



**TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LIBRARY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS
WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025**

In compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes annotated (Open Meeting Act), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LIBRARY BOARD OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS will be meeting in a regular called meeting to consider and discuss the following.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A) Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member.

2. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION:

A) Approval of minutes for November 21, 2024- Regular Called Meeting

3. PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A) Library Director's Report
- B) DRC Branch Manager's Report
- C) Reference Department Report
- D) Children's Department Report

4. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 956-402-4100 Ext 1007 or FAX 956-475-3442 or Email cityclerksoffice@pharr-tx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

AGENDA
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2025

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Meeting of the Library Board of the City of Pharr was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's web page at www.pharr-tx.gov. This Notice was posted on the 10th day of January 2025 at 4:00 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 10th day of January 2025





ALESSANDRA GARCIA, CPM
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Library Board was removed from the bulletin board of City Hall on the _____ day of _____, 20____ by,

Name: _____

Title: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 2.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: January 10, 2025

MEETING DATE: January 16, 2025

FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR: Adolfo Garcia

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes for November 21, 2024- Regular Called Meeting

Classification: Regular

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue: N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

Itzel Armendariz
Adolfo Garcia
City Management Office

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Approved - 1/10/2025
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MINUTES
PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, November 21, 2024
118 S CAGE 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Memorial Library Board met in a regular called meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cristina Espinoza
Anita Vela
Olga L. Cardoza
Rosana Gutierrez
Itza Flores

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dahnya Trejo
Delia Soza

STAFF PRESENT: Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Linda Coronado, Administrative Assistant
Ruby Ramirez, Children’s Supervisor
Jose Miguel Singleterry, DRC Manger
Paola Del Angle, Reference Supervisor

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER

Chairperson, Olga Cardoza, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Olga Cardoza moved to excuse absent board members. Itza Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 19, 2024, REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Olga Cardoza **moved** to approve minutes as submitted. Anita Vela seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried it unanimously.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A) LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, reported the door gate count to date was 26,851 at the Development and Research Center (DRC) and the gate count at the main library was 135,301 and stated the traffic had increased. He further reported circulation transactions at the Main Library were 43,485 and for the Development and Research Center was 7,540.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, also reported the revenues at the Development and Research Center were \$6,246 for fax services, copies, late fees and other services and the revenue at the Main Library was \$52,304 and \$24,153 at the Cafe. He further reported on future events, Trail of Terror, Veterans' Day parade, and upcoming Christmas events. Lastly, he reported on the upgraded new furniture for main library and new computers for Development and Research Center (DRC).

B) DRC BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Jose M. Singleterry, Branch Manager, stated the dates and events that took place at Development and Research Center (DRC) to include Custom Border Protection and Pharr Utilities for staff training, Border Prospective and Youth Eco Alliance. Furthermore, on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, the Development and Research Center (DRC) was used by a local member of the community to host a Cancer Bingo Fundraiser.

Jose M. Singleterry, Branch Manager, also reported on events held at the Development and Research Center (DRC) for the months of September and October. He further reported the events that took place were Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance event, Customs and Border Protection, Pharr TXDOT (mental health training), Pharr Bridge Trade Talks, Superior Health, Medicaid for Pregnant Women event, Children in Nature Network event, and Hidalgo County Elections Department General Elections Early Voting. Lastly, Mr. Singleterry reported an update on the generator.

C) REFERENCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Paola Del Angel, Reference Department Supervisor, went over the events held for teens and adults at the Reference Department for the month of September, October and

November 2024. She praised the success of the Origami Workshop for being able to replicate it for the Pathway to Independence (PTI) students. She further reported on project "Relax and Chill Space" and reported the Pharr Memorial Library would be the only library that would provide over 40,000 study prep materials. Ms. Del Angel also stated Pharr-SanJuan-Alamo ISD, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, IDEA Public Schools is using the library for training, testing and other educational purposes and the library was working on strengthening those connections to better serve the community. Lastly, it was reported on local artists who used our gallery to display their art.

