



CITY OF
FARMERS BRANCH
MANSKE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2021 - 2022



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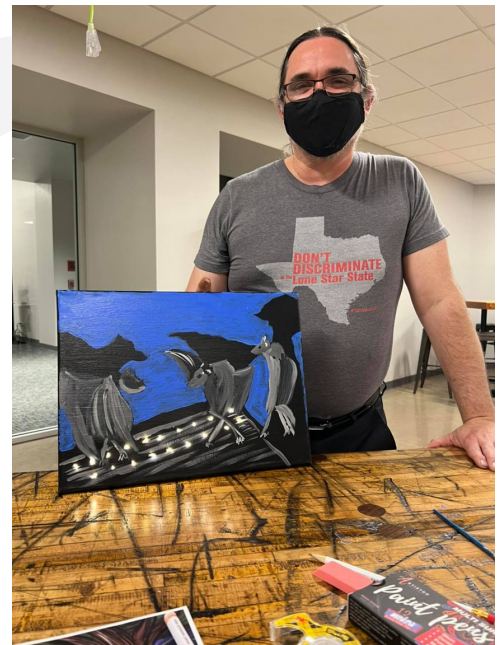
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Library began the fiscal year with a fresh renovation and a return to in-house programming. With new services, facilities, and programs, the Farmers Branch Manske Library provides a space for patrons of all ages to learn and grow.

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The support of City Leadership, the community, and the Library Advisory Board was crucial to the Library's successful year. Farmers Branch Manske Library staff and I are grateful for the unwavering support of our community and look forward to an amazing 2023. New programs and technology are planned and our commitment to excellent service for all in our growing community will continue. Thank you to everyone who has supported our remarkable Library; we are proud to represent the City of Farmers Branch.

Trevor Hunter | Library Director



LIBRARY STATISTICS



3,208

Public Service
Hours



107,609

Library Visits



17,382

Public Computer
Usage



14,223

Registered
Borrowers



443

Library
Programs



17,443

Total Program
Attendance



20,416

Electronic Material
Circulation



158,139

Physical Material
Circulation



178,555

Total
Circulation



101,464

Website Visits



17,801

Reference
Transactions



1,918

New
Borrowers

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Youth programming in Farmers Branch was incredibly popular and attendance often met and exceeded capacity.



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Summer Reading Statistics (across all three age groups)

- 208** Completed Activities
- 316** Active Readers
- 3,379** Badges Earned
- 3,075** Program Attendance
- 5,451** Books Read



ADULT PROGRAMMING



Adults in Farmers Branch enjoyed DIY craft programs, themed trivia, the Knit Wits knitting program, and educational programs on Medicare, community preparedness, English as a second language, and more.

Two new recurring programs, Tabletop Role-Playing Games (RPG) Meetup and the Bullet Journal Club, have been well-received by teens and adults alike.

Farmers Branch's staff offered a 12-week Citizenship Class focused on the civics and writing portions of the U.S. Citizenship Exam as well as mock interviews for citizenship applicants. The series proved popular among patrons.



LIBRARY SERVICES

Staff expanded services beyond the Library walls by participating in several community events.

Most notably, staff distributed over 100 Spanish language items donated by Dallas College at the VIVA! Farmers Branch: A Celebration of Hispanic & Latin Heritage event. Staff visited multiple schools in the area and assisted in the Parks and Recreation Summer Funshine Program, the Independence Day Celebration, and the Christmas Tree Lighting event.

Library staff continue to enhance the digital collection, particularly digital audiobooks, which have been checked out nearly four times as much as physical audiobooks.



LIBRARY RENOVATIONS IN 2022

- Completion of the fountains
- New pickleball court
- Bookwall by Mike Stilkey
- Installation of the beehive
- Completion of the Community Hub

Outside, the amphitheater was turned into a high-quality pickleball court, but still retains multi-purpose use.



LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

The Library Advisory Board was instrumental in the creation of the bookwall. They strove to acquire donations from individuals, businesses, and libraries and frequently accompanied Library staff to pick up materials. But their contributions didn't stop after collecting the materials; they assisted in evaluating the donated items and in preparing them for Stilkey's painting.

Board Members

Jennifer Bauer | Board Chair
Jessica Rodriguez | Secretary
David Solly | Trustee Reports
Stacey Baker
Weber Baker
Kristen Hansen
Natasha Moser
Rachel Rouse
Stacy Tibbits
Benjamin Williamson | Assistant City Manager (City of Farmers Branch Liaison to the Board)



Partnerships

Farmers Branch Fire Department
Dallas Zoo
Farmers Branch Historical Park
Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Department
Dallas College