



**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, MAY 15, 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 March 20, 2025 - Regular Called Meeting

B) Appointment of Officers - Chairperson, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

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:

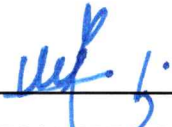
NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

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.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Regular 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 9th day of May 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 9th day of May 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: May 9, 2025

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes for March20, 2025 - Regular Called Meeting

Classification: Regular

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

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

LINDA DEL TORO
Adolfo Garcia
City Management Office

Created/Initiated - 5/9/2025
Approved - 5/9/2025
Final Approval - 5/9/2025

MINUTES
PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, March 20, 2025
118 S CAGE 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Memorial Library Board met in a regular called meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2025, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cristina Espinoza
Anita Vela
Olga L. Cardoza
Dahnya Trejo
Diana Cuevas
Delia Sosa
Joly Sanchez
Maricela Cortez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosana Gutierrez
Itza Flores

STAFF PRESENT: Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Linda Coronado, Administrative Assistant
Ruby Ramirez, Children's Supervisor
Jose Miguel Singleterry, DRC Manger

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 5:30 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Chairperson Olga Cardoza moved to excuse absent board members. Board Member Cristina Espinoza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2024 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Chairperson Olga Cardoza moved to approve minutes as submitted. Board Member 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 8,867 at the Development and Research Center (DRC) and the gate count at the main library was 67,346 and stated the traffic had increased. He further reported circulation transactions at the Main Library were 21,330 and for the Development and Research Center was 2,781

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, also reported that the revenues at the Development and Research Center were \$2,847 for fax services, copies, late fees and other services and the revenue at the Main Library was \$16,217 and \$8,616 at the Cafe. He further reported on future events and projects that are upcoming for the library.

B) DRC BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Jose M. Singleterry, Branch Manager, reported on events that took place at Development and Research Center (DRC) to include Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (PSJA) Counselling Department, Customs Border Protection Perspectives, University Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Mobile Health Unit, Bridge Connect, Pharr Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) and Pharr Healthier Texas Zumba and Food Distribution.

C) REFERENCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, reported on behalf of Paola Del Angel, Reference Department Supervisor, over the events held for teens and adults at the Reference Department for the months of January and February. He further praised the success of the book clubs for both adults and teens.

CHILDRENS'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruby Ramirez, Children's Supervisor, reported on events held for the children's department in the months of November, December, January and February. She provided statistical data and mentioned upcoming events for the months of March and April.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Library Advisory Board, Chairperson Olga L. Cardoza **moved** to adjourn the meeting and Board Member Anita Vela seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD

Olga Cardoza Chairperson

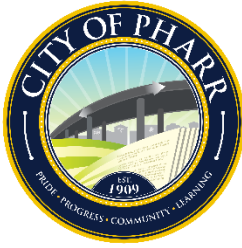
**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF MARCH 2025, the Library Board of the City of Pharr, Texas, convened in a Regular Called Meeting at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 118 S. Cage Blvd., the meeting being open to the public notice of the said meeting, giving the date, place and subject hereof, having been posted in accordance with chapter 551, Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) and there being a present quorum, **I Linda Del Toro, Library Administrative Assistant, of the City of Pharr, Texas**, certify that this is true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

Linda Del Toro, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED DATE: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 2.B.

DATE SUBMITTED: May 9, 2025

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Appointment of Officers - Chairperson, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: May 9, 2025

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Library Director's Report

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Pharr
Memorial Library



Library Board Meeting
May 15, 2025

Library Director's Report



Family Place Libraries
Building Foundations for Early Learning



Library Statistics FY '24- '25 YTD

Main Library Door Count	98,482
DRC Library Door Count	12,030
Total	110,512
Main Library Circulation	27,890
DRC Library Circulation	3,773
Main Library Revenue	\$23,784
DRC Library Revenue	\$4,055
Café 121	\$12,678

Library Budget FY '24-25

Amount Budgeted	\$1,668,400
YTD Expenses	\$767,232
Percent Used	46%

Library Recap

- Hosted numerous library programs
- Easter Egg Hunt 2025
- Participated in multiple city events
- Purchase new coffee machine \$7,200
- Repaired parking lot lights at DRC
- Attended TLA conference in Dallas
- Submitted state library report for accreditation
- Started new budget cycle for FY '25-'26

Accomplished budgeted Projects for main and DRC:

