

Remembering and Celebrating Libraries

Upon the Ten-Year Anniversary of the Lewisville Public Library Expansion

Education and the learning experience change rapidly as our world changes, and one can visit the Lewisville Public Library to see an example of this shift. I remember days when a public library met the challenge of trying to remain current with community needs simply by granting availability to books. Now our library meets that requirement while providing a rich schedule of educational activities for children, teens and adults. To handle such tasks, adequate facilities are required. One can walk through the spacious library halls and understand the facility richness of the Lewisville Public Library. A growing city needs an expanding library. When my family moved here in 1973, approximately 10,000 citizens called Lewisville home and checked out books at a small structure near where City Hall is now situated. A new building to house growing requirements was built to welcome the new century, then ten years ago the building expanded to its current size. We celebrate that expansion today. As we mark this milestone in the history of the Lewisville Public Library, I remember special libraries in my life. I recall when a West Texas church library introduced me to my childhood fictional hero, Bronc Burnett. I was reading for pleasure, but knowledge of rules and strategies crept into my consciousness while I followed Bronc's teenage adventures. Those books led me to other libraries and the awareness required to find the books I wanted. Knowing how to locate Bronc Burnett books lessened the learning curve required for schoolwork research. To be effective, libraries incorporate usage of current technology. Our library makes sixty public-use computers available to Lewisville citizens. Computers would have been science fiction for Bronc Burnett, but he would have shared my pride on this day, February 16, 2017, as the library celebrates the tenth anniversary of the expansion to the spacious facility where it now resides. Congratulations, Lewisville!

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