

# Library News

## Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library April 25, 2024

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### Brief History of Friends:

- Organizational Coffee – April 23, 2001
- First Book and Author Luncheon – February 26, 2005
- December 2008 1<sup>st</sup> book giveaway @ Christmas on the Chisholm Trail
- August 2011 – 1<sup>st</sup> Bookfair for Summer Reading participants
- April 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Turtle Festival free books for children.
- 2014—began partnering with Helping Hands Bundle of Joy program to provide a book to new parents & babies
- 2014—Began partnering with Altrusa of Temple to provide Library flyers and hygiene bags for Belton's Apple Tree project.
- December 2014—1<sup>st</sup> Christmas on the Farm books for children
- February 22, 2020—Author's luncheon moved to Belton's Church of Christ
- February 2021—Luncheon canceled due to Covid -19
- Fiscal year 2022 participated in the Library Interior Redesign Project



## Importance of Friends

### Bringing Joy to a child

I know I include this statement every year but it is true.

The most important thing the Friends do is provide funding for the free book giveaways at local events and library programs for children:

- ◆ Christmas on the Chisholm Trail
- ◆ National Night Out
- ◆ Summer Reading Program

- ◆ Bundle of Joy
- ◆ Christmas on the Farm
- ◆ Helping Hands Little Free Library

The joy on a child's face when they realize that they can keep the book is priceless.

Thank you for your support.

*Kim Adele Krall*

All quilt squares represent friendship



### Library Staff Changes

Susana Morales joined the library August 7, 2023. She jumped right in creating displays and adding programs for our Spanish speaking community.

Matthew Bates has been appointed the new Assistant City Manager and the library is one of the departments that has been assigned to him.



### Library Board

- Chad Green—President
- Janice Pustka—Secretary
- Roxanne Sanders
- Ann Locklin
- Melinda Lanham
- Kerri Pridemore
- Sandra Velo

### Friend's of the Library Miscellaneous Purchases

Item	Amount	Fiscal Year
Furniture & Miscellaneous	\$9,000	2011, 2012
Microfilm Machine Upgrade	\$6,179	2013
Furniture, Carpets & Miscellaneous	\$1,943	2015, 2016
Book Repair Machine	\$1,389	2016
Needs Assessment	\$2500	2018
Redesign & Furnish Meeting Room	\$6,800	2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,811</b>	



Bundle of Joy



### National Night Out 2023 Books are for Sharing



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Date	Event	#Books	Cost
FY 2008 - 2011	Total Fiscal Years 2008-2012	826	\$ 5,189
FY 2012 - 2014	Total Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014	6,606	\$11,693
FY 2015 - 2016	Total Fiscal Year 2015-2016	4,060	\$ 8,754
FY 2017	Total Fiscal Year 2017	1,417	\$ 3,425
FY 2018	Total Fiscal Year 2018	1,476	\$ 3,981
FY 2019	Total Fiscal Year 2019	1,957	\$ 4,498
FY 2020	Total Fiscal Year 2020	1,986	\$ 4,987
<b>March 24, 2020 closed COVID: May 20, 2020 open 25%</b>			
<b>FY 2021</b>			
Dec-20	Craft Extravaganza 288		
Mar-21	Spring Break Grab Bags 97		
Apr-21	Summer Reading Books	403	\$ 890
<b>FY 2022</b>			
Oct-21	National Night Out 10		
Oct-21	Helping Hands 244		
	Baylor Scott & White Children's Intensive Care 177		
Dec-21	Christmas on the Chisholm Trail	617	\$ 2,001
	only had bonus books left 100		
Feb-22	Event Blind Date with a Book	30	\$ 130
June & July 2022	Summer Reading		
	(used books from Turtle Festival, which was not held)	776	\$ 2,166
Sep-22	National Night Out	170	\$ 540
<b>Fiscal Year 2023</b>			
Dec-22	Christmas on the Chisholm Trail	825	\$ 2,018
May-23	Summer Reading	344	\$ 903
	127 books given out, 217 left		
<b>Fiscal Year 2024</b>			
Oct-23	National Night Out 25		
Dec-23	Christmas on the Chisholm Trail	815	\$ 2,159
Jan-24	Foster Youth Care Program 107		
	Free 4		
<b>Total</b>		<b>22,308</b>	<b>\$53,334</b>

## Christmas on the Chisholm Trail

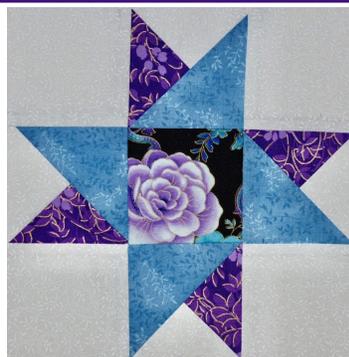
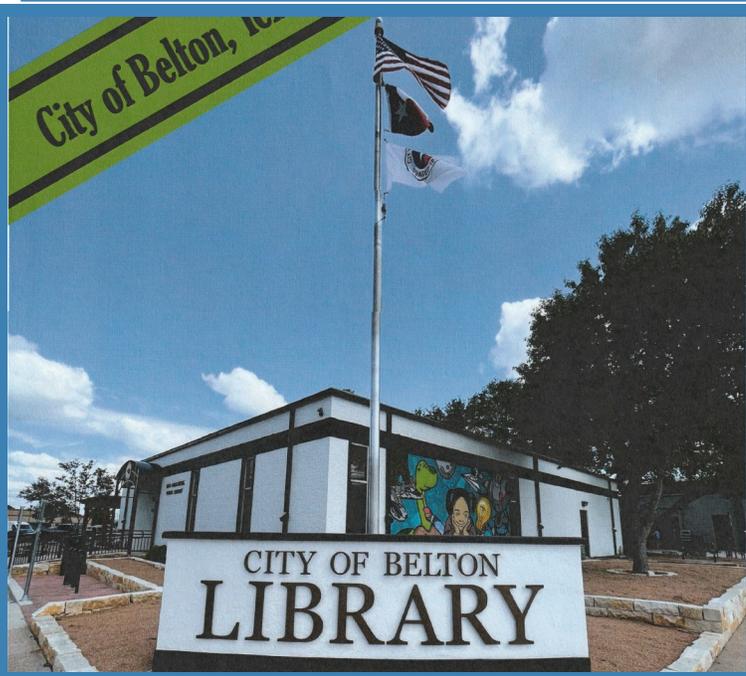


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# What is Going on @ the Library

**Mission Statement:** The Lena Armstrong Public Library connects and engages our community through education, access, and inspiration.

**Vision Statement:**  
To Educate, Enrich, and Encourage



## BISD Spring Break

March 11–15, 2024

The Library hosted the spring fair on Thursday March 14. We had Kona Ice here and gave free snow cones to the kids. There were snacks , decorate your own kite, paint a rock,

**Summer Reading 2024:**  
Adventure Begins at Your Library  
Dates June 3 –July 12, 2024



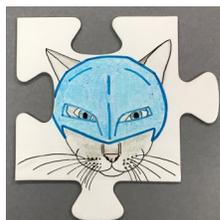
Temporary wall while the outside door to playground is installed.



Kim Adele Kroll



Makayla Adkins



Lauren Gommert



Kievan Menapace



Susana Morales