

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****April 4, 2023**

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SUBJECT: FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY FILL THE BAG EVENT SUMMARY

The purpose of this IR is to inform City Council about the success of the two Fort Worth Public Library's Fill the Bag events. The library held two events to help Texas educators build their classroom libraries with gently used books and donated material. Although most discarded material is sold online, children's material does not sell well so the library has been saving them since 2020. These events were approved by Mayor and Council in November 2022.

The first event was held on December 3 and 4, 2022 at the Central Library. The library served:

- 225 K-12 educators and homeschool parents
- 10,000 books were given away
- 52 teachers signed up for the library's Educator Library card

The second event was held on February 25 and 26, 2023 and there was significant growth. The library served:

- 663 educators (preschool through higher education) and homeschool parents (194% increase) representing 72 schools and organizations
- 20,700 books were given away (107% increase)
- 63 (21% increase) people signed up for the special Educator Library card

The library is working on developing a third Fill the Bag event for August 2023. The plans for this event have not yet been finalized.

If you have any questions on this report, please contact Manya Shorr, Director, Fort Worth Public Library, at 817-392-7707 or manya.shorr@fortworthtexas.gov.

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