

Benbrook Public Library

2023-2024

Inform - Imagine - Innovate



Kayla's Creatures



Have you noticed creatures floating around this summer? They are the creation of our very own Marketing Specialist, Kayla Minter. Check out some of Kayla's other work in our library. We never know what she is going to come up with next!



**SUMMER
2023**



MEET THE LIBRARY STAFF!

YOUTH SERVICES



Miranda Bauer
Youth Services Manager



Julie Alvarez
Youth Services Librarian



Raven Hill
Youth Services Librarian



Austin Hodges
Youth Page

ADULT SERVICES



Cullen Dansby
Adult Services Manager



Sara Hooser
Adult Services Librarian



Kate Lozyk
Adult Services Librarian



Krystal Hunter
Cataloging Specialist



Kayla Minter
Marketing Specialist

CIRCULATION



Sheryl Akins
Circulation Manager



Krystal Curry
Library Assistant



Jenny Johanson
Library Assistant



Jordan Roller
Library Assistant



Karin Wade
Library Assistant



Tatyana Gustafson
Library Assistant



Joyce Lovings
Materials Assistant



Lori Tucker-Woodbury
Materials Assistant

MAKERSPACE



Technology Manager



Ted Avila
MakerSpace Specialist

ADMINISTRATION



Samantha Young
Library Operations Manager



Bridgett Adrian
Community Coordinator



Andrew Kraines
Courier Driver Specialist



Erica Richardson
Library Director
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LAST YEAR AT BPL

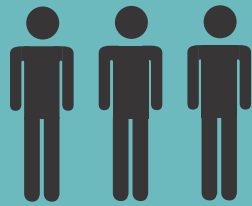
Take a look at some of our most vital statistics
from October 2022 – August 2023*



1,971

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 **12,472** total BPL cardholders.



96,663

Total
Visitors

The library was open for a total of **290** days last year, meaning an average of **333** people visited BPL per day.



172,830

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 **42,854** digital items.



23,741

Program
Attendees

The library offers a wide variety of programs, including storytimes, book clubs, computer classes, special children's events, and more. We had **817** 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 do not include September 2023's numbers*



DO YOU HAVE YOUR LIBRARY CARD?

THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO GETTING A CARD AT BPL

BENBROOK RESIDENT CARD

In order to sign up for a resident card, patrons must present a valid state-issued ID with a Benbrook address or 76126 zip code 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.

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, Decatur, Forest Hill, Haltom City, Haslet, Keller, Richland Hills, Roanoke, Saginaw, 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.

Upgrade Your Card

For a \$10 donation, upgrade your library card to one of our four beautiful contest-winning library card designs! All proceeds go to the library's new building fund.



BOOKS

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



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.

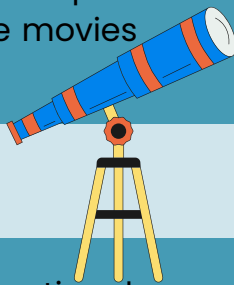
MEDIA

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



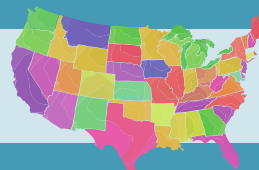
The Library of Things is a collection of kits that facilitate a variety of educational, recreational, and practical activities. Kits in the collection include musical instruments, a telescope, video games, a projector, knitting supplies, and more. Most kits contain books and other materials that provide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

Our early literacy kits for children include themed combinations of books, toys, games, and other manipulatives to encourage a love of reading. You'll find kits on bugs, dinosaurs, bedtime, and more!

We have video games available for Switch, Xbox One, and PlayStation 4 game consoles. Adult Benbrook residents, non-residents, and MetroShare cardholders are welcome to check out two video games at a time for three weeks.

Our Seed Library offers local gardeners a variety of fruit, vegetable, and flower seeds to choose from. If you would like to save seeds from your harvest and share them with the community, just bring them by the library and donate them to the seed collection.

