

FY25 Annual Report



1,937,672
In-person visitors



15,556
Volunteer hours

1,914,221
Online visitors



355,375
Computer sessions



15,520
Library programs

254,771
Program attendance

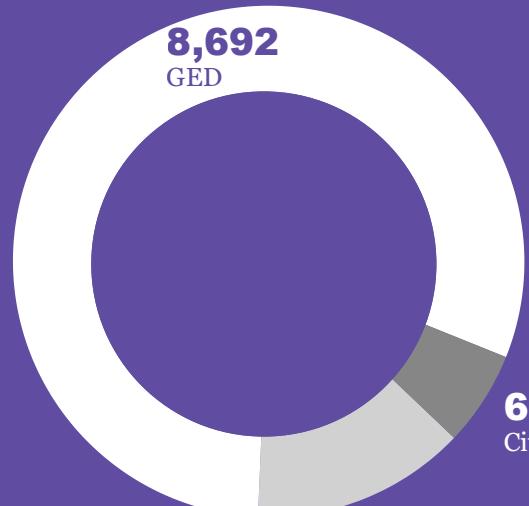


2,375
Early literacy programs

77,133
Early literacy attendance



10,627 Total English Language Learning class attendance



FY25 Highlights

Dallas Poet Laureate Mag Gabbert partnered with the Thanks-Giving Foundation to organize a poetry event at Thanks-Giving Square as part of its **Celebrate Virtues Project**.

The Discovery Wall in the Youth Discovery Center was upgraded thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Dallas Public Library. The technology was modernized to make it more versatile, the screen was replaced and new speakers were added.

Dallas Public Library launched its new digital archive, **ReCollect**, on February 14, featuring thousands of photographs, documents, recordings and more from the Dallas History and Genealogy Collections.

Library staff taught media literacy and critical thinking to adults and children as part of a program at **“The Dallas Morning News”** that included a newsroom tour and first-hand view of how a newspaper story is researched and reported.

In May, **Manya Shorr** was announced as the new Director of Dallas Public Library.

June and July were packed with **SMART Summer** programming for kids every day, including programming provided by the Dallas Arboretum at 20 locations and the Perot Museum at every location. Plus, Dallas Public Library partnered with Dallas Park & Recreation for a second year to host summer camps at 10 branches.

Library Explorer Adventure Packs were released for checkout at six library branches in May in partnership with the Texas Children in Nature Network.

Dallas Public Library, in collaboration with The Commit Partnership and Teach My Kid to Read, launched a **Literacy Decodable Hub** at Hampton-Illinois Branch on May 8.

An Evening at Pemberley had over 560 people in attendance at the Central Library in July, most dressed in period costume. Activities included Regency dance instruction, games, tea tasting, calligraphy and live music.

After a lot of hard work, Dallas Public Library's **new website** went live in August with a fully responsive, accessible and more easily navigable site.

Get Lit at the Library brought almost 3000 people to the Central Library in August for a day of bookish joy with local authors and vendors.

The community said goodbye to **Skillman Southwestern Branch** on September 27 after the City of Dallas budget did not include further funding for the branch.

