



NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING

City of Brenham Library Advisory Board

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 @ 5:15 p.m.

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library

100 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy.

Brenham, Texas

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1. Call Meeting to Order
 2. Citizen and Visitor Comments
 3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
 4. Presentation and Discussion of Art Exhibit **Page 1**
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 8. Adjourn

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the August 20, 2025 agenda of items to be considered by the City of Brenham Library Advisory Board was posted to the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library door at 100 MLK Jr. Pkwy, Brenham, Texas and to the City of Brenham Bulletin Board at 200 West Vulcan Street Brenham, Texas on Friday, August 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Tammy Murphy, Librarian

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library

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I certify that this notice and agenda of items to be considered by the City of Brenham Library Advisory Board was removed by me from the City Hall bulletin board or library door on _____ at _____ Am/ Pm.

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Title



Library Advisory Board

A meeting of the Library Advisory Board was held on Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, 100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Pkwy., Brenham, Texas.

Advisory Board Members present:

Lu Hollander, Lillian Marshall, Jerry Jares, Jan Klingsporn, Janie Mehrens, and Keith Herring

Advisory Board Members absent:

Will Corn, Renee Mueller, and Susan Myers

City staff present:

Tammy Murphy

Others present

none

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board chairman Keith Herring called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

2. Citizen and Visitor Comments

No comments

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes of the April 23, 2025 Regular Meeting

A spacing error was corrected on Item Six. A motion was made by Lillian Marshall and seconded by Jan Klingsporn to approve the Minutes from the April 23, 2025 regular meeting as corrected. Herring called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes
Vice Chair Renee Mueller	Absent
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Will Corn	Absent
Board Member Jerry Jares	Yes
Board Member Susan Myers	Absent
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Jan Klingsporn	Yes

4. Discussion of the Fortnightly Club Donation

Librarian Tammy Murphy read Fortnightly's City Council letter presenting a donation of \$37,000 to the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library. Appreciation from the library was expressed to present Fortnightly members. A discussion among the board members covered the use of funds for the program room upgrades, circulation items, audio books, summer reading program, and research materials. The balance will be deposited in the Library Donation Fund.

5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Addition of Hoopla Digital Content Platform and Swank Streaming Service

Librarian Tammy Murphy presented information on Hoopla Digital Services. Hoopla and the State Agency Partners Library Action Network (PLAN) have invited the NCRML to join a consortium of libraries to share an online library of eBooks and audio books for our patrons purchased from Hoopla. The board discussed their experiences with other library's Hoopla accounts and experiences have been positive. A motion was made by Lu Hollander and seconded by Jan Klingsporn to approve joining the PLAN consortium in purchasing resources from the Hoopla Digital Content Platform. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes
Vice Chair Renee Mueller	Absent
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Will Corn	Absent
Board Member Jerry Jares	Yes
Board Member Susan Myers	Absent
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Jan Klingsporn	Yes

Librarian Tammy Murphy also presented information on Swank Streaming Services. Swank provides annual movie license and will begin offering unlimited streaming of movie showings from Swank's inventory. Questions were raised about the liability of allowing patrons to use the service in the library and if the library internet filters would allow Swank streaming. A motion was made by Janie Mehrens and seconded by Lillian Marshall to table a vote on

purchasing Swank Streaming Services until the questions were resolved. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes
Vice Chair Renee Mueller	Absent
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Will Corn	Absent
Board Member Jerry Jares	Yes
Board Member Susan Myers	Absent
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Jan Klingsporn	Yes

6. Discussion of Board Member Terms Expiring and Reappointment Application Procedures

Librarian Tammy Murphy informed the Library Advisory Board members who have expiring terms in 2025 that the process of filling expiring terms and accepting reappointment applications will begin early this year. The applications will need to be turned in as soon as possible.

7. Administrative Report

Librarian Tammy Murphy provided the library statistics report for the last three months included in the LAB packet. In addition, Murphy provided the following updates

- Summer reading is off to a terrific start with participation. Final stats will be available at the August meeting.
- The Fortnightly House roof damage was repaired for \$4,675 after insurance coverage.
- The proposed library budget increased by 4%. Budget meetings will continue through the summer.

8. Adjourn

Keith Herring adjourned the meeting.

Keith Herring
Chair Person

ATTEST:

Tammy Murphy
Staff Liaison



To: Library Advisory Board

From: Tammy Murphy

Subject: Discussion of Art Exhibit

Date: August 20, 2025

The Library Advisory board will discuss the addition of sculptures from the book Detective Dibley Seymour At Your Service and the feasibility of additional sculptures by Artist Ruth Wilson who has offered to permanently loan the sculptures shown in the following packet pages. In 2023, the Library Advisory Board discussed the offer from Mrs. Wilson, and board members understood the library was to exhibit only the sculptures in the book, and the offer was ended at that time. The Board has been requested to reconsider the offer and what could be included in the library.



