



Chambers County Library System – January, 2022

January 1 always brings good tidings for County departments because the new budget year kicks in, and we can breathe a sigh of relief. The bulk of our funds for books, magazines, and supplies is usually spent between January and April, and by December, we are sometimes holding our breath to squeak by. This year we had the good fortune to meet with some of our regular vendors face to face. There's such a difference seeing the books versus buying them online, and the selection of materials is often better! Most of the vendors we meet with offer children's titles, which are some of the most fun to see in person.

Once the books start arriving, the Technical Services division of the library system becomes a little chaotic. The library operates with 4 separate units; we have three branches, where citizens use all our library services and collections, and then there is Tech Services, where the ordering, invoicing, processing, and distribution of items to the branches occurs. Tech Services deals with the inventory of items, handles all the incoming and outgoing interlibrary loans, tracks the financials, and much more. The County Librarian and Assistant County Librarian's offices are part of this mix, so the grant writing, administrative work, and shameless marketing are all done from this division as well.

This time of year we also work on setting up dates for our programmers to meet and discuss program ideas for the coming year. System-wide we have 3 groups of programmers (children's, teens, and adults) who meet to brainstorm, put together supplies for programs, talk about what worked in the past, and what creative ideas they have for future events. In January, they all met virtually to discuss program ideas for Summer Reading. Some of the programs that happened in January included a birthday party for Elvis, complete with trivia and music, movie nights, computer classes, storytime, craft club, tween and teen programs, and GED prep classes. It's great to resume in-person programs and our public agrees! Virtually, we continue to offer weekly Baby & Me programs. A new program that started at Mont Belvieu focuses on our tiniest patrons. Sensory Days and Tots & Technology are offered monthly for the 2-5 year olds. A great program for young kids to play, create, investigate, and explore!

Outreach programs are also ramping back up. At Winnie, staff members Clarice Martel and Sydney Rexroat partnered with East Chambers High School by offering a "Get Hired 101" program to seniors. The purpose was to help students get better prepared to step into the workforce. They learned job interview skills by participating in mock interviews, dress etiquette, and more. Over 70 students were involved, and nothing but positive feedback came from the teachers and students. Clarice and Sydney received thank you letters from all the students after the program, and the feedback was that all the students found the program extremely helpful. At Mont Belvieu, the monthly Cork Dork Book Club continues to meet at Yepez Vineyard. July of 2022 will be their 3rd anniversary and they consistently boast over 20 members.

We wanted to also start a new addition to our report by spotlighting a different database each month offered by the library. We'll start with Hoopla for January. Hoopla is a streaming service that allows you to borrow audiobooks, comics, eBooks, movies, music, and television shows online with automatic return after the loan period. Never wait on titles, and Hoopla offers a great selection! Use it on your desktop, or download the app. Find out more information here: <https://www.chambers.lib.tx.us/hoopla-page>.

Enjoy a few pictures of our January happenings - Until next month!



Storytime at Mont Belvieu



Cork Dork Book Club at Yepez in Mont Belvieu



Craft club at Anahuac



Tots & Technology at Mont Belvieu



Elvis's birthday celebration at Mont Belvieu



Winnie patron enjoying the new "book shopping" cart

Dear Ms. Martel and Ms. Rexroat,

I had never done an interview before nor have I had a cover letter, resume, and references list get reviewed in a job setting. I was very nervous before the interview but I told myself that this would be a great experience and opportunity for me. It turned out to be very true.

Not only did I receive great advice, advice such as, Tailoring my objectives to fit the specific job that I am applying to. But I also felt comforted and relieved at the fact that job interviews are not as intimidating as I thought. They are in fact, extremely helpful and give people great insight and preparation for the future. I am very thankful to the both of you for coming to East Chambers High School. And for the time you both spent with each of us individually.

Thank you again for your time and for being great educators. I believe that this job interview project has not only impacted me, but it has also impacted many other students in many ways. I hope that this project can continue to help many other students in the future.

Thank you letter from East Chambers student

Year 2022	January	Total at outreach programs	
Books	4841		
Vertical Files	0		
Magazines	73	Number of adult outreach programs	0
Newspapers	0	Children at outreach programs	0
Permits	0		
Total Print Circulation	4914	Adults at outreach programs	0
AudioCassettes	1	Total at outreach programs	0
AudioCDs	65		
Cassettes (Music)	0	Patron Visits to Library	3326
CDs	1	Site visits: Anahuac	706
CD-ROMs	0	Site visits: Winnie	1162
DVDs	619	Site visits: Mont Belvieu	1458
Kits	8		
Microforms	0	Interlibrary loans returned	56
Optical Disks	0	Interlibrary loans sent	11
Total A-V Circulation	694	Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	164
		Intralibrary loans to Winnie	36
E-books	0	Intralibrary loans to Mt Belv.	142
Equipment	16	Year 2022	January
Puzzles	0	Volunteer Service Hours	33.25
Rooms, Meeting	20	Hours Open for Patrons	546
Public Computer Logons	299	Curbside only hours	47
Wireless logons	17	Family Card Totals	
Database Logons	3705	Patron cards: Anahuac	3272
Total Other Circulation	4057	Patron cards: Winnie	3835
Total Juv Circulation		Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	8585
Total Circulation	9665	Patron cards: Blocked	0
Remote Logons	4258		
		Collection development:	
Number of Juv Programs	10	Print titles added	24
Children at Juv Programs	43	Book titles withdrawn	0
Adults at Juv Programs	32	Previous total	90972
Total at Juv Programs	75	New print title total	90996
Number of Adult Programs	7	Magazine titles added	39
Total at Adult Programs	33	Magazine titles withdrawn	0
		Previous total	1125
Computer/device assistance use	25	New magazine title total	1164
Total at adult computer classes	0		
		Audio-visual titles added	0
Number of YA Programs	4	Audio titles withdrawn	55
Teens at YA programs	0	Previous total	7798
Adults at YA programs	0	New audio-visual title total	7743
Total at YA Programs	0		
		Other item titles added	0
Number of Juv outreach programs	2	Other item titles withdrawn	10
Children at outreach programs	229	Previous total	1633
Adults at outreach programs	19	Other item title total	1623
		TexShare Cards Issued:	0
		Reference questions	91
	248		