CHILDRENS'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruby Ramirez, Children's Supervisor, reported on events held for the children's department in the months of September and October 2024. She reported statistics and went over future calendars on upcoming events for the months of November and December.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Library Advisory Board, Olga L. Cardoza moved to adjourn the meeting and Anita Vela seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD

Olga Cardoza Chairperson

ATTEST:

Linda Del Toro, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED DATE: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: January 10, 2025

MEETING DATE: January 16, 2025

FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Library Director's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Reason:

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Pharr
Memorial Library



Library Board Meeting
January 16, 2025

Library Director's Report



Family Place Libraries
Building Foundations for Early Learning



Library Statistics FY '24- '25 YTD

DRC Library Gate Count	41,881
Main Library Gate Count	5,376
Total	47,257
DRC Circulation	1,669
Main Library Circulation	13,057
DRC Library Revenue	\$1,698
Library Revenue	\$9,460
Café 121	\$5,238

Library Budget FY '24-25

Amount Budgeted	\$1,668,400
YTD Expenses	\$307,679
Percent Used	18.44%

Library Recap

- **Goals for FY '24-'25**
 - **Increase programming**
 - **Quality programs for Teens & Adults**
- **Providing a quality library experience and customer service**
- **Participated in multiple city events**
- **Repair/ Purchase coffee machine**

Budgeted Projects for main and DRC:

- * **Roof maintenance at main**
- * **Restripe parking lots at both Main & DRC**
- * **Steam clean entire 1st floor carpeting.**



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.B.

DATE SUBMITTED: January 10, 2025

MEETING DATE: January 16, 2025

FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: DRC Branch Manager's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Events held at the DRC for the month of November 2024

Nov 1-5 – Hidalgo County Elections Department. Voting.

Nov 4 – Children in Nature Network

Nov 6 – Pharr Police Academy / TXDOT Mental Health

Nov 7 – C.B.P

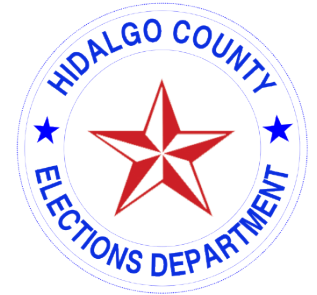
Nov 13-14 – Pharr EDC

Nov 13-17 – Parks & Rec Pickleball Tournament

Nov 18 – Children in Nature Network

Nov 21 – Bridge UMOS (United Migrant Opportunity Services)

Nov 26-27 – Commissioner Chavez Thanksgiving Banquet



Events held at the DRC for the month of December 2024

Dec 2 – Children in Nature Network

Dec 5 – CBP / Bridge

Dec 6 – Police Academy Graduation

Dec 16 – Children in Nature Network

Dec 18-19 – City of Pharr Tamalada



Dec 20 – Pharr Community Thater





AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.C.

DATE SUBMITTED: January 10, 2025

MEETING DATE: January 16, 2025

FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Reference Department Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

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TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

NOV 2024 - JAN 2025

TEENS (12 – 18)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
12/10/24	DIY Tabletop Christmas Tree	DIY mini-Christmas trees with pipe cleaners	10
01/28/25	Roll with It: Sushi Making	Teaching basics to make veggie sushi rolls	TBA

ADULTS (18+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Wednesdays	Computer Assistance	One-on-one help with computer/Internet basics	12
Mondays	The Feel-Good Book Club	Encourages self-improvement and spirituality	17
Wednesdays	Hub City Toastmasters	To learn and practice public speaking skills	13
Thursdays	Club de Lectura (CLAAP)	Promotes self-help and peer-support	11+VIRTUAL
Once a Month	Beyond Borders Book Club	Advocates for social change through reading	12

MIXED (12+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Ongoing	Puzzles & Coloring	To spread awareness about the benefits of coloring and puzzles on the brain	N/A
Saturdays	Pharr-fetched Coders	To learn the Python programming language and work toward getting Harvard CS50P certification	13
Saturdays	Roll for Turaco RPG Club	Encourages storytelling and teamwork	4
11/21/24	Meet the Artist: Zach & Roy	Two local artists capture aspects of life, travel and people through photography and paintings	30
11/26/24	DIY Seasonal Wreath	Hands-on wreath making workshop	18
01/21/25	From Numbers to Art	Creating art w/ paint by the number's technique	TBA

Reference Team: Paola Del Angel (Supervisor), Jaime Serna (FT), Olivia Salazar (FT), Enrique Martinez (FT), Aaron Salinas (PT), Natalia Rodriguez (PT)

JANUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PROGRAMS WILL BE OFFERED WHILE SUPPLIES LAST ACTIVITY SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST-COME- FIRST-SERVE BASIS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT AT 956-402-4650.			2025 LIBRARY CLOSED	ADULTS (CLAAP) Club de Lectura Autodidacta y de Autoayuda Practico 6:30 pm - 8 pm		
	ADULTS Feel Good Book Club 10am-12pm		ADULTS HUB City Toastmasters: Public Speaking Session 12 pm - 1 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm	ADULTS (CLAAP) Club de Lectura Autodidacta y de Autoayuda Practico 6:30 pm - 8 pm		ADULTS & TEENS Pharr-Phetched Coders (Ages 15+) 2pm-4pm
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TEEN EVENTS

ROLL WITH IT: SUSHI MAKING FOR TEENS | (TUESDAY Jan. 28th @ 5 PM)
- Roll your way to delicious fun. Learn the art of making (and eating) your own veggie sushi at the library.

ADULT EVENTS

FEEL GOOD BOOK CLUB FOR WOMAN
(Mondays @ 10 AM)
- Embrace your spirituality through devotionals based on biblical scriptures.

COMPUTER ASSISTANCE
(Wednesdays by appointment)
- Want to learn how to use the computer or need help with an email/resume? Register for one-on one assistance.

HUB CITY TOASTMASTERS
(Wednesdays @ 12 PM)
- Learn more by visiting these public speaking sessions.

CLAAP: Club de Lectura Autodidacta y de Autoayuda | (Thursdays @ 6 PM)
- Sharing the love of reading with a spanish book.

ADULTS & TEENS EVENTS

FROM NUMBERS TO ART
(Tuesday Jan. 21st @ 6 PM)
- Unwind, create, and watch a masterpiece come to life. No art skills required.

PHARR-PHETCHED CODERS
(Saturdays @ 2 PM)
- Ask the Reference Department for information about upcoming sessions. Join to learn about Python CS50 using a free Harvard-guided curriculum. Basic computer skills needed. Ages 15+ welcome!

ROLL FOR TURACO RPG CLUB
(3rd & 4th Saturday @ 2 PM)
- Embark on a journey filled with adventure and excitement. All you need is your imagination.




STAY IN THE LOOP BY FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK!

PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
121 E. CHEROKEE AVE. PHARR, TX 78577
(956) 402-4650

JANUARY

EVENTS FOR ADULTS & TEENS




HIGHLIGHTS

Meet the Artist: Zach & Roy



DIY Seasonal Wreath





AGENDA MEMORANDUM



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AGENDA ITEM #: 3.D.

DATE SUBMITTED: January 10, 2025

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FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Children's Department Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

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Children's

November 2024 – January 2025

Pharr Memorial Library and Development and Research Center Children's
Department Report

Date:
January 16th, 2025

KEY INFORMATION

- **Program Statistics: November, December, and January**
 - Monthly Division KPIs and Special Events/Programs

- **Coming Up**
 - Events, Daily Programs, and Grant Opportunities

- **Relevant Resources**
 - Seed Libraries at Public Libraries are Growing

PROGRAM STATISTICS (PML & DRC)

- **November**
 - Impressions: **1,020**
 - Programs: **89**
 - General: **52** Toddler: **37**
 - General Attendees: **491** Toddler Attendees: **89**
 - Workshop Attendees: **56**
- **December**
 - Impressions: **1,191**
 - Programs: **90**
 - General: **53** Toddler: **37**
 - General Attendees: **159** Toddler Attendees: **97**
 - Workshop/Christmas Night at the Library Attendees: **340**
 - Partners: **11 on-site**
 - Gift Donors: **City of Pharr, D&M Cleaners, On The Grill, Peter Piper Pizza, and Chick-Fil-A of Pharr**

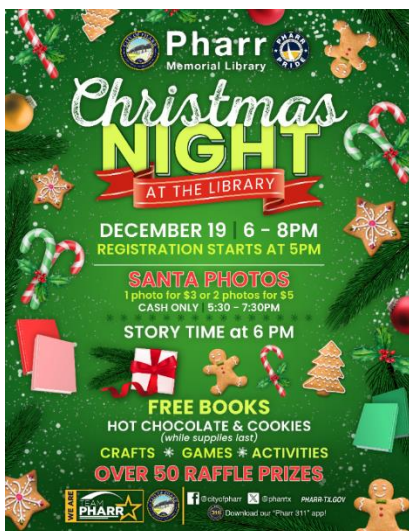
Toddler Calendar



General Children's Calendar



Christmas Night at the Library



Children's Santa Workshop



- **January (Projected)**
 - Impressions: **1,100s**
 - Programs: **90**
 - General: **50** Toddler: **40**
 - General Attendees: **450** Toddler Attendees: **250**
 - Workshop Attendees: **60**

Toddler Calendar

CITY OF PHARR
1900
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER

WE ARE TEAM PHARR

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED, ALL-DAY ACTIVITIES WILL COMMENCE DURING
LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS.