Name
Dibley Seymour

Book
Character

Description
Standing male figure dressed in blue trousers, red textured vest, light blue long sleeved shirt. He wears a caped coat, camel colored with a deer stalker hat on his head, flaps buttoned up. Right hand holds bowl of his pipe. Left hand holds dog leash. Dog sits in front with cart on four wheels behind the dog. Cart holds 2 books and dog snacks.

Value	Height	Width	Depth
\$9,250.00	24"	12"	11.5"

Vitrine previously purchased and on display



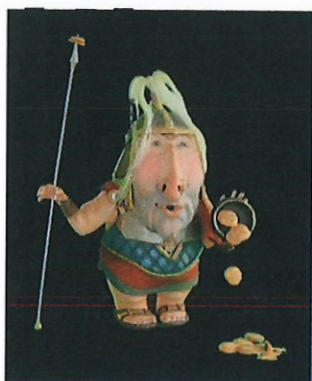
Geoffery

Book
Character

Description
Male standing figure with binoculars hanging from his right hand, left hand holds butterfly net. Butterfly on top of pith helmet. Damaged butterfly parts on attached base.

Value	Height	Width	Depth
\$9,250.00	21"	13"	12"

Pedestal Case 54H Pedestal Case 54H x17W x16D Vitrine 22H \$1960.34



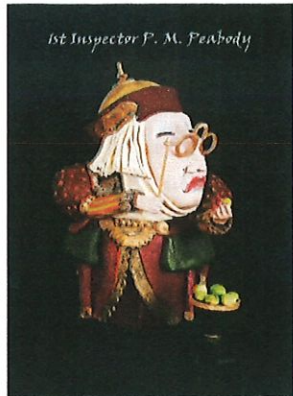
Claudious E. Caesar

Book
Character

Description
Male standing figure, right hand extended holding a spear with cookie on the end. left hand has cookie tray glued to fingers - spilling cookies, one is extended with black thread. Broken cookies scattered below tray. Helmet has a horse tail hair plumb, not attached.

Value	Height	Width	Depth
\$9,200.00	21"	16"	14"

Table Top 22H x 20W x18D \$1,122.39



Patricia Peabody

Female figure dressed in maroon and green gown. Has 1 pair of glasses on a handle, 1 small table with green peas in the tray. Head dress is attached.

\$9,200.00

23"

15"

15.5"



Edna

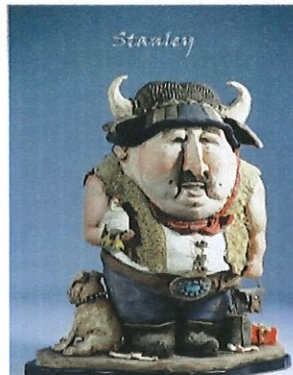
Female Figure with 3 figments of her imagination. Being a day dreamer she see's things other people do not see. one Figment is on her hat, another under the hem of her dress and a large one sitting by her side. She wears a large yellow hat, Blue dress with scarfs

\$7,500.00

18.5"

9.5"

10.5"



Stanley

Book
Character

Standing male figure with base attached. his dog 'Al' by his side with dog bones, red box and suitcase next to his feet. Stanley is wearing a horned hat, carrying a purse, belted jeans, cowboy boots, wooly vest and white shirt. His pet chicken 'Te' is in his right hand. He is ready to go with his purse and 'Al' and 'TE'.

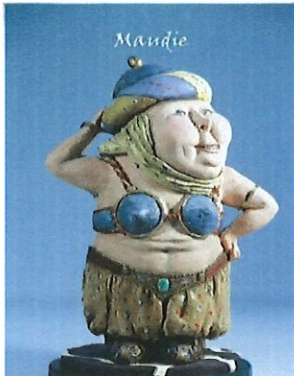
\$9,250.00

18.5"

17"

11"

Pedestal Case 51.5H x21W x15D Vitrine 19.5H \$2,043.14



Maude

Book
Character

Standing Female figure with base attached.
Maude is wearing an Odalisque costume for
the part she will play in the story of
Scheherazade.

