

Report of the Librarian

August 1, 2026

BORROWERS	ILL	JUVENILE	ADULTS	FACULTY	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Balance	1	754	2028	29	67	2878
Additions	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>
Total	1	758	2034	30	67	2890

8 Titles added to Easy Book Collection

7 Titles added to Juvenile Fiction Collection

9 Titles added to Adult Fiction Collection

2 titles added to Juvenile Non-Fiction Collection

7 Titles added to Non-Fiction Collection

CIRCULATION July 2026 1132

PATRONS July 2026 895

QUESTIONS July 2026 175

MATERIALS USED July 2026 161

INTERLIBRARY LOAN July 2026
Borrowing 0 Lending 0

MICROFILM July 2026 1

TexShare Card July 2026 0

TexShare Databases July 2026 0

ROLLATOR July 2026 9

Ellison July 2026 66

DVD July 2026 6

ACD BOOKS ON CD July 2026 18

HOT SPOT June 2026 3

OWL July 2026 4

COMPUTER USAGE July 2026 3

WiFi Usage July 2026 46

July 2026 44

VOLUNTEERS July 2026 2

MEETING ROOM USAGE

July 2026

Tutor Child 4

Adult 6**Total 10**

Tuesday Movie @ the Library

July 2026 Children 60 Discovery Table Children 64

Adults 9 July 2026 **Total 34****Total 69**

Summer Reading Club Attendance				Wednesday Morning Storytime @ 10:00 am		Children	28	
June & July	2026	Children	173	159	July	2026	Adults	<u>9</u>
			<u>73</u>	<u>58</u>			Total	37
		Total	246	217	463			

LIBRARY HOURS OPEN	July	166
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Edwards Public Library
Report of the Librarian

October 1, 2024 September 30, 2025

BORROWERS	ILL	JUVENILE	ADULTS	FACULTY	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Balance		0 729	1841	24	55	2649
Additions		<u>1 27</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>173</u>
Total		1 756	1985	25	55	2822

225 Titles added to Permanent Easy Book Collection
 207 Titles added to Permanent Juvenile Fiction Collection
 251 Titles added to Permanent Juvenile Non-Fiction Collection
 157 Titles added to Permanent Adult Fiction Collection
 39 Titles added to Permanent Adult Non-Fiction Collection
 2 Titles added to Permanent Large Print Collection
 6 Titles added to Permanent Texas Collection
 28 Titles added to Permanent DVD Collection
 1 Title added to Permanent Audio Compact Disk Book Collection
 0 Title added to Permanent Microfilm Collection

CIRCULATION	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	12,492
PATRONS	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	6,948
QUESTIONS	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	1,809
MATERIALS USED	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	1,802
INTERLIBRARY LOAN (Borrowing)	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	15
INTERLIBRARY LOAN (Lending)	Oct. 1 - Sept. 31	2024-2025	10
MICROFILM	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	6
DVD's	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	1,048
AUDIO COMPACT DISK BOOK	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	348
OWL	Oct. 1 - Sept. 31	2024-2025	33
HOT SPOT	Oct. 1 - Sept. 32	2024-2025	19
COMPUTER USAGE	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	660
WIFI	Oct. 1 - Sept. 31	2024-2025	487
TEX-SHARE DATABASES	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	5
TEX-SHARE CARD	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	6
ROLLATORS	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	32
ELLSION	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	682
VOLUNTEERS	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	204.50
MEETING ROOM USAGE	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	542

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STORY TIME ATTENDANCE	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	
Children	553		Children 45
Adults	<u>198</u>		Adults <u>15</u>
Total	751		Total 60

SUMMER READING CLUB	Oct. 1 - Sept. 30	2024-2025	
Children	339		Signed up 124

Certificates	86
Time Read	2161.75

LIBRARY SERVICES

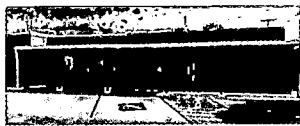
SERVING THE RESIDENT OF CLAY COUNTY

APRIL 4, 2026

EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY
210 W. GILBERT HENRIETTA, TEXAS 76365



Women Restroom of the Clay County Courthouse the Original Clay County Library founded in 1932.