1 HAPPY New Year 2025 Library Closed	2 Little Minds "Pressed Flowers" 11 AM PML - DRC	3 Sensory Time "Blocks" 11 AM PML - DRC	4 New Year's Resolution Cards 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC
5 STREAM "Science" 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	6 Movin' N Groovin' 1 PM PML - DRC	7 Little Artists "Glue" 1 PM PML - DRC	8 Toddler Time "Glue on Strike" 11 AM PML - DRC
9 Homeschooler Morning	10 Sensory Time "Stime" 11 AM PML - DRC	11 Children's Workshop 2 - 4 PM DRC	
12 STREAM "Science + Math" 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	13 Movin' N Groovin' 1 PM PML - DRC	14 Little Artists "How to Catch A Star" 1 PM PML - DRC	15 Toddler Time "How to Catch a Star" 11 AM PML - DRC
16 Little Minds "Origami" 11 AM PML - DRC	17 Sensory Time "Water" 11 AM PML - DRC	18 Friendship Bracelet 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	
19 STREAM "Engineering" 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	20 MAKING HISTORY KING OF DAY Library Closed	21 Little Artists "Color" 1 PM PML - DRC	22 Toddler Time "Crayons on Strike" 11 AM PML - DRC
23 Homeschooler Morning	24 Sensory Time "Playdough" 11 AM PML - DRC	25 Children's Workshop 2 - 4 PM PML	
26 STREAM "Art" 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	27 Movin' N Groovin' 1 PM PML - DRC	28 Little Artists "Puffy Paint" 1 PM PML - DRC	29 Toddler Time "I Am An Artist" 11 AM PML - DRC
30 Little Minds "Walking Water" 11 AM PML - DRC	31 Sensory Time "Paint" 11 AM PML - DRC		

ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE 2022 PHARR LIBRARIES AWARD

General Children's Calendar

CITY OF PHARR
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1 **HAPPY New Year 2025**
Library Closed

