

Salado Public Library District President's Annual Report

October 24, 2016

Dear Friends and Patrons of the Salado Public Library:

In reflecting on the past year I am proud to report that the library continues to provide many interesting, creative and innovative programs and services for our community. This is possible for two main reasons: the outstanding staff at the library and the excellent facility they have in which to work with its patrons.

The Salado Public Library provides its services to readers of all ages and has a variety of programs to offer throughout the year. Adult, youth, and children's books and movies are added to the collection every month because that is what our patrons want. And, the number of patrons using the library is increasing. We are very pleased to see the Library being used by our community in so many ways. It indicates we are doing what we are supposed to do as a public library.

The summer reading program for children and the young adult activities continue to grow each year in popularity and attendance. We are pleased to see the participation increase in these popular programs. Having these young readers involved in library activities will serve to establish good reading habits throughout their lives.

The Library updated its Strategic and Long Range Plan. One component was a survey of patrons to determine how we are doing and to see if there are areas needing to be addressed. The one area patrons wanted changed was the hours the library remained open. Thursday was the desired day, so the library now remains open until 7:30 p.m. every Thursday.

Associated with the Long Range Plan, the Library Board determined there was a need for better space utilization. The result was the addition of a "quiet reading room", an office for the young adult librarian, and a work room for the staff and volunteers. The new space will be completed for use this month.

Our sales tax revenue is up 3% from last year. The Library has sufficient funding for its staff, services or programming. We have no debts and continue to add monthly to our savings. It has been another successful year for the Library.

I hope 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
Board of Trustees