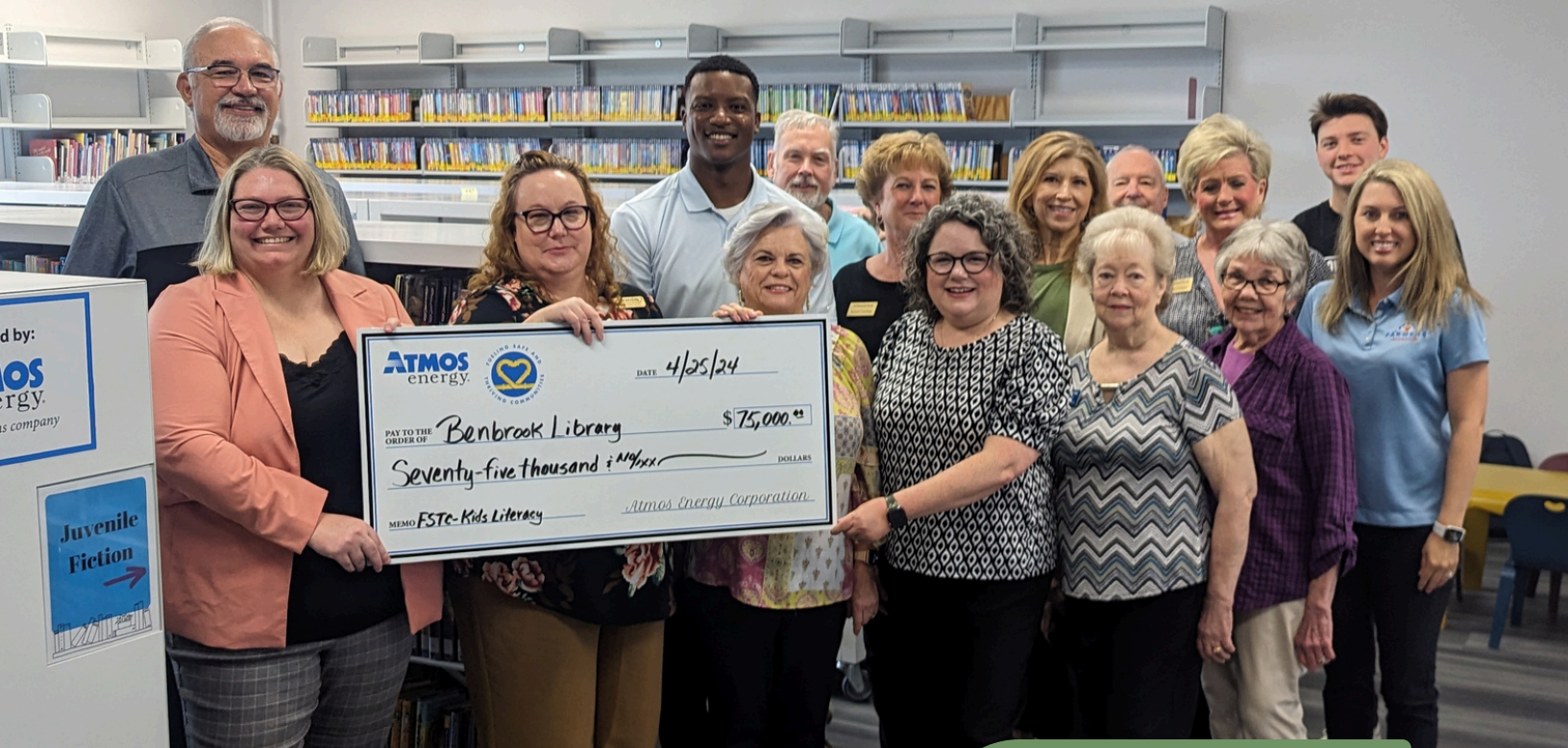


# BENBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY



2024-2025

Inform - Imagine - Innovate



# WHO WE ARE



Out of over 500 public libraries in the state of Texas, there are only fifteen library districts, with Benbrook being one of them. The district model affords us optimal flexibility in serving our community while condensing the line of accountability between constituents, library administration, and library governance.

In addition to offering access to a vast array of reading, listening, and viewing material, we also deliver a wealth of helpful and enriching services to our patrons. Whether you would like to surf the web, do some research with our databases, receive computer instruction, participate in a book club, enjoy story time, create in our Makerspace, or just lounge in our reading area with a good book, we have something for you.

