology with singing, dancing, and fun rhymes. We offer back-to-back sessions to make sure your preschooler can join in on the fun!
LEGO CLUB

Kids ages 6 to 15 are invited to come in and build with other young LEGO fans. If you make something you’re particularly proud of, ask us to take a picture, and we’ll put it on our website for the world to see.

Third Tuesday of Every Month at 4:00 PM

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Eight Weeks in June and July

The Summer Reading program is designed to help children retain their knowledge of the previous school year. The Library offers prizes to kids as they reach certain reading goals during the summer. We have exciting programs Monday through Friday, such as Maker Mondays, Lego Club, performers, and Fun Fridays to help your family beat the heat and learn something at the same time. The eight-week extravaganza begins the Monday after FWISD finishes their school year.

NEW PROGRAMS

We have added many new programs in the last year for our babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and tweens.

* Baby Sign Storytime
* Baby Sensory Time
* Explore and Play
* Busy Bags and File Folder Games
* Early Worms
* Move and Shake Storytime
* Family Storytime
* Parachute Play
* Tail Waggin’ Tutors
* Homeschool Gaming
The Benbrook Library offers a unique experience for our teens to create, learn, and relax in. Studio 1065 offers teens several ways to have fun at the library.

- Computers loaded with creative software
- X-Box 360 with Kinect, Atari Flashback
- Guitars, keyboard, MIDI pad, music software
- Online databases for homework help
- Anime Club
- Teen Gaming Nights
LIBRARY OF THINGS

We are excitedly preparing to offer the "Library of Things," a collection of take-home kits. This departure from non-traditional library lendables is predicated by our well-established mission of enriching families and individuals with materials that are worthwhile to possess, but prohibitive for many people to purchase for anticipated short-term usage.

How would you like for your family to borrow things like a hand-held GPS for your next hiking trip, or an action camera to capture your water skiing fall, or a microscope to explore the world at a cellular level, or a telescope to see the moon and planets, or learn how to pilot a quad-copter, or delve into an alternate universe with a virtual reality headset? You could even try them all! The possibilities are endless and these are only a few of the kinds of things we are considering.

The use of these items would be reserved to Benbrook Library cardholders, and perhaps, a well-qualified group of our partners’ cardholders who typically regard us as their home library. These would be made freely available, but subject to repair and replacement costs if they are not returned in working order in a timely manner.

This service model is currently in development, and while we have identified many of the materials of interest, our librarians encourage you to share any ideas for future growth of this collection!

BETTY RUTH BLACKBURN ESTATE

The Benbrook Public Library recently received a blessing in being named the sole beneficiary of an estate. Betty Ruth Blackburn, a longtime Benbrook resident, passed away on August 7, 2017 at the age of 87. It is not clear the reasons she had to donate so generously to our library and her specific wishes were not disclosed. We can only speculate that she loved reading, valued what libraries do for their communities, wanted to help position children for success and lifelong learning, had compassion and regard for how our library grew from an all donation volunteer staffed labor of love to its current standing as a well-positioned public service operation, or that perhaps she appreciated the smile and attention she received while visiting us.

In the absence of knowing her mind, we have decided to dedicate her donation, valued at circa $75,000, toward the children’s department. The specifics have not yet been determined and we welcome input, especially from those who were well-acquainted with Ms. Blackburn to approach us with any other pertinent information about her and her wishes. Upon deciding specifically on how to apply her estate, we will appropriately recognize her gift and announce the selected project.
Access these great electronic resources by clicking the “Access Library Databases Here” button on our website, or the Databases tab in the library catalog.

The TexShare Databases can be used to research virtually any topic. TexShare is a comprehensive collection of databases targeting academic, vocational, medical, and personal interests. Use them to:

- Do research and access scholarly journals with EBSCO
- Access legal forms and information
- Get info on do-it-yourself hobbies & crafts, home improvement projects, and small engine repair
- Prep for tests, brush up on your computer skills, or get career help with Learning Express and Job & Career Accelerator
- Learn how to repair your vehicle with Chilton Library
- Much more!

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NovelList has a searchable database of books similar to your favorite books, listed by title or author.

Use your library card to access these resources anytime, anywhere.

Research your family history with Ancestry.

Only accessible inside the library

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- Browse movies, music, and more.
- When you find an item, click borrow.
- Stream or download the item to view/listen to it.

