



**Library News:**

\$697,959—the amount of money library patrons saved in 2021 by borrowing books, CDs, DVDs versus purchasing them. This amount does not include available resources and services that patrons utilized such as newspapers, magazines, computer/wi-fi access, information queries, digital resources, and programming for all age groups.

Most checked out items in 2021:

- **Fiction:** *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
- **Large Print Fiction:** *Sentinel* by Lee Child
- **Non-Fiction:** *Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey
- **Easy:** *Elephant & Piggie Biggie* series by Mo Willems
- **Juvenile Fiction:** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
- **Young Adult:** *The Girl from the Other Side* by Nagabe
- **DVD:** *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*
- **CD:** *A Time for Mercy* by John Grisham
- **Playaway:** *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- **eBook:** *A Time for Mercy* by John Grisham

**Library Programs & Activities:**

- ⌘ Hosted inaugural community blood drive to support Carter BloodCare. **(F)(S)**
- ⌘ Continued collaboration with East Texas Baptist University nursing program to provide free blood pressure screenings at MPL courtesy of nursing students. **(M)(S)**
- ⌘ Added 20 hotspots to library collection for individuals needing access or improved internet connection at their homes. Hotspots were funded through the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) grant awarded to MPL and brings the total number of hotspots available for check-out to 30. **(T)**
- ⌘ Served as polling place for Precincts 2, 3, 11, and 22 on Election Day. Voter registration cards in both English and Spanish are available for distribution year-round. **(F)(S)**



- ⌘ Held annual BOOKtacular pumpkin decorating contest for families and invited city departments to submit an entry as well. Participating departments included Administration, Finance, Human Resources, Library, Support Services, and Water Billing who won first place in the city division. Human Resources was 2<sup>nd</sup> place and MPL 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **(S)**



- ⌘ Initiated Homeschool Happenings—programming tailored especially for homeschool families. This quarter, children learned about Japanese culture through making peanut butter and jelly sushi, writing haikus, and creating Japanese-inspired crafts.
- ⌘ Collected 449 pounds of food from patrons and community members for the Heart Like Huff food drive benefitting Mission Marshall. **(S)**
- ⌘ Offered on-going weekly and holiday programming for preschoolers, children, tweens/teens, and adults. **(S)**

2021-2025 Strategic Plan areas addressed:  
**Collection; Facility; Marketing/Public Relations/Advocacy; Service; Technology**