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Our work is made possible because of the generosity of people, foundations, community organizations, and businesses that give to the Library Foundation and share our belief in the transformational power of libraries for all Fort Worthians. Your gifts enhance library programs that nurture literacy, imagination, and lifelong learning.

INSTRUMENT LENDING & MUSIC INSTRUCTION



Thanks to a gift by the 5th Avenue Arts Foundation, the FWPL now offers musical instrument lending at all library branches. Acoustic and electric guitars, drum pads, keyboards, and more are available to check out for three weeks.

Want to learn how to play?

With the Library, Amplify817 artist Jacob Furr created a six-part basic guitar playing series found on the Library's YouTube channel. The Meadowbrook Library hosts weekly jam sessions for all ages, and library cardholders can access LinkedIn Learning lessons.

BE A DREAM BUILDER!

Join our monthly giving initiative. Partner with The Fort Worth Public Library Foundation to expand the excellence of free library programming.

Your monthly contribution will increase sustainability and empower the growth that brings robust opportunities to the Fort Worth community.

To learn more, visit fwplf.org/be-a-dream-builder.

PHILANTHROPY SPOTLIGHT



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Known for supporting local organizations within four charitable pillars – Education, Community, Wellness, and Arts – R4 Foundation helps strengthen

our community through its desire to help all people realize lives of substance and value.

R4's generous 2022 grant of \$15,000 to the LaunchPad college application mentorship program means giving any area high school junior or senior who wants to attend college the opportunity to participate in free college application counseling services, including first-generation prospects and those with special needs or backgrounds. A BIG thank you to R4 for helping LaunchPad students realize their dreams!

SUPPORTING SPANISH SPEAKING FAMILIES



Committed to our entire community, the FWPL has prioritized Spanish-language services for all ages. Spanish programming supported by generous donations to the Library Foundation includes:



- **Bilingual baby bags**, kits for caregivers and children to help develop skills like sensory, fine motor, logical, self-esteem, and more. All baby bags are bilingual for families that want to introduce both languages early.

- **Maker 101 STEAM 'take and make' kits** that correspond with monthly Library YouTube projects designed for middle school students to provide creative opportunities for discovery and self-directed learning.
- **The only free Spanish-language High School Equivalency preparation class in Tarrant County.** The course prepares students to take the four-subject area GED exams to earn a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency. Zulma, a former participant, was one of thirteen graduates who passed the GED exams and participated in the program's first graduation-style event, complete with caps and gowns, on March 26, at the downtown Central Library.

"I want to thank God and you that I got my GED and enrolled in the IDTC career center to fulfill a dream I had years ago to become a medical assistant. I am infinitely grateful to you."

Zulma, Spanish-language HSE program graduate, Spring '22

GIVE EARLY! SEPTEMBER 1

COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

— NTX —
GIVING DAY

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The CIGAR SMOKER 25th ANNIVERSARY

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25TH ANNIVERSARY CIGAR SMOKER



Raul Bello, William's Cigars



Victoria Puente-Peters

The historic "Smoker," celebrated on May 4 at the Fort Worth Club, raised a record amount for the Library! More than 360 guests enjoyed music by amplify817 artist Shake Anderson, fine cigars, local spirits, a seated dinner, and live & silent auctions. Proceeds support the Library's free programs and services, like reading challenges, adult and children's author series, and the LaunchPad college application program.

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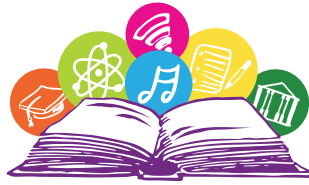


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BOARD SPOTLIGHT - ANDREW "DREW" NEAL



Recognized as a 2022 *Super Lawyers* Rising Star by Thomson Reuters and 2017–2022 Top Attorney by *360 West Magazine*, Drew, is known for his outstanding work and commitment to the spirit of the legal profession. He and his wife, parents of young children, recognize the importance of early childhood

literacy and support the Library's literacy initiatives in underserved communities.

