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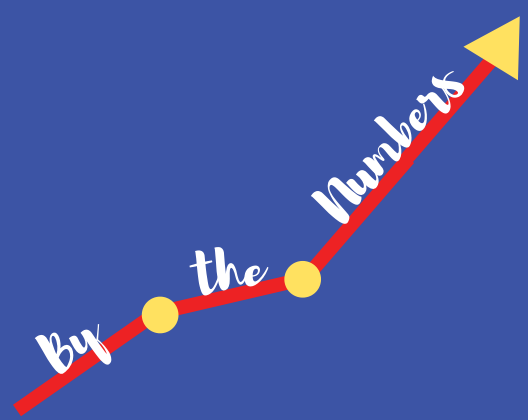
2021-2022

Benbrook Public Library

1065 Mercedes Street
Benbrook, Tx 76126
817-249-6632

www.benbrooklibrary.org

LAST YEAR AT BPL



Take a look at some of our most vital statistics
from October 2020 - September 2021*



1,254

**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 11,386 total BPL cardholders.



56,894

**Total
Visitors**

The library was open for a total of 298 days last year, meaning an average of 191 people visited BPL per day.



99,004

**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 33,004 digital items.



5,773

**Program
Attendees**

The library offers a wide variety of programs, including storytimes, book clubs, computer classes, special children's events, and more. We had 272 programs last year alone!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful year at the library.
You're more than a number to us!

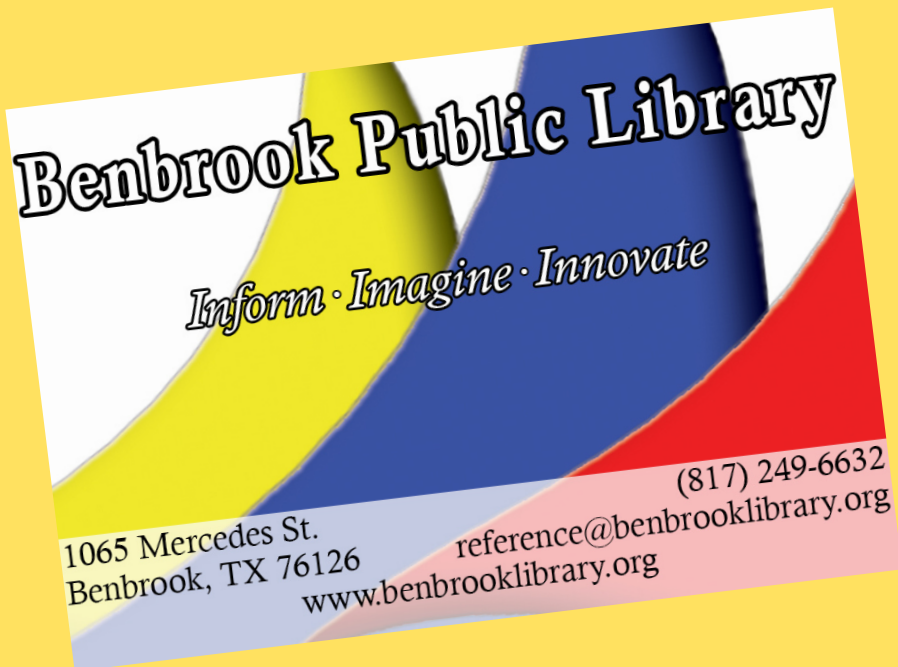
**Statistics this year were impacted by reduced opening hours and services due to COVID-19*

We now belong to



We honor cards from

BURLESON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOREST HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY
HALTOM CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
KELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY
RICHLAND HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
WATAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY



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.

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 or in Fort Worth are ineligible.

TEXSHARE CARD

If you are a resident of Fort Worth and have a library card with Fort Worth Public Library, you may obtain a TexShare card from Fort Worth. Then, you may bring that TexShare card, along with a valid state-issued ID and a piece of mail with the same address on it, to our library to obtain one of our cards.

Certain collections, including digital content, are unavailable to TexShare patrons.

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.

