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**Do you have a Dallas Public Library card?** YES

**Over the past 12 months, have you visited a Dallas Public Library location either online or in person?** NO

**Which DPL locations(s) have you visited?** Polk Wisdom

**Do you believe that libraries are important and deserve to be supported in the City of Dallas?** YES

**Dallas Public Library has 29 branch locations in every corner of the city in addition to the Central Library across from City Hall. At present, only one DPL location is open 7 days a week (the Vickery Park location). There are 15 locations open 6 days a week, and the Central Library and 12 other branch locations are only open 5 days per week. Do you support having all 30 locations open 7 days a week beginning in 2024?** NO

## Library Programs

Dallas Public Library provides GED classes, preschool storytimes, and English Language Learning classes, promotes adult literacy, offers small business support, and free internet access, and assists with resumes, job searches, and job applications FOR FREE to all Dallas residents. These important

programs are nearly all made possible thanks to private funding.

Libraries are an important resource for children. Through private funding, the Dallas Public Library offers FREE preschool programs, such as storytimes, and the summer reading program, and provides computer and Wi-Fi access.

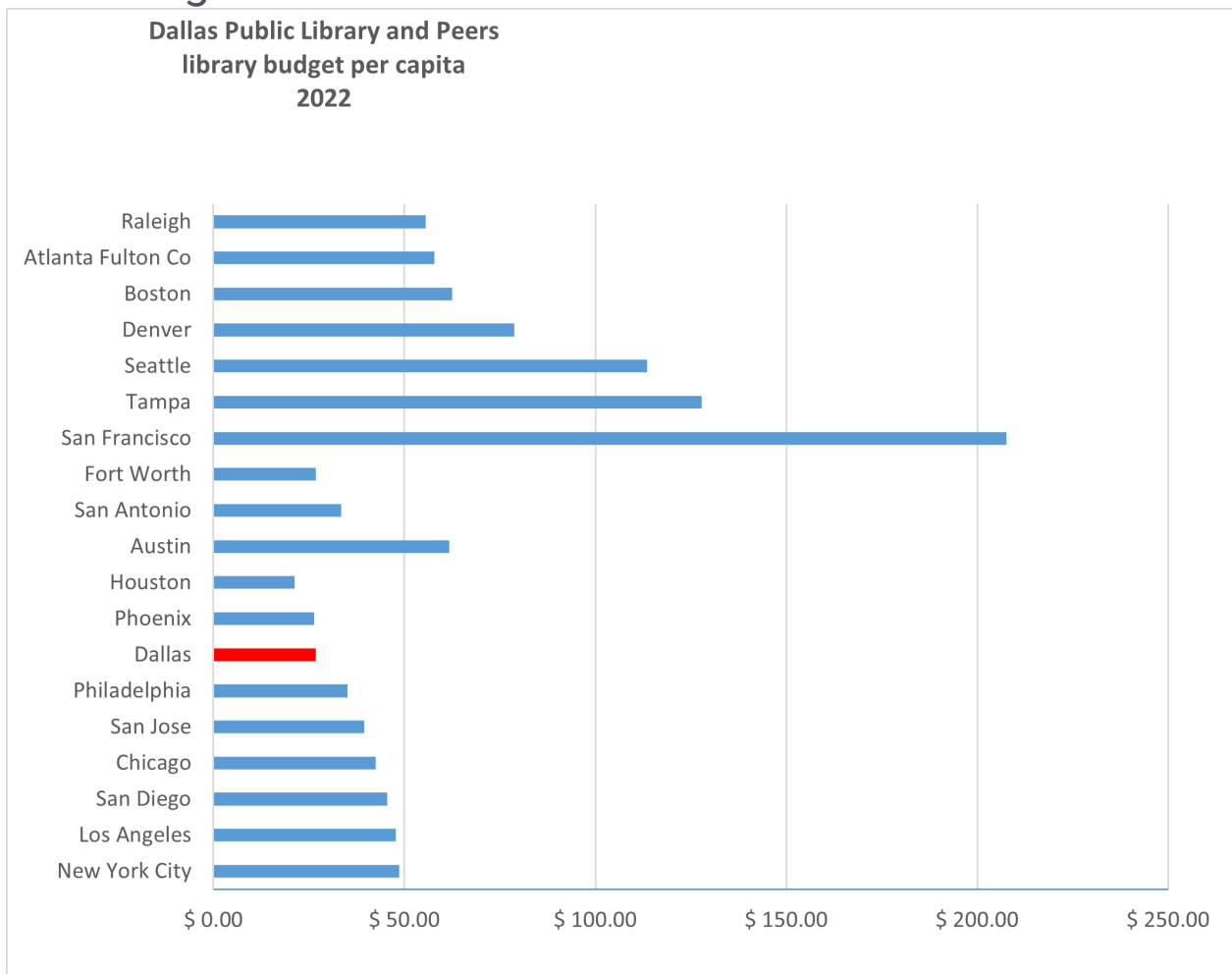
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**Would you support providing more public funding to programs like these that are mostly privately funded now?**