Drew is a Wheaton College graduate and received his J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law. Before law school, he worked as a landman and right-of-way agent for oil and gas companies throughout Texas.

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Supporting libraries today, tomorrow, and always.

A way to see that your legacy endures for future generations is to consider an estate gift to the Fort Worth Public Library Foundation. A simple bequest can be easily included in your will when written or revised. Your charitable donation, which is fully deductible from your gross estate, will benefit the programs and offerings of the Fort Worth Public Library and Library Foundation.

To learn more, contact andrea@fwlibraryfoundation.org or visit fwplf.org/ways-to-give/legacy.

WATER COOLER TALK



Marketing Assistant Kristin Cansler's family has grown from two to three! Both happy and healthy, Kristin and beautiful Keaton have been enjoying time together at home. Known as "Baby Cansler" and the "Foundation's 1st Baby" at the office, Keaton loves to show off her smile, make lots of cute noises, and get loads of cuddles. Kristin says, "She was totally

worth the wait! There is no feeling in the world like this." Congratulations, Kristin and Kody!

KEATON KAY
C A N S L E R

BORN MAY 29, 2022
11:49 PM | 8 POUNDS,
4 OUNCES | 20 INCHES



Olivia & Zach, R.L. Paschal High School Graduates

The 2022 high-school graduates who participated in free, individual LaunchPad college application mentorship experienced another exceptional year under the guidance of longtime program director Dr. Paula Tyler. The 130 participating students applied to at least three schools, received multiple college offers and received scholarships based on the strength of their college applications. Students reported acceptances to 72 colleges and universities around the country and \$3.1M in scholarships, fifteen of which are four-year scholarships that total over six figures.

"Dr. Tyler helps you see your uniqueness and how you stand out from other applicants. I received individualized help for my needs."
Olivia, University of Texas, Fall '22

2022 GRADS
\$3.1M
SCHOLARSHIPS
130 STUDENTS
72 COLLEGES

Dear Dr. Tyler,
Thank you so much for all of your continuous help during my admissions process. I really appreciate all of the time you spent helping me, correcting my essay drafts, meeting with me at Lucille's, answering all of my long emails, and talking with me so that I could have a better understanding of myself and how to write better. You are so kind and sweet to help me! Thank you!

Since 2009, LaunchPad has helped over 10,000 students attend their dream colleges through large school presentations, summer writing workshops, small group sessions, and one-to-one mentorships. There is no limit on time, the number of essays, or drafts. The focus is on literacy beyond the college application.

Launchpad would not be possible without generous grants from the **James and Dorothy Doss Foundation**, **Lockheed Martin AeroCARES**, **R4 Foundation**, **Ash Grove Foundation**, **Ryan Foundation**, **Helen Irwin Littauer Educational Trust**, **Virginia Hobbs Charitable Trust**, **Ash Grove Charitable Foundation**, and gifts from individuals.

To learn more or to partner with us on this amazing program, please visit fwplf.org/programs/launchpad.



UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

AMPLIFY817 PRESENTS 817 DAY

Aug. 17 | Will Rogers Auditorium | Doors Open at 6PM

Don't miss the first free Amplify817 showcase featuring:
GR4NT | Bencjones | Averi Burk | Cut Throat Finches



To learn more, visit fortworthtexas.gov/departments/library/events/817day.

THIRD THURSDAY JAZZ 2022



Amplify817 Artist,
Shake Anderson
Aug. 18, 2022 | 6:30PM – 8:00PM

David Meder
Sept. 15, 2022 | 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Finale at Burnett Park with
The Texas Gypsies
Oct. 20, 2022 | 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Supported by Ann L. & Carol Green Rhodes Charitable Trust, 5th Avenue Foundation, & Ridgmar Place.

Performances are at Central Library.

To learn more, visit fortworthtexas.gov/departments/library/programs/jazz.

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