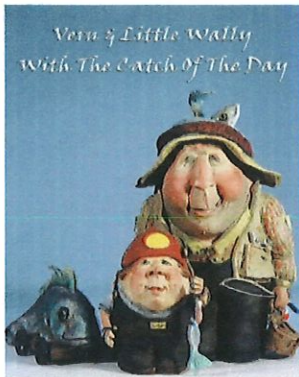
Table Top 23H x 20W x 16D \$1,080.31

\$8,500.00

22"

15.5"

12"



Vern & Little Wally

Book
Character

Total dimensions

Vern - Male form wearing waders, plaid shirt,
vest and hat with fish.

Wally - Young boy wearing waders, blue shirt
red cap on backwards and pulling a wagon with
a huge fish.

Fish - Contest winning catch of the day.

Pedestal Case 56H x 33W x 20D Vitrine 24H \$3,041.79

\$12,750.00

23"

29"

16"

V 20"

12"

12"

W 10.5"

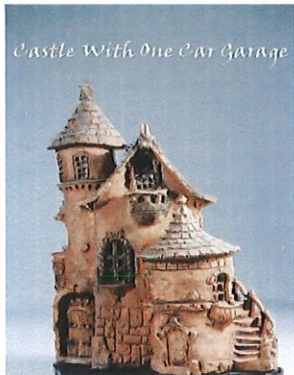
7.5"

7"

F 7"

15"

5.5"



Castle with Single Car
Garage

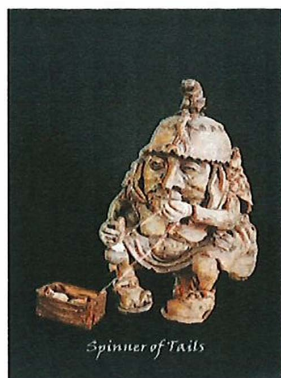
Ancient Castle with stairway and single car
garage.

\$900.00

22"

17"

11.5"



Spinner of Tails

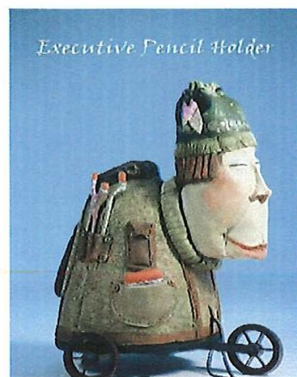
Little old lady sitting on stool, spinning new tales for animals that have lost their tails. Box holding thread.

\$7,500.00

17"

11.5"

16.5"



Executive Pencil Holder

Creature resting on a wheeled base with pull string. He carries an assortment of special - designed pencils and a note pad on back.

\$8,900.00

16.5"

12"

11"



Figgi

Cello player - Female figure seated on stool holding a cello.

\$7,500.00

22"

17"

14"

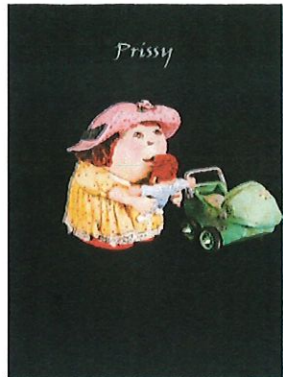
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Ruth Wilson Sculpture Information

For Insurance purposes

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Prissy

Young girl holding doll. Separate baby buggy by her side.

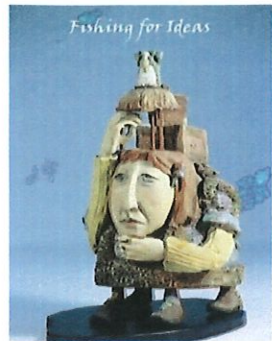
\$900.00

8.5"

5"

7"

Not Available



Fishing for Idea's

Creature with four legs fishing around his brain for ideas.

\$7,500.00

17"

12"

10"



Dog

Seated dog, open mouth, teeth show, tongue out, black nose.

\$3,000.00

12"

12"

13"

Total Value

\$111,100.00



To: Library Advisory Board

From: Tammy Murphy

Subject: Discussion of the Donation Fund

Date: August 20, 2025

The Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library received a donation in the amount of \$100,050.93 as the beneficiary of the life insurance policy provided by Pierre Roberts, Jr. On August 7, 2025 the City Council voted to accept the donation. Librarian Tammy Murphy and Mayor Kenjura welcomed the Donnie Roberts family to the Council meeting. The library and City of Brenham acknowledged the many years of the Roberts family's faithful support of the library. The Library staff also expressed appreciation for allowing the library to be a part of Mr. Pierre Robert's memorial to his daughter, Nancy Carol.