- New ILS through HCLS
- Steam clean entire 1st floor carpeting. (Completed Children's Area)
- 5 months left on current FY



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MEETING DATE: May 15, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: DRC Branch Manager's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

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Events held at the DRC for the month of March 2025

March 4,5 – Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration



March 7 – Arise Woman's Day

March 11 – Customs and Border Protection

March 12 – Pharr Bridge Connect

March 13 – Customs and Border Protection

March 10-16 – Pharr Parks & Rec Pickel Ball Tournament

March 20,21 – Pharr Fire Department (CPR Training)

March 26,27 – Pharr Bridge Connect

Events held at the DRC for the month of April 2025

April 1 – Pharr Fire Department (County Storm Relief)

April 3 – Customs and Border Protection

April 8 – LUPE (Disaster Relief)

April 10 – Pharr Fire Department (EMT Training)

April 17 – Pharr Community Theater Play

April 17 – Superior Health

THE PHARR COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS

A WRINKLE IN TIME

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY MADELEINE L'ENGLE
ADAPTED BY MORGAN GOULD
DIRECTED BY DALJA BOUCHEE

SHOWTIMES:
APRIL 10TH - 17TH, 2025

- ◆ PHARR COMMUNITY THEATER ◆
215 W. NEWCOMBE AVE. PHARR, TX
APRIL 10TH - 12TH @ 7:30 P.M.
& APRIL 13TH @ 3:00 P.M.
- ◆ PHARR ONE CENTER ◆
1121 E. NOLANA LOOP, PHARR, TX
APRIL 16TH @ 7:30 P.M.
- ◆ DRC CENTER ◆
850 W. DICKER RD. PHARR, TX
APRIL 17TH @ 7:30 P.M.

TICKETS:
\$8 IN ADVANCE
AT www.pharrcommunitytheater.com
OR EVENTBRITE
small surcharge
\$12 AT THE DOOR

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CROSSWICKS LTD.
AND STAGE PARTNERS

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OR TEXT (956) 532-3383 OR (956) 655-9308

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PHARR COMMUNITY THEATER



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AGENDA ITEM #: 3.C.

DATE SUBMITTED: May 9, 2025

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Reference Department Report

Classification: Regular

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Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

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TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - REPORT

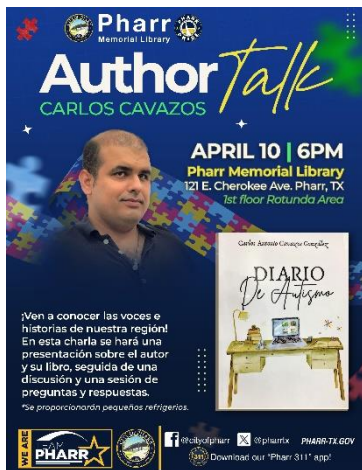
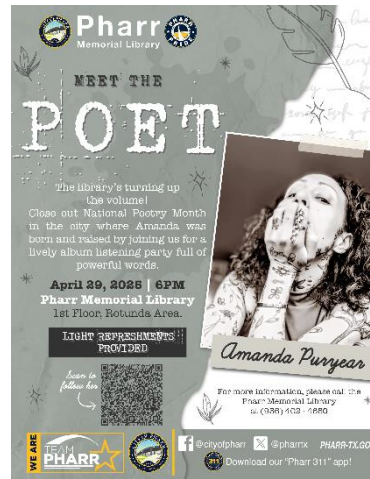
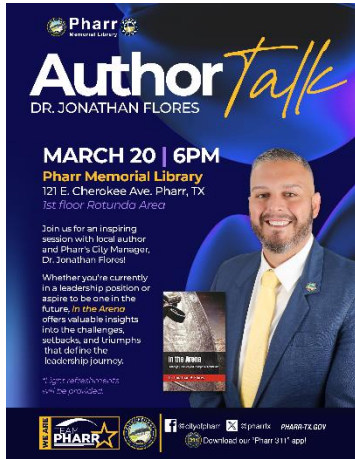
MAR - APR 2025

TEENS (12 – 18)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
03/18/25	Pop-up Watercolor Bookmarks	Painting watercolor bookmarks	22
03/25/25	Shimmering Spring Art	Artwork created only with glitter	7
04/15/25	Anime Day: Felt Creations	Crafting anime-inspired felt keychains	13
04/29/25	Earth Day: Leafy Imprints	Printmaking with natural leaves	5