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. 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.

COMPUTER ACCESS @ THE LIBRARY

We have 5 adult computers that have Windows 10 and Microsoft Office, as well as 3 library booths that are meant for single users. Printing is 10¢ per side for black & white and 25¢ per side for color.

There are 3 computers in the Teen Room, and 6 computers in the children's area. Reservations are accepted when all computers are in use.

We have laptops available for in-library use. You may also access our free Wi-Fi on your own device. Print wirelessly from your laptop, phone, or tablet. You can even 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!



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, Max, Disney Plus, Apple TV, 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.

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

Adult Programs

Check our website for our event schedule

Trivia Nights

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

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.

Knitting & Crochet

Learn the basics of knitting and crochet and have fun honing your craft with experienced knitter Amy! Polish your skills, learn a new craft, and enjoy the company. Crafters of all levels are welcome!

Spanish Conversation

Attend our Spanish Conversation class twice a month to practice and improve your Spanish. This is a beginner/intermediate level class for adults.

Yoga & Mindfulness

Twice a month, we host a yoga session with a professional instructor. Come participate in this invigorating hour of relaxation for body and mind. If you like our yoga classes, you might enjoy our mindfulness class. Learn to be aware and accepting of your thoughts without judgement.

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. Tech with a Librarian meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.

GED Classes

Our GED classes meet once a week. These free classes will prepare you for taking the exam. Contact the library for registration details.

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.

Craft Your Calm

Join us one evening a month for a craft/art class for adults. These free classes are by registration only due to limited supplies and space.

Pages & Provisions Book Boxes

This free, single-month book box service is available by reservation to our resident and non-resident cardholders. Register every other month to receive a customized themed box, complete with a book and a variety of hand-picked goodies. *Limited number available.*

Download & Stream



Libby offers a large selection of ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines for checkout. You can check out 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'd like!



CloudLibrary offers a collection of over 170,000 ebooks and audiobooks to enjoy. You can check out 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.



Benbrook Library gives you 6 credits to watch movies each month. Depending on the title, you have 48 or 72 hours to finish a film after pressing play. You can see remaining time at My Lists > Continue watching. Kanopy Kids requires no credits!

→ To Access kanopy ←

- Download the Kanopy app for your mobile device or access Kanopy on your desktop or SmartTV apps like Roku, AppleTV, and Fire Stick.
- Select "Add Library Card" button on bottom left.
- Enter your Benbrook library card number.
- Create an account using your preferred email.
- Browse thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and kids' favorites.
- Borrow instantaneously!



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 MetroShare Libraries free mobile app. Use it to search the library catalog, view your account, renew items, see upcoming events, use digital resources, and more!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

MUSIC, MOVEMENT, AND ME

First 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!

Recommended for ages 2-6.

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.

Other Library Programs and Resources That Support Early Literacy:

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

BOOK BABIES

Monday & Wednesday Mornings at 10:30

Songs and finger-plays fill this fun program aimed at promoting early literacy. After the fun, we invite you to hang out with other caregivers while the babies play.

Recommended for ages 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.

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, bells, sticks and more enhance this interactive program!

Recommended for ages 2-6.





1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

This program is designed to encourage families to read aloud to their children. 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 (including storytime!). Participants will receive prizes at various intervals. Download the Beanstack App to help you keep track of the books you read.



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, performers, and Fun Fridays to help your family beat the heat and learn something at the same time.

Other (Established & Forthcoming) Library Programs & Resources for Elementary-Age:

- Take and Make Crafts
- Homework Helper Cart
- Bluebonnet Book Club
- Tween Tuesdays

Pokemon Club

Do you love all things Pokémon? Catch 'em all at our monthly Pokémon Club. Enjoy snacks, trade cards, express your creativity through a Pokémon-related craft, and hang out after school with other fans.

Tween Art Classes

This is a once a month program that teaches tweens the basics of design, drawing, and color theory. Each class has a different lesson and project. Due to its scope and popularity, registration is required.