Our friendly and professional staff is eager to serve you.



## History

In 1988, the Friends of the Library opened the Benbrook Library in a building donated by the City of Benbrook and the Water Department. It was operated entirely by volunteers. A petition drive was held by the Friends to form a library district, which is funded, operated, and governed independent of the city. The initiative succeeded, and the citizens voted a 1/2 percent sales tax to operate a Benbrook Library District. The sales tax has allowed the library to be professionally staffed and governed by a Library Board of Directors.



## Mission Statement

The Benbrook Public Library will enhance our clients' quality of life by providing a safe and comfortable facility and resources that meet informational needs, encourage lifelong learning, provide cultural enrichment, and support responsible citizenship. The library provides free services to all residents living within the Benbrook city boundaries, as well as non-residents.



# MEET THE STAFF



**Erica**  
Executive Director

## *Library Services*



**Miranda**  
Assistant Executive Director



**Alicia**  
Adult Services Librarian



**Chelsey**  
Adult Services Librarian



**Hannah**  
Youth Services Librarian



**Haley**  
Youth Services Librarian



**Kaelin**  
Cataloging Specialist



**Gisela**  
Marketing Specialist



**Austin**  
Library Assistant



**Krystal**  
Collection Development Librarian



**Andrew**  
Courier Driver



**Bridgett**  
Community Coordinator

# Circulation



**Sheryl**  
Circulation Director



**Jenny**  
Library Assistant



**Jenni**  
Library Assistant



**Karin**  
Library Assistant



**Joyce L.**  
Materials Specialist



**Tatyana**  
Library Assistant



**Leilani**  
Circulation Page



**Keri**  
Library Assistant

# Operations



**Kristen**  
Library Operations Director



**Joyce M.**  
Operations Assistant



**Ted**  
MakerSpace & Facilities Manager



**Katie**  
MakerSpace Assistant

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# 84,391

## **Program Attendees**

The library offers a wide variety of programs, including storytime, book clubs, robotics, special children's events, and more. We had 1,274 programs last year alone!

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# 1,326

## **New Library Cards**

Total includes all Benbrook residents, non-residents, TexShare, and children's cards.

*A year at the Benbrook*

# 2023

## **#Project BLDing**

**We can do it together!**

Since the beginning of the library in 1999, the population of Benbrook has remained fairly stable (2020: 24,500), but visits to the library have drastically increased. This is, in part, due to our staff who are consistently creating new and exciting programs for all ages. Our patrons check out almost thrice as many items compared to other Texas libraries of a similar size with merely a quarter of the average Texas library space!

*Thank you to all of you who contributed to another success!*

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# 75,779

## **Total Visitors**

The library had an average of 207 people visited BPL per day.

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# 85,092

## **Items Circulated**

This total includes checkouts for all books, audiobooks, DVDs, Blu-rays, electronic devices, and kits circulated at BPL last year. Our cardholders also checked out 80,042 digital items.

*Brook Public Library*

# 2024



We have outgrown our space and no longer have the capacity to optimally support all our visitors and programs. As the City of Benbrook is expected to grow to a population of almost 47,000 people, now is the right time to build a new library to embrace the growth. We want to be ready to serve our community and offer a space that meets the wants and needs of all visitors. Business owners, families, seekers of personal and professional development - the new multi-purpose building will accommodate everyone.

We are thrilled about this grand project and we hope you will be a part of our journey!

*...ful year at the library. You're more than a number to us!*

# GET YOUR LIBRARY CARD



*Benbrook Residents & 76126*

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*Fort Worth Residents  
& TexShare*

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*Non-Residents*

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*Children*

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In order to sign up for a resident card, patrons must present a valid state-issued ID with a Benbrook address or zip code in 76126 on it and a piece of recent, first-class mail with the same address. The checkout limit is 50 items, including 10 DVDs (20 per family), 2 video games, 2 kits, 2 BOB books, and 1 WIFI hotspot. With this card, patrons will also have access to all of our physical and digital materials.

If you're a resident of Fort Worth and have a library card with Fort Worth Public Library, you may obtain a TexShare Card from Fort Worth. Bring that TexShare card, along with a valid state-issued ID and a piece of mail with the same address, to our library to obtain one of our cards. The checkout limit is 25 items, including 10 DVDs (20 per family), 1 kit, and 1 BOB book. TexShare cardholders are unable to check out technology, digital media, and video games. They may not request interlibrary loan items.