To: Library Advisory Board

From: Tammy Murphy

Subject: Presentation and Recapping of 2025 Summer Reading Program

Date: August 20, 2025

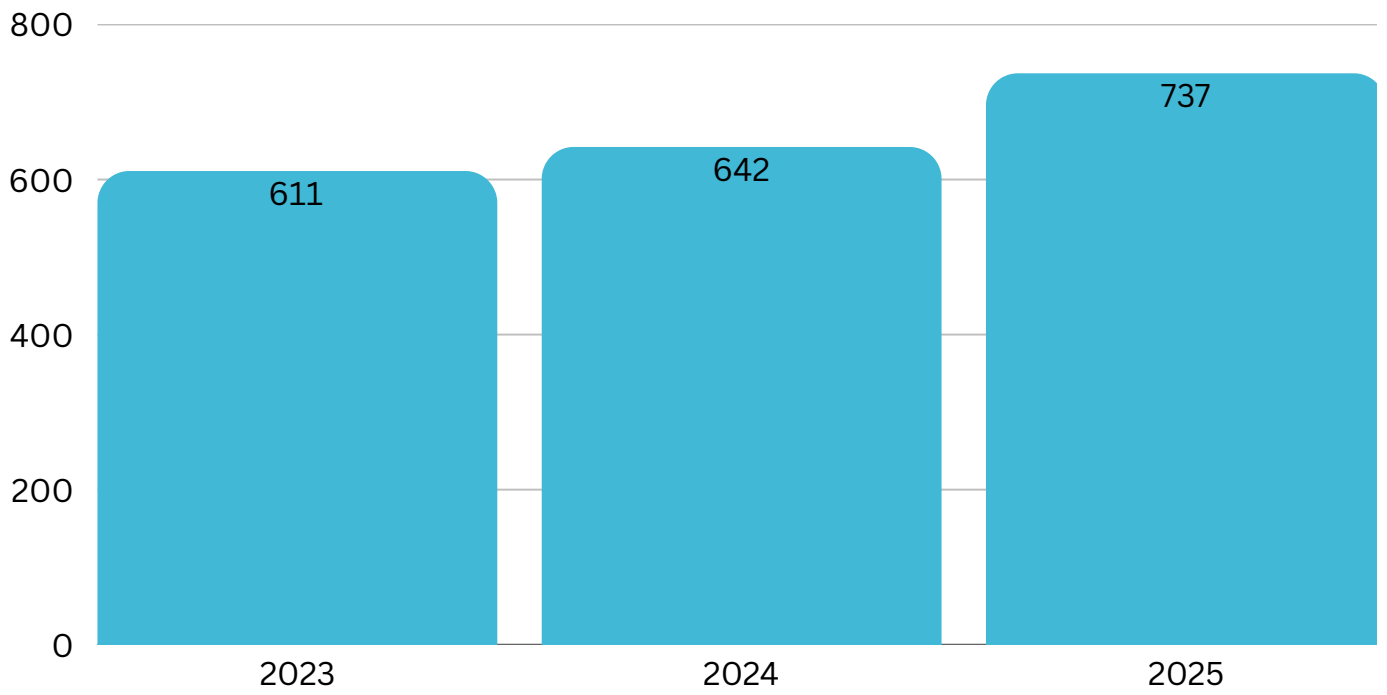
2025 Color Our World Summer Reading Program clearly colored the entire world of the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library for seven weeks with a record number of program attendees, challenge participants, prizes, parties, and pizza. The statistics show the community enjoys the enrichment of summer programming for children, teens, and adults.

The statistics available for 2023, 2024, and 2025 are included in the packet. 737 people registered on Beanstack to log reading minutes with a great increase of 325,839 minutes read this summer. There are no verifiable statistics on pizza consumed, but, somehow, over 200 people ate 30 pizzas in under 20 minutes.

