



Board of Trustees’ News:

⌘ New officers for 2023 were unanimously elected during the January meeting as follows:

- Darlene Dotson, Chair
- Jenny Kerr, Vice Chair
- Jerry Hancock, Secretary

⌘ The Board of Trustees meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

A list of Board members and their terms of service, a roster of Board members dating back to 1970, current Board agendas and minutes as well as quarterly reports are available on the Board of Trustees page of the library’s website.

Library Programs & Activities:

⌘ \$784,462=2022 YTD amount of money patrons saved borrowing library materials versus buying them--a 13% increase over 2021’s patron savings of \$697,420. (C)



⌘ The grand opening of the Seed Library was held Saturday, January 28. The Green Thumbs Up Garden Club was on hand to share information and gardening tips. Seeds for flowers, vegetables, and herbs are available for the community to check out. Individuals are encouraged to plant, grow, and return some harvested seeds back to the Seed Library. (S)

⌘ Held “Blind Date with a Book” event in which patrons chose books based on clues written on specially-wrapped covers. Many patrons expressed that this was their favorite event of the year because they read books they wouldn’t have read otherwise and learn new things and/or expand thinking. (C)(S)

⌘ Traveled to Marshall College Center, Starr Family Home, and the Train Depot to host pop-up storytimes. Families were given a book to take home courtesy of the Friends of a Public Library. (S)

⌘ Hosted special Spring Break events for kids and teens in addition to regular weekly programming. (S)

⌘ Shared daily Facebook and Instagram posts using Texas Historical Commission’s *African Americans in Texas* travel guide during Black History Month to highlight and celebrate important African-American places in Texas. Copies of the guide are available at the library. (S)

⌘ Hosted and supported community programs in collaboration with area agencies (F)(S):

- Bee in a Book Club (Community Healthcare & Marshall-Harrison County Literacy Council)
- Blood drive (Carter BloodCare)
- Rotating art collection (Marshall Art League)
- Vaccine Booth (Marshall-Harrison County Health Department)



2021-2025 Strategic Plan areas addressed:

Collection; Facility; Marketing/Public Relations/Advocacy; Service; Technology