ADULTS (18+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Daily Walk-ins Weekly Appts	Computer Assistance	One-on-one help with computer/Internet basics	70
Wednesdays	Hub City Toastmasters	To learn and practice public speaking skills	8 high, 5 low, 5 avg
Mondays	The Feel-Good Book Club	Encourages self-improvement and spirituality	9 high, 5 low, 7 avg
Thursdays	Club de Lectura (CLAAP)	Promotes self-help and peer-support	8 high, 5 low, 6 avg + virtual (7 avg)
Once a Month	Beyond Borders Book Club	Advocates for social change through reading	8
03/26/25 04/16/25	Senior Social Hour	Provides healthcare info while working on a creative craft	9
Tuesdays (April only)	Eating Smart, Being Healthy	Free nutrition course provided by Hidalgo County AgriLife Extension	4 high, 3 low, 3 avg

MIXED (12+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
03/11/25	St. Patrick's Day Sweet Treat	Making a sweet treat	9
03/20/25	Meet the Author: Jonathan Flores	Local author book presentation. Title: In the Arena	57
04/10/25	Meet the Author: Carlos Cavazos	Local author book presentation. Title: Diario de Autismo	18
04/12/25	Spring Wreath Workshop		9
04/29/25	Meet the Poet: Amanda Puryear El	Local poet spoken work album presentation. Title: Daily Dosage	40
Saturdays (2x)	Roll for Turaco RPG Club	Encourages storytelling and teamwork	5 high, 1 low, 3 avg

TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - HIGHLIGHTS



TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - CALENDAR

<h1>MAY 2025</h1>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>PROGRAMS WILL BE OFFERED WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. ACTIVITY SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE BASIS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT AT 956-402-4650.</p> <p>CHECK OUT OUR NEW SERVICE: MOMETRIX eLIBRARY! Free online access to over 1,500 standardized exam study guides & practice tests. While in the library, visit the library website, click on "Online Resources", and select "Mometrix eLibrary".</p>						
				ADULTS 1 Club de Lectura 6 pm	2	ADULTS 3 Consulado MX 10 am
TEENS & ADULTS 4 Star Wars Perler Beads Keychains 2 pm - 4 pm	ADULTS 5 Feel-Good Book Club 10 am	6	ADULTS 7 Adult Craft Hour 10:30 am HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm	TEENS 8 Mother's Day Paper Bouquets & Cards 6 pm ADULTS Club de Lectura 6 pm	9	10
11	ADULTS 12 Feel-Good Book Club 10 am	13	ADULTS 14 HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm	ADULTS 15 Club de Lectura 6 pm	16	17 SUMMER READING REGISTRATION BEGINS TEENS Color Your Folder 2 - 4 pm ADULTS & TEENS Role Playing Game Club 2 pm
18	ADULTS 19 Feel-Good Book Club 10 am	TEENS 20 National Pet Month: Colorful Pet Portraits 6 pm	ADULTS 21 HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm	ADULTS 22 Club de Lectura 6 pm	23	ADULTS & TEENS 24 Role Playing Game Club 2 pm
25	★★★☆☆ 26 MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR LIBRARY CLOSED	ADULTS & TEENS 27 Honor & Legacy: Lorenzo Garcia 6 pm	ADULTS 28 HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm	Meet the Author: 29 Anthony S. Parker 6 pm ADULTS Club de Lectura 6 pm	30	31

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 24

Meet the Author: "Roll the Credits!" by Dr. Reynaldo L. Martinez Jr.

The story of PSJA-TV, a high school vocational TV Production program that enabled the youth of Texas's largely Hispanic Lower Rio Grande Valley to realize their dreams and become productive citizens.

Tuesday, May 27

Meeth the Author: Anthony S. Parker

Local writer, Anthony S. Parker, will be presenting YA Fiction self-published works.

Thursday, May 29

Honor & Legacy: Lorenzo "Lore" Garcia

Mr. Lorenzo "Lore" Garcia's life, whose service and devotion to our city left a legacy worth remembering, will be honored through a photographic exhibition and presentation by his surviving son, Javier Garcia, and local artist Celerino "Cele" Castillo.



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



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AGENDA ITEM #: 3.D.

DATE SUBMITTED: May 9, 2025

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Children's Department Report

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Staff Recommendation:

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Children's

March 2025 – May 2025

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

Date:
May 15th, 2025

KEY INFORMATION

- **Program Statistics: March, April, May**
 - Monthly Division KPIs and Special Events/Programs

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

- **Relevant Resources**
 - What is “Summer Slide”, and how can we help prevent it?