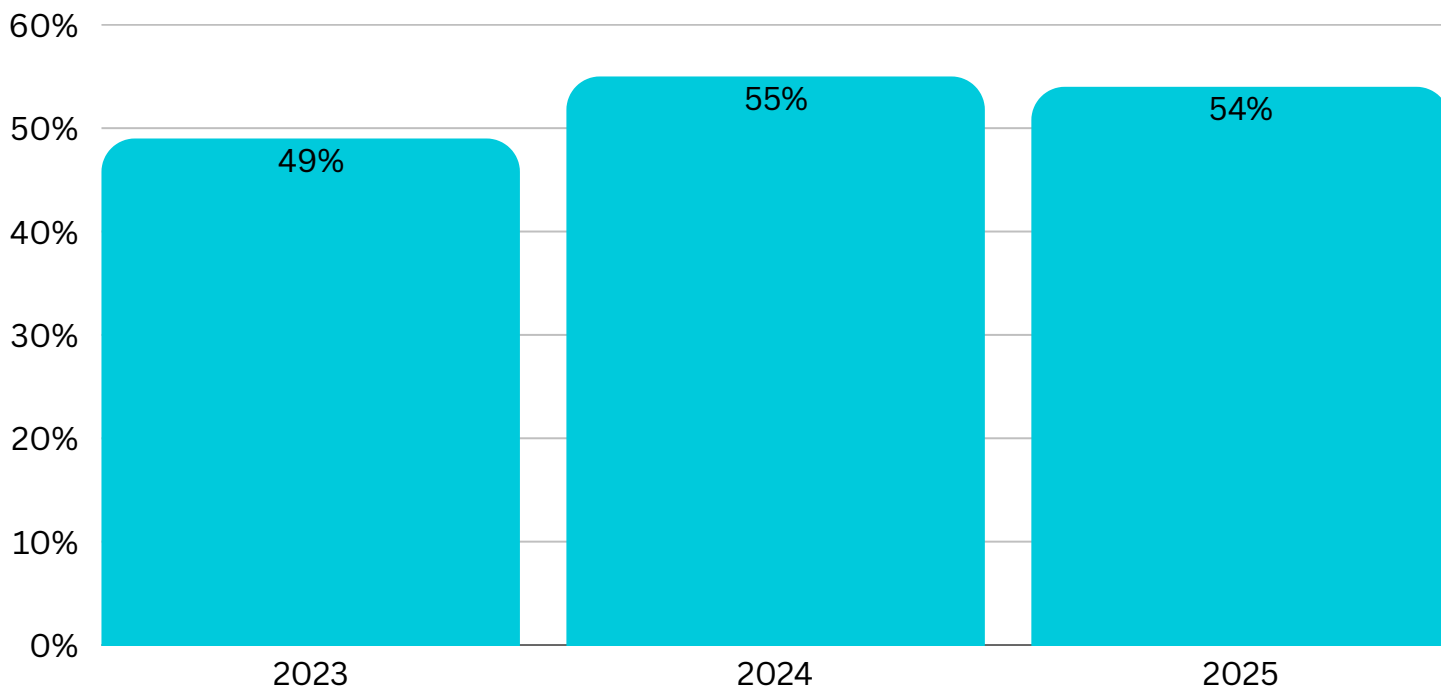
The performers were well received and praised this summer with several entertainers performing for the library for the first time. Plans are already made to attend the Performer Showcase in Georgetown where staff chooses and books exciting new shows that specialize in school and library performances.

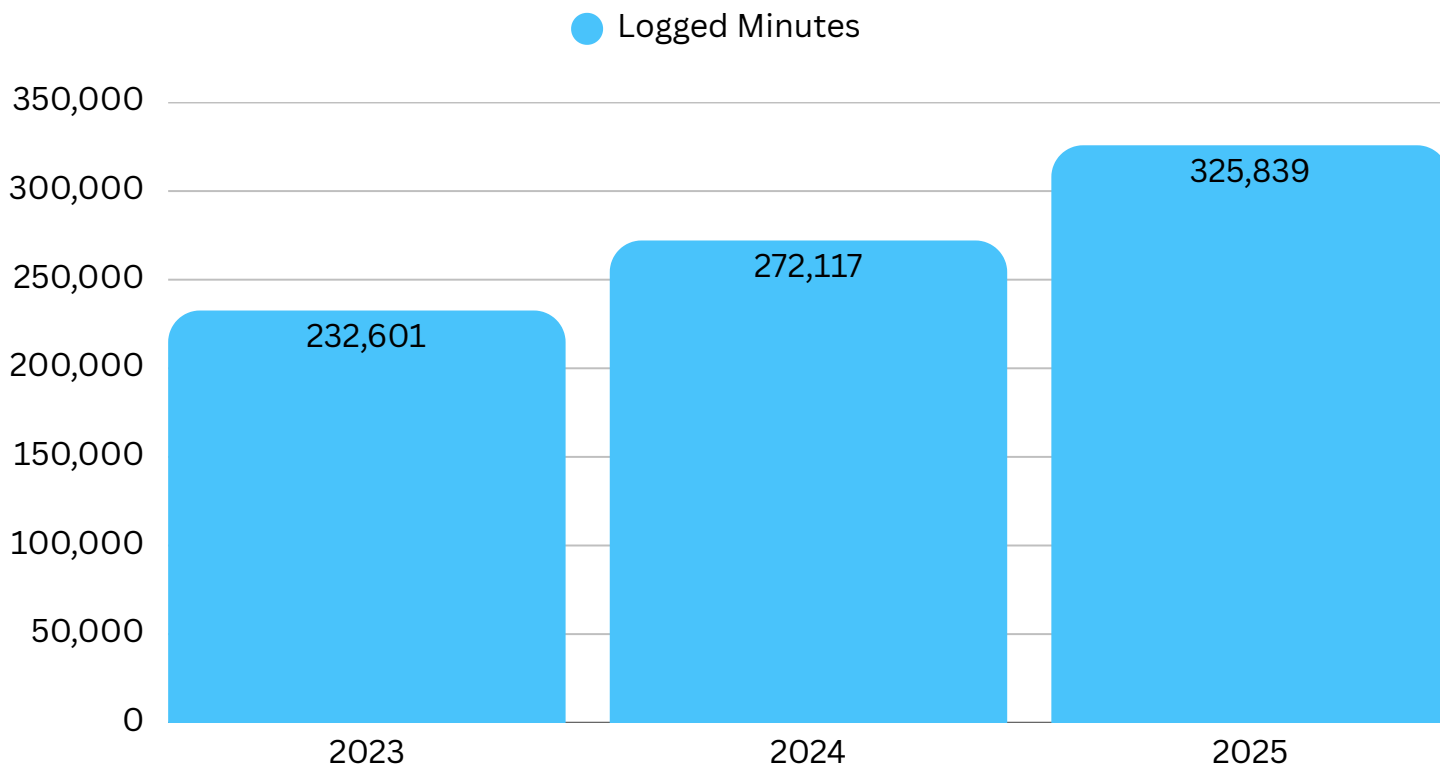
The biggest concern is participation growth, which is a good thing. Program room capacity was reached during several weeks at both shows on Tuesdays, and attendance caps were reached on some of the teen events on Thursdays. Prize amounts are based on the previous year's statistics, therefore additional prizes may have to be ordered in the future if participation continues to grow.