If you live outside of Benbrook or the 76126 zip code, Fort Worth, or you are not served by a MetroShare library, then you qualify for a non-resident card. To obtain one, come in and provide a valid state-issued ID & piece of mail with the same address on it. The checkout limit is 25 items, including 10 DVDs (20 per family), 1 kit, 1 BOB books, and 1 WIFI hotspot. With this card, patrons will also have access to all of our physical and digital materials.

Children can have their own card under their parent or guardian's account. There is no minimum age requirement; anyone under the age of 18 can obtain a library card. Parents or guardians of anyone under 18 must sign an agreement that they will be responsible for their children before a card is issued. Some collections are restricted to children. If parents wish to restrict their children from borrowing types of materials, it's the responsibility of the parents to enforce that restriction.





# METROSHARE LIBRARIES

If you have a library card with one of our MetroShare partner libraries (Burleson, Decatur, Forest Hill, Haltom City, Haslet, Keller, Richland Hills, Roanoke, Saginaw, or Watauga), you may use your card at Benbrook Public Library!

The MetroShare Library Consortium is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission (Grant #LS-252486-OLS-22). (2023)

Visit [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov) for more information regarding the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

# MATERIALS



## Books

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 all ages. Picture books, board books, easy readers, and award winners for children.

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## Media

We have four adult computers that have Windows 10 and Microsoft Office, as well as three library booths that are meant for single users. 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!



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## 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 gaming 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.

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# MAKERSPACE

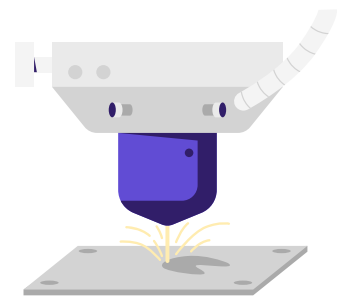
This is a space built just for you to dream, plan, and create; all ages are welcome. We have a variety of innovative tools available for in-house use at the library.

The MakerSpace is a place for YOU to learn and create. Library staff provide guidance but leave the vision and execution of the projects to you. Training is available to help you learn how to operate the equipment safely to complete your projects with the results you hope to achieve.

Make appointments on our website!

## *Laser Engraver*

We currently have a Fusion Pro 36 laser engraver. It has a bed size of 36"x24", will cut 1/4" wood or acrylic, and is 60 watts. We also have a rotator that will allow you to print on cylindrical tumblers, 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.



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## *Cricut*

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

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## *Sublimation Printer*

We have a SG 500 that prints full color images on any sublimation ready material. Transfer designs onto materials using heat and pressure on apparel, home decor, etc.



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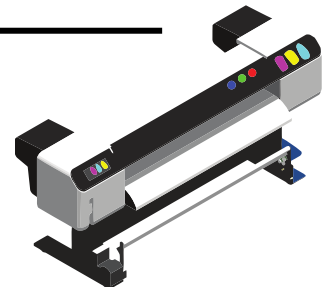
## *3-D Scanner*

We have a CR-Scan Ferret Pro to create 3-D Models. It is a wireless scanner with 0.1mm accuracy; compatible with MAC, IOS, windows, and Android. Scanner will help you create a digital model of a physical object by capturing its shape, height, width, and depth.

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## *Poster Printer*

We have a Canon Imageprograf 4100 Poster Printer to handle all your poster needs. We have two sizes of paper, 24" and 36" wide. We have bond and glossy 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.



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## *Embroidery Machine*

We have a Brother 1700 Embroidery Machine complete with a 6"x10" area and 8.3" area from needle to arm. Compatible with iBroidery to personalize shirts, hats, aprons, & much more.

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## *3-D Printer*

We have three Polyprinter 229 model 3D Printers available for use. We primarily use ABS, plastic PLA, and PETG. Cost is calculated at \$.10/gram, plus tax. For ideas, visit [www.thingiverse.com](http://www.thingiverse.com)



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## *Heat Press*

We have a Vevor heat press with a 16"x16" plate to transfer designs. Equipped with hat, mug, and tumbler press.

# PROGRAM

## Children



### Book Babies

**Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am**

Connect with your baby by singing songs and listening to stories at this fun program aimed at promoting early literacy.



### Bilingual Storytime

**2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am**

A storytime in both English and Spanish. Attending this program is a great way to introduce your little to a different language.