2 **How Does it Work?**
5 PM
PML - DRC

3 **Makerspace**
"Wikki Stix"
4 PM
PML - DRC

4 **New Year's Resolution Cards**
2 - 4 PM
PML - DRC

5 **STREAM**
"Science"
2 - 4 PM
PML - DRC

6 **THE WILD ROBOT**
5 PM
PML - DRC

7 **Art Class**
"Watercolor"
5 PM
PML - DRC

8 **Story Time**
5 PM
PML - DRC

9 **How Does it Work?**
5 PM
PML - DRC

10 **Bookmarks**
"Pressed Flowers"
4 PM
PML - DRC

11 **Children's Workshop**
2 - 4 PM
DRC

12 **STREAM**
"Science + Math"
2 - 4 PM
PML - DRC

13 **MENTOR MENTOR MENTOR DAY**
5 PM
PML - DRC

14 **Art Class**
"How to Catch A Star"
5 PM
PML - DRC

15 **Story Time**
5 PM
PML - DRC

16 **How Does it Work?**
5 PM
PML - DRC

17 **Makerspace**
"Origami"
4 PM
PML - DRC

18 **Friendship Bracelet**
2 - 4 PM
PML - DRC

19 **STREAM**
"Engineering"
2 - 4 PM
PML - DRC

20 **MENTOR MENTOR MENTOR DAY**
Library Closed

21 **Art Class**
"Colors"
5 PM
PML - DRC

22 **Story Time**
5 PM
PML - DRC

23 **How Does it Work?**
5 PM
PML - DRC

24 **Makerspace**
"Hama Beads"
4 PM
PML - DRC

25 **Children's Workshop**
2 - 4 PM
PML

26 **STREAM**
"Art"
2 - 4 PM
PML - DRC

27 **MENTOR MENTOR MENTOR DAY**
5 PM
PML - DRC

28 **Art Class**
"Yayoi Kusama"
5 PM
PML - DRC

29 **Story Time**
5 PM
PML - DRC

30 **How Does it Work?**
5 PM
PML - DRC

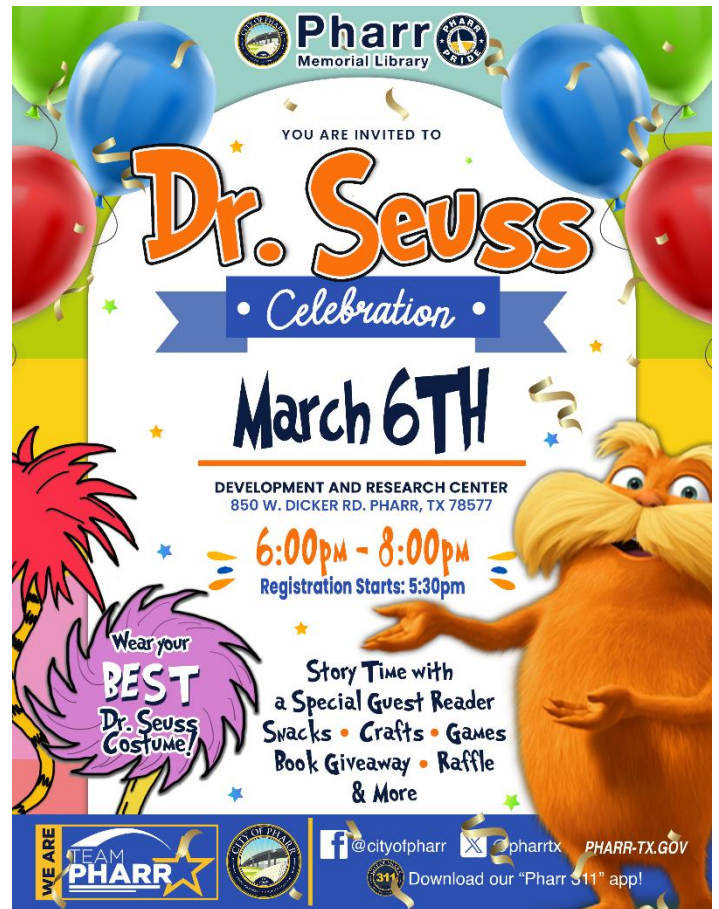
31 **Makerspace**
"Lego Mania"
4 PM
PML - DRC

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LIBRARIES AWARD

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COMING UP

- **Family Place Library Grant for South Branch/Development and Research Center, Dr. Seuss Celebration, & More**
 - Online 'How Does it Work?' Jan 2025
 - January Art Workshop (DRC + PML) Jan 11th & Jan 25th
 - Family Place Library Grant (DRC) Jan – Oct 2025
 - Presenting October's Writing Contest and Cover Contest winners – Feb 1st, 2025
 - Dr. Seuss Celebration – Mar 6th, 2025
 - Seed Library Project Unveiling – Mar – Apr 2025



RELEVANT RESOURCES

Seed Libraries at Public Libraries Are Growing

[Seed Library Near Me | Almanac.com](#)

Find a Seed Library Near You

Libraries are not just for lending books. A rapidly growing trend is for libraries to offer seeds to their gardening patrons!

You may be surprised to learn that there are a multitude of things available at your local branch beyond books. Depending on the need in your community you can borrow tools, appliances, medical devices including walkers, crutches, and blood pressure cuffs, artwork, Halloween costumes, and even cake pans!

Why Start a Seed Library?

Why would anyone start a “seed library” in a public library?

- To build a culture of self-reliance and sharing.
- To strengthen regional food security.
- To support a local seed-saving network.
- Preserve seeds that have proven to be successful in your area.
- To provide ongoing encouragement and education for gardeners at all levels of expertise.
- To help people save money and safeguard against supply chain disruptions and seed shortages.
- To revive lost and endangered varieties.
- To preserve the genetic diversity of plants.
- How will they do this?
- By collecting and distributing open-pollinated seeds for community use.
- By promoting seed-saving skills.
- By offering gardening programs and educational materials.
- By providing gardeners with the opportunity to try new plants.

How Does a Seed Library Work?

It's not hard to start one (or even suggest one) at your local library. For years, my partner Tom and I hosted a seed swap at our library. We both manage a greenhouse business and start seeds for fellow gardeners.

With donated seeds from Baker Creek as the base, gardeners could bring in their extra, unwanted, or saved seeds to trade. It was always a fun community event. The library has decided to take it a step further and become a seed library. They have been able to solicit seeds from a wider range of companies to get this up and running. Seeds will be available until we run out, and hopefully, many of them will be returned at the end of the growing season.