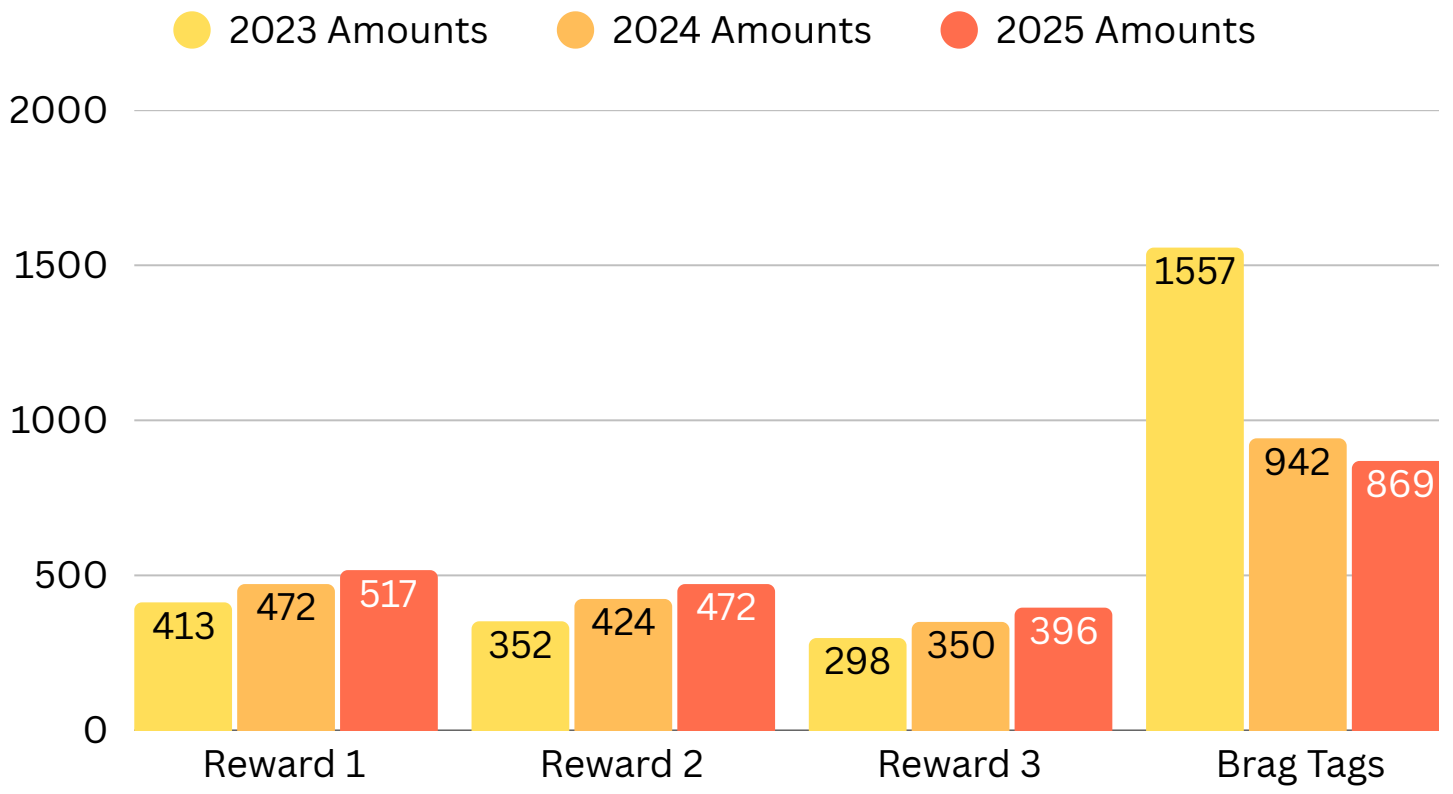
● Registrations



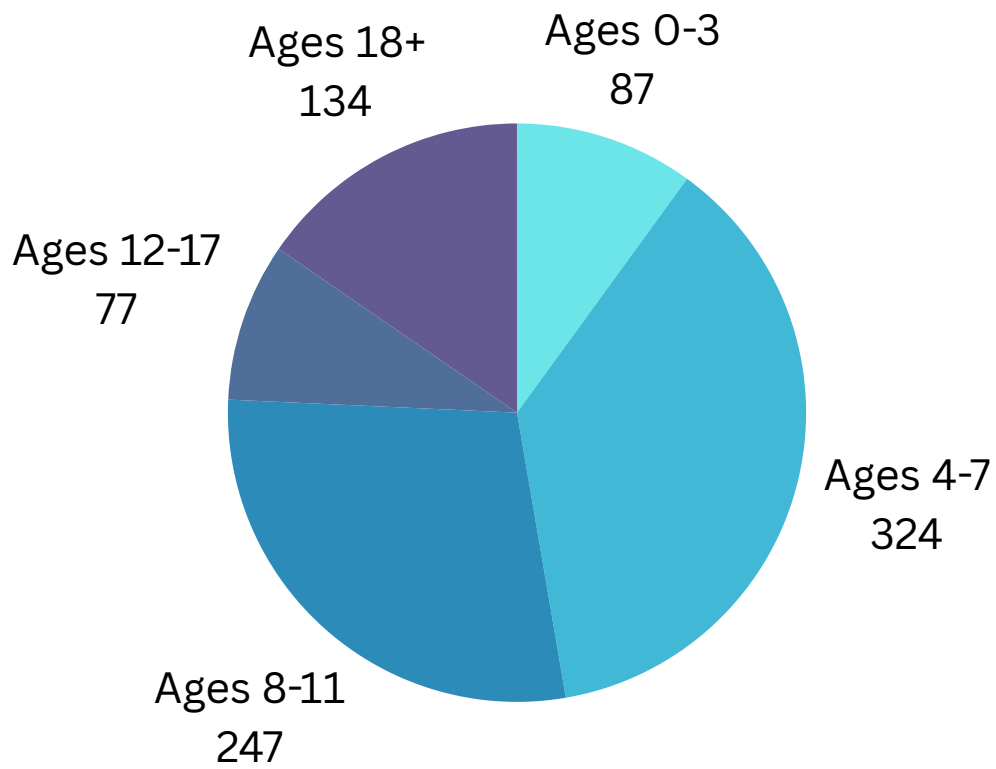
● Completion



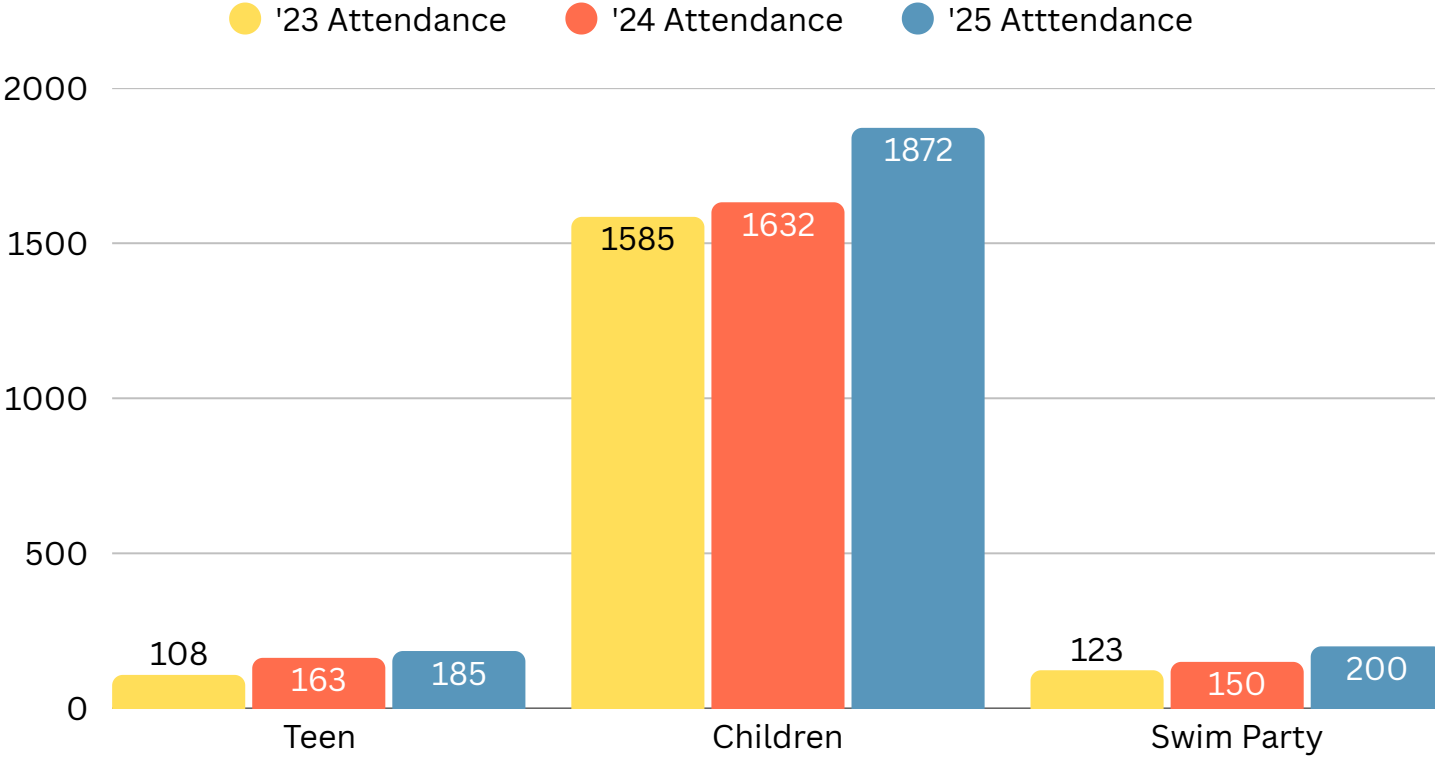




Tshirt Prizes 2025



Program Attendance by the Year





To: Library Advisory Board Members

From: Tammy Murphy

Subject: Administrative Report

Date: August 20, 2025

The Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library provides monthly statistics to the Library Advisory Board. These are included on the next page

- Library HVAC issues continue with a compressor needed in the Program Room. The part has been delayed since July 24, 2025.
- Program room upgrades by Avinext are scheduled for Sept 11-12, 2025.
- Fall programming begins Sept 2 with preschool storytime every Monday, after school weekly program every Tuesday, teen programs every Thursday, home school biweekly program on first and third Thursday, and monthly adult programs.
