

**Manske Library Board
Trustee Report
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Texas State Library and Archives Commission Grant Recipients

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/grants/recipients>

Grant applications are open for 2026. A few notable grant special projects include:

Dickinson Public Library

\$24,983.00

The "Cultivating Tech-Literate Young Minds" project aims to enhance early literacy skills. With limited access to technology and low literacy scores, the project will install AWE computer stations and add Launchpad tables for use by youth. These resources, stationery at the library as well as available for checkout, provide children with extended learning opportunities. Staff will offer support and collaborate with Dickinson ISD to promote literacy through technology.

Rowlett Public Library

\$24,268.00

The Rowlett Library's Adult Education Job Skills Training will support and encourage GED and ESL students throughout the Rowlett community by helping participants overcome potential barriers, enhance their employability, and successfully navigate the job market. The Job Skills Training will be a supplement to ESL or GED tutoring, with success measured by the number of students obtaining employment within one year of completing the training.

Denton Public Library

\$74,742.00

The Denton Public Library will create an accessible and inclusive library for all individuals by purchasing furniture to enhance accessibility and rearranging the North Branch Library. This includes tables with ample space for assistance, adjustable-height tables, caregiver/child workstations, and adjustable-height online public access computers. Along with accessible and inclusive furniture, adaptive technology will be purchased.

Trends

Most trends for libraries include ideas I have submitted previously. Many articles were still for 2022-2024.

<https://resources.noodle.com/programs/library-science/>

The latest trends in Library and Information Science (LIS) include advances in collection management (ERM, IoT, FS), user engagement (augmented reality, makerspaces), and security (SSO).

Fun Facts for Travelers

This article includes the top 35 libraries in the world. The top 10 are listed. Their budgets are bigger than The FB library. 😊

<https://www.thebestcolleges.org/amazing-libraries/>

- 1. Library of Congress — Washington D.C., USA**
- 2. Bodleian Library — Oxford, United Kingdom**
- 3. Reading Room at the British Museum — London, England**
- 4. Yale University Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library — New Haven, Connecticut, USA**
- 5. Vatican Library — Vatican City, Rome**
- 6. National Library of St. Mark's — Venice, Italy**
- 7. Boston Public Library — Boston, Massachusetts, USA**
- 8. Library of Parliament — Ottawa, Canada**
- 9. New York Public Library — New York, New York, USA**
- 10. Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library — Toronto, Canada**