YES

### Comparison Library Spending

Below is a graph comparing the Dallas Public Library budget per capita to the top 10 population cities, the major cities and knowledge center cities across the nation.



**After now knowing that the Dallas library system is one of the poorest funded per capita among similar size cities and its neighboring suburbs, do you believe that Dallas should increase its library funding on a per capita basis?**

YES

## **Library Statistics**

Between October 2021 and September 2022 (Dallas Public Library's fiscal year):

- The Dallas Public Library welcomed 890,000 visitors in person and 5 million virtually.
- Curbside library service has continued
- The library's collection of 2 million items saw heavy circulation with 8.4 million items requested.
- More than 8,000 library programs educated and entertained nearly 138,000 people.
- Library customers logged 44,000 hours of computer time, and more than 20,000 checked out Dallas Public Library's Wi-Fi hotspots and Chromebooks to access the internet
- Library branches served as warming locations during winter storms and air-conditioned cooling centers during the height of summer.

**The Dallas Public Library's materials budget to purchase books, media, ebooks/e-audiobooks, and databases has remained essentially flat for the last several years. At the same time, publishers providing these materials continue to increase their costs for both physical and digital materials. Last year, the Dallas City Council approved a \$300,000 increase to the library's materials budget. If elected, will you support additional increases to the materials budget including a \$500,000 increase in the upcoming budget?**

YES

**Now that you know more about the services provided by the Dallas Public Library, and the financial challenges it faces, if elected, will you commit to continuing to responsibly grow the library's operating budget?**

YES

**If yes, what are your ideas?**

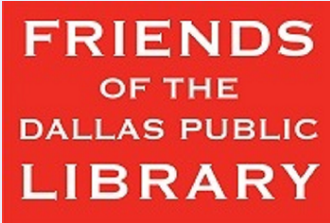
Do public service announcements about the services the library offers

**In your opinion, what is the role of the Dallas Public Library?**

Expand citizen knowledge and to connect people.

**Additional Comments**

The public library should be the hub for the homeless citizen to help in submitting job applications.



