

## Highlights

- Return on Investment of \$8.22 for every tax dollar invested in the Bedford Public Library.
- Received the **2007 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award** from TMLDA.
- Received the **2008 Best of Show for Videos 31 seconds to 5 minutes** category in our respective budget range.
- Selected as one of the twenty libraries nationwide to receive a **Teen Tech Week Mini Grant**.
- Awarded **Texas Book Festival Grant** for \$1,500 to purchase educational materials for tutoring program.
- Community participated in Focus Groups and Library Design Workshops to assist architects in creating a floor plan for the new library.
- Barnes & Noble donated over \$200,000 worth of shelving from area stores for the new library.
- Designed fun Kids Spot and Teenspace pages for the library web site.
- High quality downloadable audio books are now available due to Bedford joining a consortium of eight libraries.
- 13,419 items added to the library collection.
- Children and teens read 14,397 hours this summer.
- *Library Journal* recognized Library Manager, Maria Redburn, as a **Mover & Shaker** in their annual supplement which profiles emerging library leaders.

## WHO WE ARE

### Mission Statement

Our community's front porch...  
for learning, for leisure, for life!

### Primary Service Responses

Stimulate Imagination  
Create Young Readers  
Satisfy Curiosity

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### 2008 Board Members

Marianne Lanoue, Place 1

Scott Probasco, Place 2

Linda Jordan, Place 3

Brigitte Gimenez, Place 4

Edward Patterson, Place 5

Judy Jones, Place 6

Ralph Chaney, Place 7

### Senior Staff

Maria Redburn, Library Manager

Barbara Glassford Johnson, Technical Services Manager/Systems Administrator

Jeanne Green, Community Services Supervisor

Tony New, Information Resources Supervisor

Barbara Sparks, Circulation Supervisor

Cher'e Bradford, Administrative Coordinator

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### Bedford Public Library

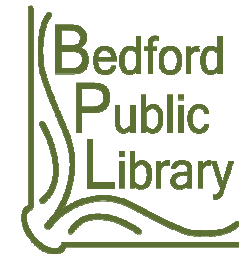
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### 2007/2008 Annual Report



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## Library Services

- Reference and Reader's Advisory Services
- Library Web site, access to online catalog and account information
- Remote access to online resources and over 50 databases
- 101,935 items including 6,700 DVDs
- Free public access computers
- Wireless Internet Access
- Free Computer Classes
- Adult, teen and children's programming
- Library Buddy Tutoring
- Outreach programs
- Weekly Story Times
- Summer Reading Club
- Online Holds and Renewals
- Interlibrary Loan Service
- Free Email Notification
- Fax Service
- Notary Service



Photograph taken by Linda Jordan.

**900 people attended the Seuss Festival in March 2008**

## Quick Facts

A total of 496,144 materials were checked out from the Library during fiscal year 2007/2008 – a 7.67% increase over last year.

And during the year:

- 252,319 people visited the library
- 309,987 virtual visits made to the library
- 33,124 card holders
- 34,954 questions answered
- 14,973 people enjoyed programs

## Library Supporters

Gave gifts of \$100 or more

Alamo Title  
Andrew Wayne RE/MAX Realty  
Ann B. Hooks & Family  
Barnes and Noble Bookstore  
Bedford Splash  
Carroll & Kocian, Attorneys at Law  
Challenge Incentives  
Cheesecake Factory  
Deborah and Ralph Chaney  
Einstein Bagels  
Fort Worth Museum of Science & History  
Friends of the Bedford Public Library  
Hilton Hotel—Southlake  
Mad Science of Tarrant County  
Melting Pot  
Mid-Cities Pest Control  
Moore Family  
Movie Tavern  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Putt-Putt Fun Center  
Rockfish Grill  
Starbucks  
Texas Land & Cattle  
Texas Roadhouse  
Walmart Neighborhood Grocery Store  
Walmart Super Center  
Waltemade Family  
Watts Family  
Whataburger

## Revenue

*Where the money comes from...*

City of Bedford	\$1,015,766
Friends of the Library	\$ 6,650
Loan Star Grant	\$ 13,296
Other Grants	\$ 3,950
Donations	\$ 4,077

## Expenditures

*Where the money goes...*

Personnel	\$782,234
Books & Supplies	\$154,229
Maintenance	\$ 8,888
Contractual Services	\$ 37,459
Utilities	\$ 46,481
Capital Outlay	\$ 19,841



*The lifesize sculpture "Matthew's Journey" was commissioned by the late Mrs. Ann Hooks. Growing up, Matthew spent many hours visiting the public library with his grandmother. She commissioned this sculpture with the hope that it would inspire other young boys to discover the joys of reading. The statue can be viewed at the Old Bedford School.*