PROGRAM STATISTICS (PML & DRC)

- **March**
 - Impressions: **1,407**
 - Programs: **96**
 - General: **52** Toddler: **44**
 - General Attendees: **389** Toddler Attendees: **230**
 - Workshop Attendees: **56**
 - Workshop Attendees/Dr. Seuss Attending: **400**
 - Partners: **25 on-site**
 - Gift Donors: **City of Pharr and Partners**
- **April**
 - Impressions: **1,162**
 - Programs: **98**
 - General: **54** Toddler: **44**
 - General Attendees: **392** Toddler Attendees: **244**
 - Easter Eggstravaganza Attendees: **2,500**
 - Seed Library Unveiling Attendees: **50**
 - Partners: **20 on-site**
 - Gift Donors: **City of Pharr Mayor, Commissioners, Directors, and Community Partners of Pharr**
- **May (Projected)**
 - Impressions: **1,200s**
 - Programs: **103**
 - General: **59** Toddler: **44**
 - General Attendees: **450s** Toddler Attendees: **250s**
 - Summer Reading Program Registration Attendees: **100**

Toddler Calendar

General Children's Calendar

May 2025

Children's "DRC" will be held at the DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH CENTER, 850 W. DICKER RD. PHARR, TX 78577 - (956) 402 - 4651
 Children's "PML" will be held at the PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 121 E CHEROKEE AVE. PHARR, TX 78577 - (956) 402 - 4650
 SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED, ALL-DAY ACTIVITIES WILL COMMENCE DURING LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS

SUNDAY	MOVIE MONDAY	ART CLASS TUESDAY	TODDLER TIME WEDNESDAY	HOW DOES IT WORK? THURSDAY	SENSORY TIME FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Straw Rockets 11:00 AM PML + DRC	2 Blocks 11:00 AM PML + DRC	
	5 Mommy & Me 11:00 AM PML + DRC	6 Mother's Day Cards 1:00 PM PML + DRC	7 I Love Mom by: Eric Carle 11:00 AM PML + DRC	8 Growing Caterpillars 11:00 AM PML + DRC	9 Caterpillar Color Sorting 11:00 AM PML + DRC	
	12 Windy Days 11:00 AM PML + DRC	13 CD Wind Spinner 1:00 PM PML + DRC	14 Windy Days by: Deborah Kerbel 11:00 AM PML + DRC	15 Air Gliders 11:00 AM PML + DRC	16 DIY Bubblewands 11:00 AM PML + DRC	17 Summer Reading Program Registration Begins ALL-DAY PML + DRC
	18 Nature 11:00 AM Pharr/Vanguard Nature & Birding Center PML + DRC	20 Flower Sensory Board 1:00 PM PML + DRC	21 Plants Can't Sit Still! by: Rebecca E. Hirsch 11:00 AM PML + DRC	22 Fizzy Flowers 11:00 AM PML + DRC	23 Flower Stamping 11:00 AM PML + DRC	24
	25 MEMORIAL DAY no offices will be closed	27 Ladybug Paper Ring 1:00 PM PML + DRC	28 Look Out, Ladybugs! by: Jack Tickle 10:30 AM Chalk-A-Rama PML + DRC	29 Ladybug Lifecycle 11:00 AM PML + DRC	30 Ladybug Playdough Mats 11:00 AM PML + DRC	31