For more information, feel free to contact the library or check our website
www.benbrooklibrary.org
MAKER SPACE

The MakerSpace is our cutting edge collection of creativity-facilitating technology. It features items selected for all ages and includes kits, software, equipment, and accessories. These items are intended for in-house use and for self-guided exploration, practice, and production.*

Our 3D printers are capable of printing three dimensional objects using solid or flexible plastic filament. They can be used to make everything from fun trinkets, like miniature castles or animals, to practical objects, like parts for small machinery or cell phone cases. Those who wish to print may create their own designs using a CAD program or download someone else’s creation for free from www.thingiverse.com. The cost for printing is ten cents per gram.

Our laser engraver is able to cut and engrave wood, acrylic, glass, leather, rubber, stone, select plastic and metal materials, and more. A variety of image types may be engraved, including photos, text, Clipart, graphically designed images, and more. You may create your own engravable images either at home or at the library, or may use images found on the internet. There is no charge for using the machine itself; patrons are only charged for use of library-provided engravable materials. Whether engraving objects for business, home décor, gifts, or just for the fun of it, give the laser engraver a try!

Our poster printer may be used for printing professional-quality, full color posters. Simply bring in your image file in PDF or JPEG format on a USB drive to print it as a poster on glossy, canvas, or bond paper. The standard poster size is 24” x 36”, but you may make your poster smaller or larger by sizing it using a publishing or photo editing application. The cost of poster printing is determined by the type of paper used and the amount of ink and paper used. A standard-size glossy poster typically costs between $7 and $9.

We have gadgets and gizmos for innovators of all ages. Stop by the Information Desk in the library to check out these items for in-library use:

**Adults**
- Cricut Maker vinyl cutter
- MacBook Pro loaded with Adobe Creative Suite, GarageBand, & iMovie

**Teens**
- Digital sketch pad
- Guitar, keyboard, & MIDI pad
- LEGO Mindstorm robot kit
- iMac loaded with Adobe Creative Suite, iMovie, & GarageBand

**Children**
- LEGO Technics kits
- littleBits & Snap Circuits circuit building kits
- 3Doodler (3D pen)

*We kindly request that our MakerSpace equipment not be used to facilitate resale activity.*
Volunteers
The library simply could not function without the help of our wonderful, generous volunteers. The library was started by volunteers, and we are always looking for and gladly accepting more. To get more information or to sign up, contact our volunteer supervisor, Kathy, at (817) 249-6632, kathy.spencer@benbrooklibrary.org, or stop by the library to speak with her. We’d love your help!

THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS!

Friends of the Library
The mission of the Friends of the Benbrook Library is to enhance the library’s ability to provide excellent service to the citizens of Benbrook by obtaining supplementary funding for the library, recruiting volunteers to work in the library, and providing other assistance deemed appropriate and necessary by the Library Director and the Board of Trustees of the library. The Friends meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the library.

CURRENT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS
President – Chris Weingarten  Vice President - Sylvia Hanson
Treasurer – Manny Gonzales  Secretary - Cheryl Marquart
Member at Large – Pete Carr

Board of Trustees 2017-2018
The Benbrook Library is governed by a five-member board of trustees. This board is elected by you, the voters of Benbrook. Each trustee is elected for a two-year term. The terms are staggered so there is a Library Board election each year. Library trustees must be residents of Benbrook and registered voters.

The Board of Trustees meets monthly, usually on the third Monday, at 6:30 PM. These meetings are open to the public, and we invite you to attend. The agenda is posted in the library and on our website at least three days prior to each meeting and notice of the meetings is usually listed on the city cable channel.

To access information about the trustees, including past meeting materials, election information, and the library’s strategic plan, visit: www.benbrooklibrary.org/library-trustees

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS*
Robert Christensen - President  Carol Hafer - Treasurer  Anita Mitchell - Member-at-large
Roy C. "Corky" Baird - Investment Officer  Rachel Moore - Secretary

*Board members are elected in the November General Election. Officeholders are appointed following the election.
Our holiday closures are as follows:
- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving and the Friday after
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

For inclement weather, the library will generally follow Fort Worth ISD's decisions. However, please check the library's website and Facebook page for updated information. If we can open, we will.

Are you mad, sad, or glad about your library? We provide a suggestion box and comment cards. The Director reads all comments and responses are posted on our website.