A Sampling of Our Educational Resources



WORLD TRADE PRESS®
The Global Knowledge Company

Teens

The Benbrook Library strives to provide quality programming, books, and educational opportunities for teens in the area.



Featured Digital Resource:

tutor.com
A Service of The Princeton Review

Sara:

- Is unaware of tutor.com
- Feels stressed about math and isn't sure what to do

Krystal:

- Uses the live tutor feature on tutor.com
- Sees improvement in her math skills
- Feels more confident and excited about math!

Adulting 101

Confused about car maintenance?
Stressed about crafting a resumé?

Worry not! Adulting 101 is aimed at young adults who want to hone the skills necessary for navigating the adult world.

Japanese Culture Club

From watching anime while sampling Japanese snack foods, to kendama tournaments and making kokedamas, drop by Japanese Culture Club to celebrate the culture of Japan and connect with others who want to do the same!

Teen Advisory Council

Teen Advisory Council allows teens to have their voices and visions represented. Teen council will earn volunteer hours and help devise and implement teen programming.

Teen Crafternoon

Calling all crafty and artsy teens!

This program is focused on crafts and casual conversation - painting, beading, and everything in between!

Teen Scene

Join us for an evening of unscripted fun!

In this workshop, we'll play silly games and do exercises that will help us learn to take risks and think on our feet while laughing a lot along the way!

Novel-Teen Book Box



BPL Novel-Teen Book Box is a free single-month subscription service. Sign up is offered every other month.

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, Bridgett, at (817) 249-6632, email bridgett@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 third Thursday 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!

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS*



Carol Hafer



Rachel Moore



Larry Vickers



Christina Watson



Tammi Cauthen

Board of Trustees

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 4:30 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 benbrooklibrary.org.

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

BENBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY MAKERSPACE

THE EQUIPMENT

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

Laser Engraving

We currently 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 tumblers and mugs, etc. Materials available are wood at a cost of \$.05/sq.in and acrylic at a cost of \$.10/sq.in plus tax. Engraving is free if you bring your own material.

3D Printing

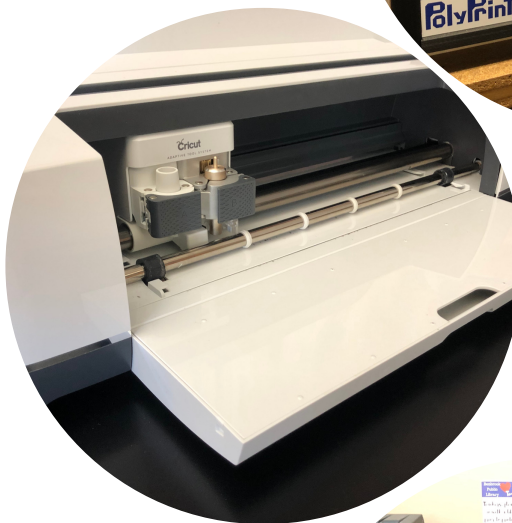
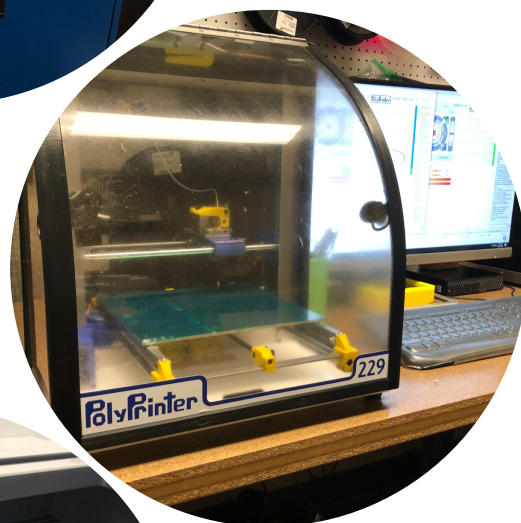
We have three (3) **PolyPrinter 229 model** 3D Printers available for use. We primarily use ABS plastic and Ninja flex. Cost is calculated at \$.10/ gram plus tax. For ideas: www.thingiverse.com