### Baby Sensory

**2nd and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 am**

Let your baby explore using their developing senses with our sensory stations. These activities are aimed at children 2 and under.



### Baby Sign Storytime

**1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am**

Enjoy a story time format with practical topics to support you and your baby learn helpful signs.



### Art Time

**2nd Friday of each month at 10:30 am**

Come explore your child's artistic side with fun arts and crafts projects.



### Move & Shake Storytime

**Every Monday at 9:30 am**

Get ready to move and shake with this storytime. We have shakers, bells, and sticks to add to the fun.

## Tweens



### Lego Building Club

**One Thursday a month at 4:00 pm**

While stacking and building, you'll sharpen problem-solving skills and teamworking abilities. For ages 6-15



### Art Class\*

**2nd Saturday of each month at 11:00 am**

Be introduced to the elements of art and develop artistic skills to create a masterpiece in every session. For ages 9-12.



### Coding Club\*

**Every Wednesday at 4:00 pm**

Use Fiero Code, a self-paced software for kids that features hundreds of coding tutorials. For ages 8-15.

## Adults



### Book Clubs

**Coffee Break Book Club:** First Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am

**Bent Corners:** First Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

**The New Romantics:** Last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm



### Knitting & Crochet

**1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm**

Learn the basics or hone your craft with our awesome instructor, Amy! Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own.



### Mindfulness

**2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm**

Join us each month to reflect and pause together in mindful ways. We will discover together how to experience life more fully, bring calm into our life situations, and move forward with purpose and focus.

# AMMING



## Storytime Yoga

3rd Friday of the Month at 10:30 am

Storytime yoga is a great way to connect with your child and enjoy some mindful moments together! All skill levels welcome.



## Explore & Play

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30 am

This moment of free play fosters creativity, allows children to explore the world in their own way, and allows children to socialize with their peers.



## Music, Movement, & Me

1st Friday of the month at 10:30 am & 11:15 am

Encourage your child's love of music! Children will learn basic music terminology with singing, dancing, and fun rhymes.



## Family Place Workshop\*

Check calendar for availability

A series for parents/caregivers to provide early learning resource for young children.

*Teens*



## Talk & Play\*

4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am

Speech & language skills will be taught by a speech-language pathologist.



## Snapology\*

1st Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm

Learn to code with robotic games to test your code. Students will learn about sequencing commands, value and sensor inputs, and loops. For ages 5-14.



## Pokémon Club

One Monday a Month at 5:00 pm

Enjoy trading cards, express your creativity through a Pokémon-related craft, and hang out after school with other fans. For ages 6-15.



## Teen Book Club

4th Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm

Join us for a lively discussion on various books voted on by you!

(Excludes holidays)



## Robotics\*

Check calendar for availability

Have fun being a part of a team as you learn to build a robot and code it to complete missions autonomously.



## Spanish Conversation

4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Practice and improve your Spanish at this beginner/intermediate level conversation-based classes for adults.



## Writing Critique

Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Attendees read aloud from their writing projects and receive notes, praise, and constructive criticism from their fellow writers.



## Yoga with Ginger

Second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm

Yoga classes at the library are taught by a professional instructor from the Benbrook YMCA. The 45-minute classes are free and are a great way to improve oneself both physically and mentally.

# DOWNLOAD & STREAM

## libby

**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 free 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

**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 phone number unless you customize 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.

## kanopy

**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.**

→ To Access Kanopy ←

- Download the free Kanopy app for your mobile device or access Kanopy on your desktop or SmartTV apps like Roku, AppleTV, and Fire Stick.
- Select the "Add Library Card" button on the 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!

## 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 free 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.

# GET INVOLVED



## Friends of Benbrook Library

### *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 every month at 6:30 pm. Membership applications are available at the library. For more information, contact [friends@benbrooklibrary.org](mailto:friends@benbrooklibrary.org).

### *Volunteer*

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](mailto:bridgett@benbrooklibrary.org), or stop by the library to speak with her. We'd love your help!

### *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. Be sure to stop by our book sales at the library every April and October or visit the Little Bookshop at the Benbrook Antique Mall to get books all year long!

Benbrook Antique Mall 

**BOOTH #1065**

**BOOK SALES  
ARE HELD  
TWICE A YEAR**

### *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 fourth Monday, at 5:30 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](http://benbrooklibrary.org).

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



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Hafer**



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