



Library News:

- ⌘ In October, Gail Johnston was hired as the new Public Services Librarian and Assistant Director. Following her graduation from East Texas Baptist University, she worked as a teacher in 2nd-6th grades for 13 years. After earning her master's degree in library science, she served almost 20 years in academic libraries.
- ⌘ \$743,915=the amount of money library patrons saved in 2022 by borrowing books, CDs, DVDs versus purchasing them. In 2021, the savings totaled \$697,959. This amount does not include money saved by utilizing available resources and services such as ebooks, newspapers, magazines, computer/wi-fi access, information queries, digital resources, and programming.
- ⌘ Most checked out items in 2022:
 - **Fiction:** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
 - **Large Print Fiction:** *Shadows Reel* by C.J. Box
 - **Non-Fiction:** *Becoming Bulletproof* by Evy Poumpouras
 - **Easy:** *Biggie* series by Mo Willems
 - **Juvenile Fiction:** *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey
 - **Young Adult:** *Noragami* by Adachitoka
 - **DVD:** *Game of Thrones*
 - **CD:** *Rogue Lawyer* by John Grisham
 - **Playaway:** *It's Better This Way* by Debbie Macomber
 - **eBook:** *Verity* by Colleen Hoover

Library Programs & Activities:

- ⌘ Initiated "Trick or Teeth" during October (National Dental Hygiene Month). The community donated toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for the drive. Almost 650 items were collected and distributed to the Tracy Andrus Foundation and Twelve Way. **(S)**
- ⌘ Invited city departments and the community to participate in the 3rd Annual Pumpkinpalooza contest by decorating an ocean-themed pumpkin. Participating departments included Human Resources, Library, Public Works, Support Services, and Water Billing. **(S)**
- ⌘ Served as polling place for the November election. According to Harrison County officials, 773 cast their ballot at the library. Voter registration cards in both English and Spanish are available for distribution year-round. **(F)(S)**
- ⌘ Collected 606 items from patrons and community members during the holiday food drive benefitting Mission Marshall. **(S)**
- ⌘ Offered on-going weekly and holiday programming for preschoolers, children, tweens/teens, and adults. **(S)**
- ⌘ Visited Marshall Early Childhood Center, Crockett, Sam Houston, and Price T. Young schools for Bilingual Night, Unity Day, and STEM Night to share information about the library's programs, resources, and services. **(S)**
- ⌘ Hosted monthly Pop-Up Storytimes at Michelson Museum of Art, Fire Station, The Grove at East Texas Baptist University, and Telegraph Park/Wonderland of Lights. **(S)**