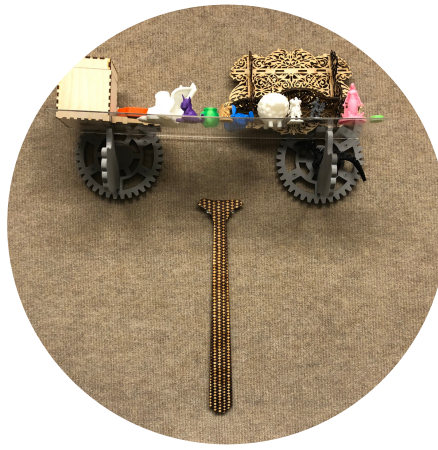
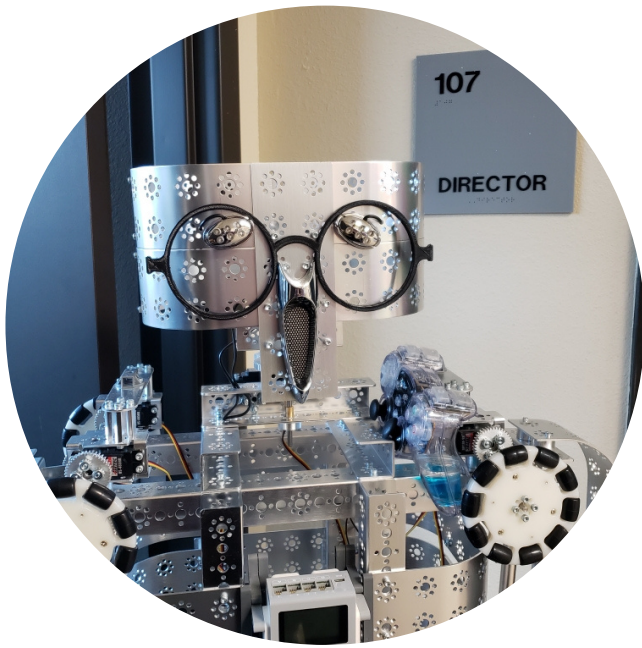
Cricut

We have the **Cricut Maker** that will cut vinyl, cardstock, leather, pleather, and numerous other materials. We also have a good selection of pens to draw with on your projects. Our supplies are all at cost, plus tax.

Poster Printer

We have the **Canon Imageprograf 4100 Poster Printer** to handle all your poster needs. We have two sizes of paper, 24" and 36" wide. We have bond, glossy, and canvas paper available. All files must be in PDF format to print successfully, and preferably brought to us on a flash drive. The final cost is determined by the ink, paper, and material type used, plus tax.





ABOUT THE SPACE

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



STEM PROGRAMS

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

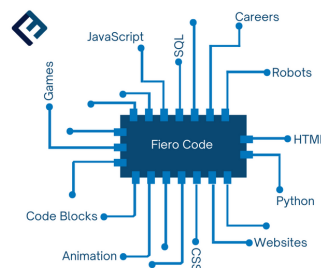
FIRST LEGO League introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children ages 9-16 through fun and exciting hands-on learning. Participants gain real-world problem-solving experiences through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future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



JOIN OUR CODE CLUB

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

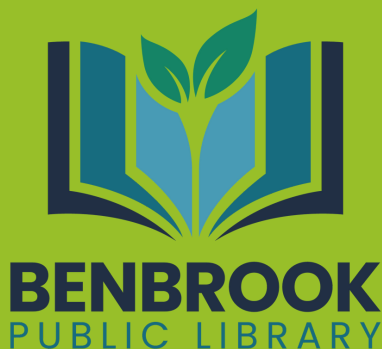
Fall Code Club starting now!



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SCAN ME



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