Checkout Limits

RESIDENTS

- 50 Books
- 10 DVDs
- 3 Great Courses
- 1 eReader, Wifi hotspot, Roku Streaming Stick, laptop computer, & Library of Things item

NON-RESIDENTS

- 25 Books
- 10 DVDs
- 3 Great Courses
- 1 eReader, Wifi hotspot, Roku Streaming Stick, laptop computer, & Library of Things item



METROSHARE LIBRARY CARDS

If you live in Burleson, Forest Hill, 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.

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 for adults, Spanish language books for all ages, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

LIBRARY OF



The Library of Things is a collection of kits that facilitate a variety of educational, recreational, and practical activities. Kits in the collection include musical instruments, a telescope, video games, a projector, knitting supplies, and more. Most kits contain books and other materials that provide instruction and guidance on the activity each kit supports. Library of Things kits are available to Benbrook Public Library cardholders ages 18 and up and are limited to one per borrower.

EARLY LITERACY KITS

Our early literacy kits for children include themed combinations of books, toys, games, and other manipulatives to encourage a love of reading.

MEDIA

OVER 6,000 DVDS FOR ALL AGES

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

Our Binge Boxes give you a themed collection of multiple movies all at once for when you'd like to have a marathon movie watching session.

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

WANT MORE?

Benbrook resident and non-resident cardholders may request that items owned by our partner MetroShare libraries be sent to our library for convenient pick up. Other MetroShare 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 10, MS Office 2016
- Users allotted up to 3 hours per day
- Printing: 10¢ black & white, 25¢ color

There are 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. We have fifty 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 touch screen tablet. 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.



Roku Streaming Sticks provide access to streaming movies, TV shows, music, and more through various channels and services. Channels available on BPL streaming sticks include Vudu, Netflix, HBO Now, Disney Plus and more! All you need to enjoy a streaming stick is a TV or monitor with an HDMI port, as well as a Wi-Fi connection. The devices are highly portable and can easily be taken with you to enjoy at a friend's house, hotel, or anywhere else.

Check out one of our Chromebook/hotspot combos to get everything you need to enjoy Internet access on the go!

All devices circulate for a period of three weeks. One renewal is allowed for Rokus and laptops, pending holds by other patrons. Borrowers of devices must be Benbrook cardholders 18 years of age or older.

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

Trivia Nights

Join us once a month at **3 Parrots Taco Shop** for a fun-filled evening of trivia! **Compete in teams of 2-8 people and take on questions on books, movies, TV, music, history, general knowledge, and more. It's free to play, and winners receive prizes!**

Wednesday evenings
(check our event calendar for specifics)

Tech With a Librarian

Get basic computer & other tech help from our librarians! We can assist with Microsoft Word, Excel, email, internet basics, eBooks, apps, and other technology questions.

Meets monthly
(check our event calendar for specifics)

Writing Critique

This group offers writers of all experience levels the opportunity to share their work with their peers and receive feedback in a constructive setting.

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Adult Programs

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

Knitting & more

We offer beginning and intermediate knitting classes! Whether you're just starting out or are needing a little help with a project, come learn from an experienced instructor.

Wednesday evenings
(check our event calendar for specifics)

YOGA

Twice a month, the library partners with a professional yoga instructor 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.

2nd & 4th Monday at 6:00 PM

OTHER PROGRAMS TO WATCH FOR...

- MINDFULNESS
- SPANISH CLASSES
- AUDIO BINGO
- ESCAPE ROOMS
- MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
- INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS
- MORE!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SERVING PATRONS FROM BIRTH (AND BEFORE!) ALL THE WAY TO TEENAGE YEARS, WE HAVE IT ALL!

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

Fourth 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!

MOVE AND SHAKE

Monday Mornings at 9:30

Nurture your child's natural love of music with songs, rhymes, and movement designed to foster their fine and gross motor skill development. Shakers, scarves, bells, sticks and more enhance this interactive program! Recommended for ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome.

