

Salado Public Library District President's Annual Report

October 27, 2014

Dear Friends and Patrons of the Salado Public Library:

In 2013 the Salado Public Library completed a major expansion that almost doubled its size. During the past year the library has been expanding its programs in that new space. The public meeting room has had a number of organizations and classes using that space both during and after hours, just as we envisioned that room to be used. More adult, youth, and children's books have been added to the collection. And, the number of patrons using the library has also increased. We are very pleased to see the Library being used by our community in so many ways.

Several of the previous programs the Library sponsored are still being offered, such as the computer classes, English-as-a-second Language, children's story time (every Monday at 11:00 a.m.), summer reading for children and youth, adult crafts, and the Death by Chocolate contest. The new programs that have been added since the expansion are: the Teen Book Club, Wii Games, Lego Club, Needle Working, Project Linus, Social Media classes and Mah Jong. A monthly schedule of programs is published on the Library web site at www.saladolibrary.org.

The public meeting room has provided a great space for Library classes and programs to be conducted. We are pleased that local organizations and groups continue to use the room provided for the community.

While the electronic book collection is growing, the books on the shelves continues to grow as well. The Salado Library patrons still want books from the shelves, so new books have been added monthly. Below are the total materials that were add during the past year.

- Adult books -723
- Children's books - 304
- Young adult books - 332
- New patrons added - 419

In addition to books, 419 new patrons were added for a total of 7,130.

And of course, we still get a little help from the Friends of the Library, those dedicated volunteers who give of their time to help out at the library. Those who are on the Friends Board; those who process books; book selection; the Book Ends book store volunteers; those who sort out and tote books; landscape volunteers; and, those who work with the Summer Read program are all valued members of our library team. They more than earned our gratitude for all the work they do each year. We are grateful for this extraordinary volunteer effort!

We could not do what we do without the great librarians and staff who are present daily to perform all the “behind the shelves” work to keep the library current and operating, plan the programs, and are available to help the patrons. Our Library Director, Jeanie Lively, has done a great job in every phase of library operations this past year. Rachel Gerik, Children’s Librarian, and Kirstyn Pittman, our new Youth Librarian, have done a great job in planning and conduction age appropriate programs. Manuela Smith and Nancy Sheppard at the circulation desk both deserve our thanks for all they do to make the library a wonderful place to visit.

The Salado Public Library receives sales tax revenue on a monthly basis. While our revenue has gone down compared to previous years, the revenue is still sufficient to continue operating as in previous years. The Library ended the year under budget in the operating account. We have no debts and continue to add monthly to our savings. It has been another successful year for the Library.

I ask that you continue your patronage and volunteering in the coming year. Thank you for all your help and support of the Salado Public Library.

Bill Kinnison, President
Salado Public Library District
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