

ONE FOR THE BOOKS

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TAKING LEARNING BEYOND THE LIBRARY

DONORS HELP EXPAND DIGITAL RESOURCES

This spring, the Library's digital collection became the only way for card holders to access materials. Thanks to Library supporters, we raised over \$4,085 to help the Library purchase additional resources. Over 3,000 titles, in English and Spanish, have been added to the collection since the closure with more added every day. All you need is a library card to gain access!



129,318

eAudiobooks
checked out
since March 13

GOLDEN TRIANGLE LIBRARY

The highly anticipated Golden Triangle Library opened to the public on August 18th! The 15,103 square-foot facility contains a collection of more than 44,000 resources, children's activity center, public computers, Creative Lab, and a Municipal Court Satellite Office.



LAUNCHPAD SOARS DURING COVID-19

Despite our ever-changing world, *LaunchPad* had a successful 2019–2020 school year—facilitating over 200 individual advising sessions and 75 small group sessions with local high school juniors and seniors and producing more than \$3.5 million in scholarship opportunities. This fall, we are pivoting our program virtually to reach a broader audience while still offering the same no-cost, quality services throughout the college application experience. Interested in learning more about the LaunchPad College Application Program visit www.fwplf.org/launch-pad/.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT: DARIEN GEORGE



Why is the Foundation's mission important to you?

Supporting the Library affects young people in a positive way. The ability to read gives children the fundamental ability to excel in society. Without it, they face an uphill climb that is almost insurmountable.

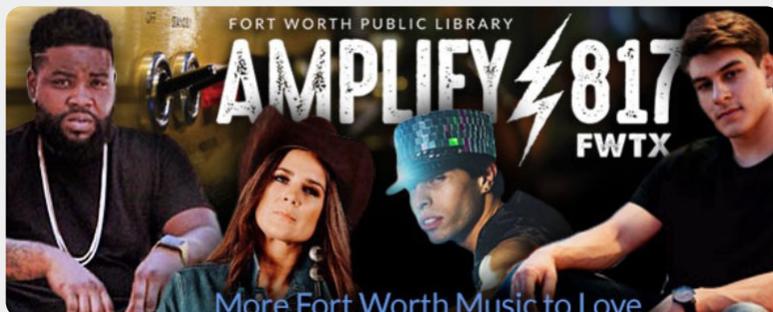
If the Foundation had unlimited resources, what would you like to see us do?

I'd like to see FWPLF and the Library partner with private businesses to redevelop libraries as community centric places throughout the city where people go for coffee, games, and to play on playgrounds - a 'mixed use' development with the Library as the central connector.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I am very handy! In my spare time, I do electrical, plumbing, drywall, etc. I recently built a 120 ft. treehouse for our kids that's nestled between three trees. Currently, I'm redoing a 1969 Airstream.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Amplify817 showcases and promotes the talented artists who create the sounds of our city. The program offers artists an upfront payment to feature their music on the Amplify817 website for three years. For the community, Amplify817 offers a single place to discover and experience a variety of Fort Worth musicians. Anyone can listen to the music for free, but Fort Worth Public Library cardholders can download songs to their personal devices.



The project is a partnership between the Fort Worth Public Library and Hear Fort Worth, with financial support from the Fort Worth Public Library Foundation. "Local music adds to the culture and vitality of our city. We want to cultivate more of that," said Tom Martens, the Visit Fort Worth creative director. "Music is also important to our local economy, with a historical economic impact of \$742 million per year and supporting 7,311 jobs." Visit amplify817.org to learn more.



MAYOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

"Reading can inform, inspire and energize. Imagine coming together as a city to focus on the power of reading, and where it can take us as a community." **Mayor Betsy Price**

870,000
MINUTES READ
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3,232 READERS
6,519 ACTIVITIES

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY 9.17.2020

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for North Texas Giving Day on **September 17, 2020!** Support the FWPLF's mission to serve the community through programs like LaunchPad, Children's Author Series, and Amplify817. Every gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference!



CONGRATULATIONS!

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