- We are gathering plans for a special 2026. The staff is working on event ideas for Library125 and America250 events. Two very special birthdays are coming up.
- New outreach opportunities are Clear the Shelter on Aug 23 with a library booth, and Brenham Next enrichment classes on various dates in the fall including storytimes, sewing, and craft classes
- Beginning Sept. 1, 2025 state law requires Notice of Regular Board Meeting Agendas be posted 3 work days before meetings, excluding all federal holidays and weekends. Therefore, your agenda and packet may be emailed earlier than in the past.

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library
Monthly Activity Report for 2025

Service Desk Statistics	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25
Items Loaned	7,473	9,451	9,851
Technology Borrowed	8	29	16
Reference Calls	485	499	504
ILLs Borrowed	18	16	21
ILLs Loaned	1	1	2
Library Cards Issued	114	164	95
Library Cards Renewed	238	370	338
Total Service Desk Activity	8,337	10,530	10,827

Community Statistics	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25
Study Room Uses	77	73	93
Large Room Uses	67	63	81
Community Hours	129	149	108
Volunteer Hours	73	53	101
Days Open	26	24	25
Door Count	5,637	7,516	7,163
Computer Uses	681	774	778
WiFi Sessions	-	-	-

Program Statistics	May-25		Jun-25		Jul-25	
	Programs Held	Participants	Programs Held	Participants	Programs Held	Participants
Audience	General	1	23	140	2	274
	Adult	1	2	4	3	30
	Teen	3	20	63	3	82
	Children	9	166	1,354	24	1,092
Total	14	211	19	1,561	32	1,478