BOOK BABIES

Monday & Wednesday Mornings at 10:30

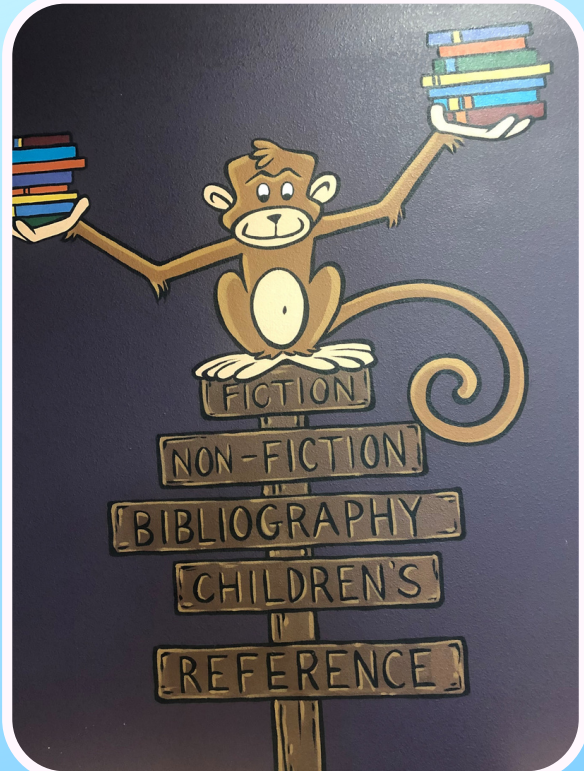
Songs and finger-plays dominate this fun program aimed at promoting early literacy. After the fun, we invite you to hang out with other moms or dads while the babies play. Recommended age is birth to 24 months.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Tuesday & Thursday 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.





1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

This program is designed to encourage families to read aloud to their children, especially those that have not yet entered Kindergarten. Children from birth to age 5 are encouraged to participate in this online program. You will log the titles of the books that are read to your child. This includes Storytime! Participants will receive prizes after 250, 500, 750, and 1000 books are read.

Search for the app
BEANSTACK, and you can
log the books in the app



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.

EVEN MORE PROGRAMS

- Baby Sign Storytime
- Baby Sensory Time
- Bilingual Storytime
- Busy Bags and File Folder Games
- Explore and Play

Check out our Databases



**FOREIGN
LANGUAGE
FOR KIDS**

**ONLINE
HOMEWORK
HELP**

**STEM KITS TO
TAKE
HOME**

TEENS STUDIO 1065

The Benbrook Library offers a unique space for our teens to create, learn, and relax in. Studio 1065 provides teens multiple ways to have fun at the library.

- ✦ Computers loaded with creative software
- ✦ X-Box 360 with Kinect, Nintendo Wii ,Atari Flashback
- ✦ Guitars, keyboard, MIDI pad, music software
- ✦ Online databases for homework help
- ✦ Teen Gaming Nights - meets monthly

Digital Media

at the library
for your phone or tablet



Libby offers a large selection of **ebooks**, **audiobooks**, and **magazines** for checkout. You can checkout 3 items at a time, and each item can be borrowed for up to 14 days.

To Access Libby

- Download the Libby app on your phone or tablet.
- Sign in using your library card.
- Browse the collection of ebooks and audiobooks.
- When you find an item, click borrow.
- Choose to download the item or read/listen in an internet browser.

To browse magazines, click on "Subjects" and then click "Magazines". You may check out as many as you like!

cloudLibrary™

CloudLibrary offers a collection of over 170,000 **ebooks** and **audiobooks** to enjoy. You can checkout 3 items at a time, and each item can be borrowed for up to 14 days.

To Access cloudLibrary

- Download the cloudLibrary app (it's free!). Or, visit yourcloudlibrary.com on your computer.
- In cloudLibrary, choose your state and library. Create an account using your Benbrook library card number (on the back of your library card) and the pin associated with your library card. Your pin will be the last four digits of your library card number unless you customized it.
- Browse the collection of ebooks and audiobooks.
- When you find an item you want, click on the title and then click "Borrow."
- Borrowed titles appear under "My Books" in the app. You can stream your items or download them to your device to enjoy them offline.



With hoopla, you can borrow **movies**, **music**, **ebooks**, **audiobooks**, and **comics**. Titles can be borrowed immediately, and the length of time an item can be borrowed depends on the item type. You may borrow 10 items per month with hoopla.

To Access hoopla

- Download the hoopla app on your phone or tablet.
- Create an account (you'll need your library card).
- Browse movies, music, and more.
- When you find an item, click borrow.
- Stream or download the item to view/listen to it.