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STREAM SUNDAY	MOVIE MONDAY	ART CLASS TUESDAY	STORY TIME WEDNESDAY	HOW DOES IT WORK? THURSDAY	MAKERSPACE FRIDAY	TWEEN & CLUB SATURDAY
				1 How do Lungs Work? 5:00 PM PML + DRC	2 Firefly Lanterns 4:00 PM PML + DRC	3 Book Club 2:00 PM PML
4 Engineering, Art, & Math Star Wars Hoop Glider 2:00 PM PML + DRC	5 Coco 5:00 PM PML + DRC	6 Maracas 5:00 PM PML + DRC	7 The Mother's Day Mice by: Eve Bunting 5:00 PM PML + DRC	8 How does a Heart Work? 5:00 PM PML + DRC	9 All About Momma 4:00 PM PML + DRC	10 Lego Club 2:00 PM PML + DRC
11 Science & Art Moosa Code Bracelets 2:00 PM PML + DRC	12 Moana + Moana 2 5:00 PM PML + DRC	13 Flower Mother's Day Card 5:00 PM PML + DRC	14 Windy Day by: Deborah Kerbel 5:00 PM PML + DRC	15 How does a Stomach Work? 5:00 PM PML + DRC	16 Extra! Extra! Grab your Newspaper 5:00 PM PML + DRC	17 Summer Reading Program Registration Begins ALL-DAY PML + DRC
18 Science & Math Ewok Catapult 2:00 PM PML + DRC	19 Lilo and Stitch 5:00 PM PML + DRC	20 Clay Matching Jewelry 5:00 PM PML + DRC	21 Plants Can't Sit Still! by: Rebecca E. Hirsch 5:00 PM PML + DRC	22 How does a Skeleton/Robotics Hands Work? 5:00 PM PML + DRC	23 Red, White, and Blue! 4:00 PM PML + DRC	24 Pokemon Club 2:00 PM PML + DRC
25 Science Build A Lightsaber 2:00 PM PML + DRC	26 MEMORIAL DAY no offices will be closed	27 Wand Reading Pointers 5:00 PM PML + DRC	28 The Grouchy Ladybug by: Eric Carle 5:00 PM PML + DRC	29 How do Ears Work? 5:00 PM PML + DRC	30 Origami 4:00 PM PML + DRC	31 Gamer's Afternoon 2:00 PM PML + DRC

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Children

Summer Reading Program Registration Begins

Pharr Memorial Library

COLOR OUR WORLD

2025 ANNUAL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

REGISTRATION BEGINS: MAY 17TH

PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
121 E. CHEROKEE AVE. PHARR, TX
9:00AM - 6:00PM

PHARR DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH CENTER
850 W. DICKER RD. PHARR, TX
1:00PM - 5:00PM

*THE FIRST 50 REGISTERED CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A **FREE BAG** WITH THEIR PROGRAM MATERIAL.

WE ARE TEAM PHARR

City of Pharr

@cityofpharr @pharrtx PHARR-TX.GOV

Download our "Pharr 311" app!

COMING UP

- **Family Place Library Grant for South Branch/Development and Research Center, Dr. Seuss Celebration, & More**
 - Family Place Library Grant (DRC) Jan – Oct 2025
 - DIY Bubble Wands at the Park – May 16th, 2025
 - Summer Reading Program Registration – May 17th, 2025
 - Nature Movin' N Groovin' at the Park – May 19th, 2025
 - Summer Reading Program – June 1st – July 5th, 2025
 - Summer Reading Program Completion Party – July 12th, 2025



RELEVANT RESOURCES

What is “Summer Slide,” and how can we help prevent it?

[What is “Summer Slide,” and how can we help prevent it? - Governor's Early Literacy Foundation](#)

What is “Summer Slide,” and how can we help prevent it?

The “Summer Slide” is the distinct learning loss that students can experience when out of school. “A regression in academic proficiency due to summer break, experts warn it is hindering kids’ progress when they head back to school.” (Scholastic)

“The concept of the summer slide has been on researchers’ radar since at least 1996, when one of the first comprehensive studies on the phenomenon was published. The study showed that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which tends to have a snowball effect as they experience subsequent skill loss each year. A more recent study of children in 3rd to 5th grades also showed that students lost, on average, about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent of their school-year gains in math during summer break.” Click here to read the full Scholastic article.

The Role of Reading

In Barbara Heyns’ study, “Summer Learning and the Effects of Schooling,” she was able to identify summer “parameters” influential to learning by comparing learning gains during the school year to learning gains during the summer in students.

This research found that children who did **not read at all** over the summer experienced a **loss of reading skills** equivalent to as much as an **entire grade level**.

Children who read at least **six books** during the summer either **maintained or improved their reading skills**—and this was true for all children, regardless of socioeconomic status.

However, higher socioeconomic status children were more apt to read over the summer, as were as girls, children who used the public library and children who lived closer to a library.

Click here to read the full Collaborative Summer Library Program Summer Reading white paper.

Through our Book Bus, Storybook Trail and K-3 Summer Reading programs, we provide students with high-quality books, resources and engagement opportunities to keep children reading and learning over the summer. We hope to prevent the “Summer Slide” in Tennessee by giving students the tools to continue learning when out of school.