Present Edwards Public Library Building



2nd Clay County Library, the Calaboose

In 1932 the Clay County Federation of Women's Clubs decided that the residents of Clay County needed a library. With a total of 14 books, the library was housed in the women's restroom on the courthouse square, thus began the Clay County Library. As the library grew in volumes the library was moved to the old jail building known as "the Calaboose," and which is now an historical exhibit at the Pioneer Grounds. In 1952 Dr. A. B. Edwards and his sons, Bryan and Kirk, donated the land and monies to build a new thirty-by-forty-foot library building for Clay County in memory of Mrs. Bettie M. Edwards and the library was renamed the Edwards Public Library. Later on the Edwards family continued their donation to expand and renovate the library to its present size of 5,052 square feet.

The library has two governing entities: The Edwards Public Library Board of Trustees, who fund the library's materials budget and the Clay County Commissioners Court who fund the staff salaries, utilities of the library and maintenance on the building. There are also two full-time staff members who work forty hours a week. The library is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for our patrons to utilize in the evening.

The Edwards Public Library is a county library and serves the residents of Clay County population of 10,421 residents. The libraries registered patron's number 2,881 and a total of about 34,043 volumes for check out, which include books, audio books in CD, movies in DVD format and music CD and magazines. The library circulation transactions are 33,868 yearly, which include all library materials. Computer usage is 660 yearly and the library gate count is 6,948 this last fiscal year.

The library also has 10 public access Internet computers and two stand-alone computers with education software in the children's area (no Internet), and an Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) computer. These computers are used daily for library patrons checking email, applying for jobs and learning to use the computers. Other services the library provides include copies and printing (some color), faxes, laminating and children's storytime.

Programs the library offers are weekly storytime on Wednesday's mornings at 10:00 a.m., the Texas Summer Reading Club, and book signings with local authors. We even have an occasional wedding in the reference room, the Justice of the Peace has no room in his office, so he ask if he can perform weddings at the library. The Edwards Public Library's goal is to serve the residents of Clay County the best way we can.

These are the services that the Edwards Public Library of Clay County does for our residents, travelers who visit the library and the surrounding areas.

As of Thursday, July 30, 2026: Edwards Public Library of Clay County has **2881 patron library** card holders and which cities they reside:

Henrietta, TX	2,347	Scotland, TX	2	Ryan, OK	1
Bellevue, TX	100	Paradise, TX	2	Portland, OR	1
Bluegrove, TX	23	Ringgold, TX	14	Sherman, OK	2
Byers, TX	61	Nocona, TX	2	Bryson, TX	1
Petrolia, TX	93	Bowie, TX	9	Duncan, OK	1
Dean, TX	5	Burkburnett, TX	2	Gladewater, TX	2
Jolly, TX	1	Electra, TX	1	Archer City, TX	2
Windthorst, TX	3	Mckinney, TX	1	Boulder, CO	1
Wichita Falls, TX	197	Marshall, TX	1	Prescott Valley, AZ	1
Saint Jo, TX	2	Seymour, TX	3		

1. **Summer Reading Program** – first six weeks of the summer. This program consists of various performers to educate and entertain our summer readers. Performers and other activities include animal programs, drum circles, dinosaurs, clowns, science experimentation, shadow puppets and ceramic make and take. These programs are to encourage our readers to have new experiences, learning to explore new subjects and to be able to retain what they learned in school the year beforehand. **The 2026 Summer Reading Program did great. The Summer Reading stats: 155 signed up, 133 read 2 hours, 132 read 3 hours, 129 read 6 hours, 125 read 10 hours, 85 read 20 hours and 45 read 30 hours, which makes me immensely proud of all the reading participants. The ages ranged from 4 months to 17 years of ages Of the 155 readers who signed up, 132 completed the program with certificates, books and prizes and there was a total time of 3,121 hours and 45 minutes read for this Summer Reading Program. There were one hundred and one people in attendance at the Certificate Party celebration.**



2. **Weekly Wednesday Morning Storytime:** be it 1 child or a whole room of children, the library is there for them. Storytime includes: a welcome song, books being read, songs, fingerplays, and arts and crafts and even stickers after the goodbye song they even get a sticker. We even continued to have storytime during Covid. The library did virtual storytime, which was recorded ahead of time, downloaded to the Facebook page and the crafts were placed in a bag with the children's names and placed at the front door, so they would be able to participate received individual bags.. This continued until the end of Covid.