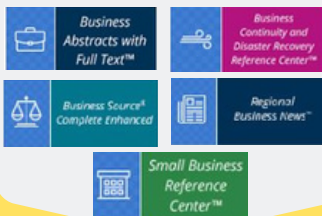
Download the library's free mobile app from the Apple App or Google Play Store and use it to search the library catalog, view your account, renew items, see upcoming events, use digital resources, and more from your phone or tablet!



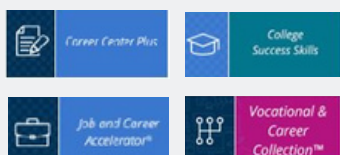
TEXSHARE DATABASES

Access these great databases by going to our website and clicking on the TexShare logo. You can sort by alphabetical listing, or by subject as they are listed here. All you need is your library card!

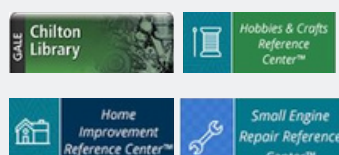
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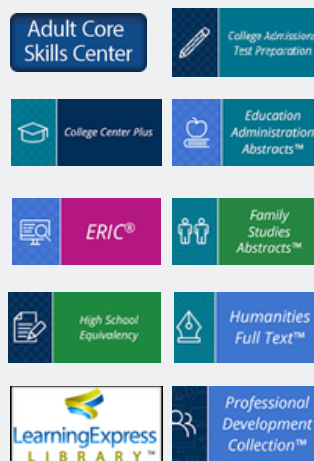
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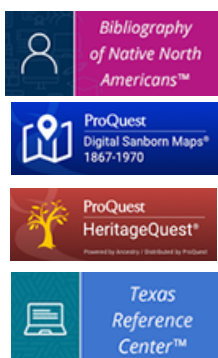
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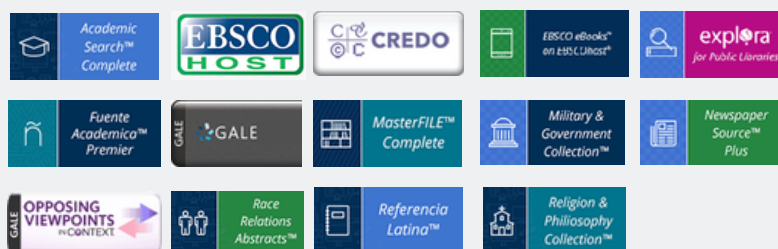
EDUCATION RESOURCES



GENEALOGY



GENERAL REFERENCE



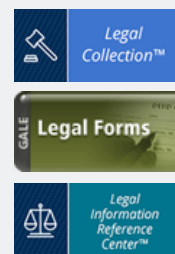
HEALTH AND MEDICINE



K-12 RESOURCES



LEGAL



LITERATURE RESOURCES



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



BENBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY MAKERSPACE

THE EQUIPMENT

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY
THROUGH THE LIBRARY WEBSITE**

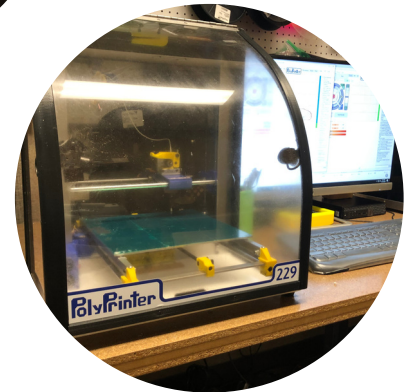
Laser Engraving

We have a Zing 50 Watt laser engraving machine by Epilog. The bed size is 24"x12" and will cut 1/8" wood or acrylic. We also have a rotator that will allow you to print on cylindrical cups. Materials available are wood @ \$.05/sq.in and acrylic @ \$.10/sq.in plus tax. Free if you bring your own material.



