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.
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.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
LIBRARY OF THINGS
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.

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
- 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.
**Adult Programs**

### Book Clubs
- **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**

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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**

### 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!
PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
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.

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
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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.
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.

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.

Check out our Databases

EVEN MORE PROGRAMS

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

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FOR KIDS

ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP

STEM KITS TO TAKE HOME
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

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.

Hoopla

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!

BUSINESS
- Business Abstracts with Full Text™
- Business Source® Complete
- Small Business Reference Center™
- Regional Economics Info

CAREER
- Career Source®
- Career Source®: Military Edition
- College Source Skills
- Job and Career Accelerator™
- Vocational & Career Collection™

DIY
- Chilton Library
- Hobbs & Crafts Reference Center™
- Name Improvement Reference Center™
- Small Engine Repair Reference Center™

EDUCATION RESOURCES
- Adult Core
- Skills Center
- College Assignment Help
- Education Administration Reference Center™
- ERIC®
- Family Studies Reference Center™
- High School Equivalency
- Humanities Full Text™
- LearningExpress Library™
- Professional Development Collection™

GENEALOGY
- Bibliography of Native North Americans™
- ProQuest Digital Sanborn Maps® 1860-1960
- ProQuest HeritageQuest®
- Texas Reference Center™

GENERAL REFERENCE
- Academic Search Complete
- EBSCO Host
- Credo
- MasterFILE Complete
- Gale
- MasterFILE® Academic
- MasterFILE® Entrepreneurial
- Military & Government Collection™
- cott Reference Collection™
- Opposing Viewpoints Reference Collection™
- Reference Line™

HEALTH AND MEDICINE
- All Health Full Text™
- Consumer Health Complete™
- Health Reference Center Academic
- Health Source®: Consumer Edition
- Health Source®: Nursing/Academic Edition
- Medline®
- MELVUE™
- Salud en Español™

K-12 RESOURCES
- ProQuest for Elementary Schools
- ProQuest for High Schools
- MAS Complete™
- Middle Search Plus
- Primary Search™
- Reference Source™
- TOPICsearch™

LITERATURE RESOURCES
- Essay & General Literature Index
- WorldCat®
- Literary Reference Center™
- Play Index™
- The Serials Directory™
- Short Story Index™

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- AGRICOLA™
- Computer Skills Center
- ProQuest Science & Technology Book Subscription
- Information Science & Technology Abstracts
- Library Information Science & Technology Abstracts
- Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection™
- Science & Technology Collection™
- Sustainability Reference Center™
- ProQuest SciTech Premium Collection

LEGAL
- Legal Collection™
- Legal Forms
- Legal Information Reference Center™
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 at $0.05/sq.in and acrylic at $0.10/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 $0.10 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.

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*

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*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.

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Friday-Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM
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