3. **Thursday Discovery Table (STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math)):** A project to challenge each child's mind and dexterity. It's a place to have fun, to learn and to take something home, all day on Thursdays.



4. **Movies @ The Edwards Public Library** – EPL purchased a movie license to legally show movies to the public, legally. We do this in the summer or when we have a holiday.
5. **OWL** - Seamless hybrid collaboration starts with an all-in-one 360° camera, mic, and speaker, used for meetings. It is in the library's circulation collection and is able to be checked out by Clay County entities.
6. **Improvements to the library:** Improvements include permanent shelving (before the shelving was mismatched and unstable, colorful children's area, beautiful front porch and parking lot, energy-efficient windows including solar shades. In 2023 a new technology grant was received for new computers, Wi-Fi, security system, sound system, digital display, large screen television for meetings and including an OWL.
7. **Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit:** We schedule Santa and Mrs. Claus visit every year for a storytime session to read to the visit and read with the children.
8. **Pop into The Library for Some Halloween Fun:** a fun time to celebrate Halloween at the library, with crafts, fun and popcorn.

Library Services:

- **Books** – Fiction and Non-Fiction titles
- **Audiobooks on CD** (for listening, we have many patrons who commute)
- **Movies in DVD format**, including various genres for adults and children
- **Magazines** for checkout
- **Hot Spots:** a device that shares an internet connection wirelessly with other nearby devices. This is used by library patrons and Clay County entities when the internet is not available
- **E-Books:** with the Libby and Cloud Library apps to be utilized on tablets, iPad, and phones
- **Reference room** – houses our reference books, Texas collection, biographies and which is utilized for our weekly storytime program and meetings
- **Reference Questions** – many questions are asked through the telephone, on our **Facebook page** and through emails. We look up the information and give them the answers.
- **Texas Collection** – kept up-to-date with new materials, in additions to old copies of books on Texas History
- **Clay County Texas Books** about Clay County and the surrounding area.
- **Microfilm of the Henrietta Independent 1892 and the Clay County Leader** to present, including a
- **Microfilm reader**, which can be utilized to print or save on a USB flash drive. Sometimes we have people call us to look up obituaries and articles for them.

- **Beautiful colorful children's area**, which includes computers with educational software, a table and chairs for working puzzles and colorful raisers for reading and learning
- **Stand-alone OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog)**: to browse titles, authors and subjects in our library's collection
- **10 Public computers with internet and Microsoft office** – library patrons and guests utilize these computer for applying for jobs, reference, homework and keeping up with correspondence. Many utilize theses computers to email family members who live far away from home.
- **Free public Wi-Fi** (password protected) – patrons bring in laptops, tablets and cell phones to browse the internet. Even when the library is closed, library patron may sit outside the library and utilize the library's Wi-Fi
- **Interlibrary Loan** (borrowing and lending library materials for library patrons)
- **TexShare Databases** for reference, genealogy and browsing online
- **Fax machine** sending and receiving, many residents require this service for medical, legal and communication use. **There is no one in the area that does this service**
- **Scanning Services** to and from emails. Many utilize this service for legal and medical purposes.
- **Printing shipping labels**. The post office sends them to us to assist them with this service.
- **Copy machine**: single land double sided pages
- **Laminating**: covering a surface with a thin protective layer of plastic
- **Printing from computers** for job applications and resumes
- **Rollator walker** with a basket for books: for library patron need a little stability on their feet to browse through the shelves
- **Ellison Die Cut**: a custom shape cut out of material like paper. Teachers, churches and other people use it for projects. All they have to do is bring their own construction paper.
- **Cricut machine**: cartridge-based electronic cutters that patron may utilize, they just have to provide their own paper.



Many of the services provided by the library are reported to the Texas State Library And Archives Commission (TSLAC) in our annual report, which runs our fiscal year. So that the library can be accredited. Without the accreditation the library is not able to apply for grants and receive funds or assistance from TSLAC.

The Edwards Public Library staff gladly serves the residents of Clay County and the surrounding areas. We are here to serve and assist of anyone who walks through the doors, in need of reading materials, using the computers, asking reference questions and just a place to sit and relax.