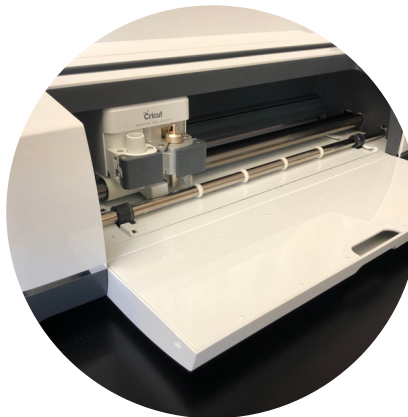
3D Printing

We have three (3) PolyPrinter 229 model 3D Printers available for use. We primarily use ABS plastic and Ninja flex. Cost is calculated at \$.10 gram plus tax. For ideas: www.thingiverse.com



Cricut

We have the Maker model Cricut that will cut most material including vinyl, cardstock, leather, pleather, and numerous other materials. We also have a good selection of pens to draw as well. Our supplies are at cost if used plus tax.



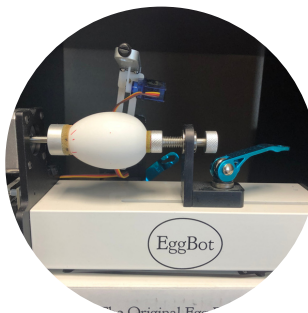
Poster Printer

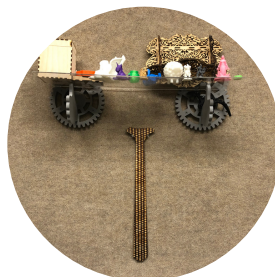
The Canon Pro-4100 Poster Printer will handle all your poster needs. We have two (2) sizes of paper, 24" and 36" wide. All files will need to be in PDF format to print successfully. Cost is determined by the ink, paper, and material type used.



EggBot Pro

We are launching our new EggBot Pro from Evil Mad Scientist! With EggBot Pro, you can make designs on eggs, golf balls, and even small ornaments for Christmas. Call or email to get more information, and availability.





ABOUT THE SPACE

The Makerspace is a small space but is capable of handling your big ideas. Inside the Makerspace area is home to the laser engraver, and the 3D printers. The poster printer is located at the front of the library, and the other options we offer can be used in various areas of the library. Feel free to come to learn and create by making your appointment today.

Raspberry Pi Kits

Raspberry Pi kits are available for check out. Kits have pre-programmed lessons and activities to explore at home. The Raspberry Pi kits can be checked out for three (3) weeks. Call for more information and availability.



STEM PROGRAMS

The library has a First Lego League competitive **Robotics team!**

FIRST LEGO League introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children ages 9-16 through fun, exciting hands-on learning. Participants gain real-world problem-solving experiences through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future together. Learn to code, and program a robot to do different things autonomously throughout a course developed by the Lego League. Contact James, the STEM Coordinator, for more information.



JOIN OUR CODE CLUB

Make video games, websites,
apps, animations, and more!

Fall Code Club starting soon

GET INVOLVED



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, Samantha, at (817) 249-6632, samantha@benbrooklibrary.org, or stop by the library to speak with her. We'd love your help!

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 at the library on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Membership applications are available at the library. For more information, contact friends@benbrooklibrary.org.

BOOK SALE

The Friends hold an ongoing sale in the library's reading area. For a small donation, you may purchase retired library materials and items donated by community members.



Also, be sure to visit the Friends book shop at the Benbrook Antique Mall!

Board of Trustees 2021-2022

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-governance

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS*

Roy C. "Corky" Baird

Carol Hafer

Rachel Moore

Larry Vickers

David McClellan

*Board members are elected in the November General Election. Officeholders are appointed following the election.

Library Staff

Steve Clegg, Director

Erica Richardson, Assistant Director

Miranda Bauer, Sr. Youth Services Librarian

Cullen Dansby, Adult Services Librarian

James Whitehead, STEM Coordinator

Julie Alvarez, Youth Services Librarian

Sheryl Akins, Circulation Manager

Samantha Young, Administrative Assistant

George Jones, IT Specialist

Sara Hooser, Librarian Assistant

Krystal Hunter, ILL Specialist

Joyce Lovings, Library Assistant

Jenny Johanson, Library Assistant

Lori Tucker-Woodbury, Library Assistant

Jordan Roller, Library Assistant

Austin Hodges, Youth Page

Kayla Minter, Circulation Page

On-Call Library Assistants -

Karin, Melody, Kate, Macy



holidays

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

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.

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.

**BENBROOK
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LIBRARY**

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Monday-Thursday 8 AM to 8 PM

Friday-Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday CLOSED

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