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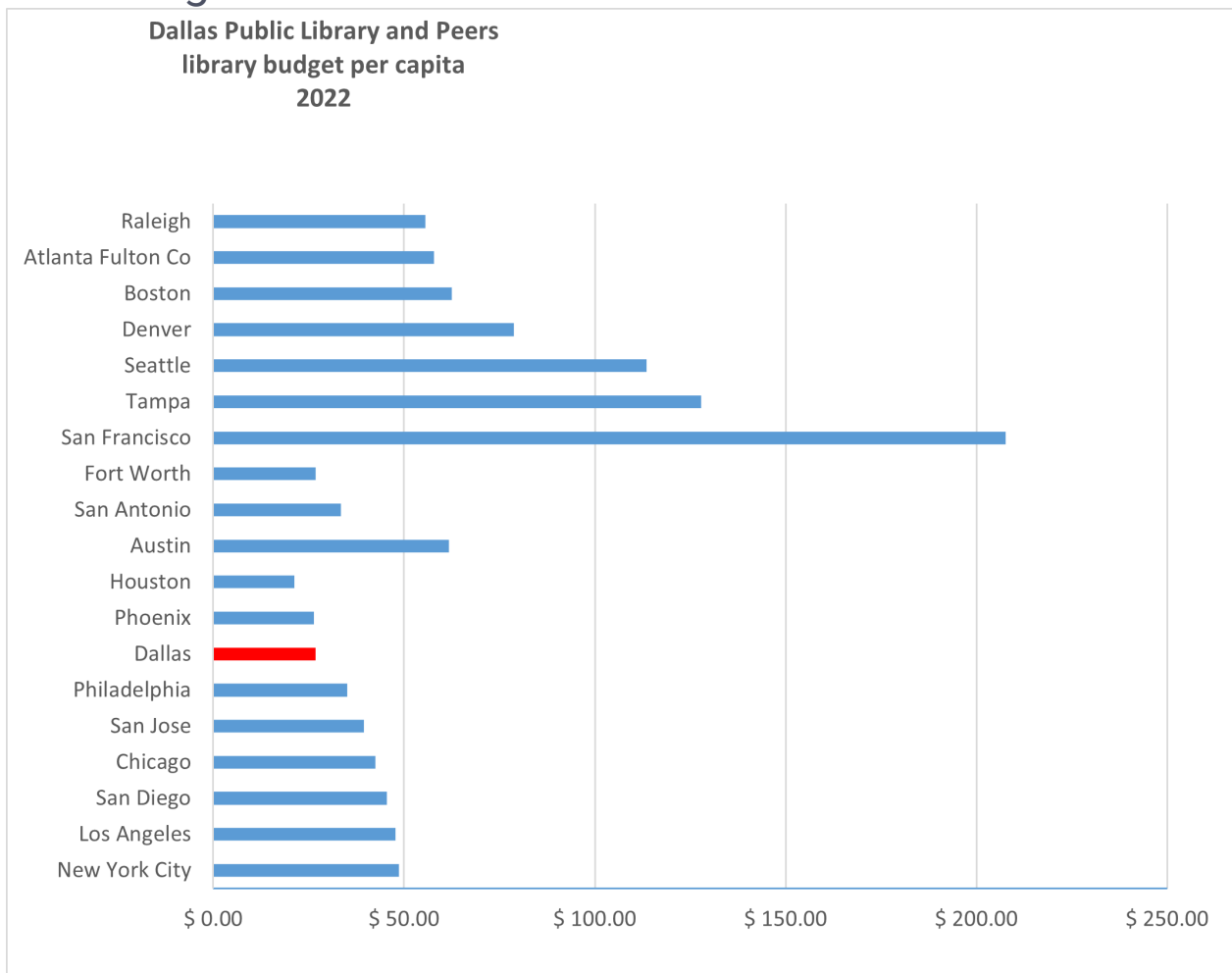
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Focus on "The Return on the Public Dollars" that the Library system provides compared to the Streets Department. In BETTER TELLING YOUR STORY, your messaging needs to be that DESPITE FUNDING CUTS, the Libraries STILL MET or EXCEEDED in meeting its missions and providing HIGH QUALITY SERVICES to Library patrons! If potholes were filled at this same level, the city would be better served!

**In your opinion, what is the role of the Dallas Public Library?**

In the 21st Century, Libraries are THE MULTIMEDIA provider of information, services, culture, and social connection!

My experiences with the Dallas Public Library and its staff have been positive and give me HOPE and ASSURANCE that Dallas Library Patrons are well served and well informed across cultures, income levels, and languages.

### **Additional Comments**

I will work to CHANGE the vocabularies that City Hall uses in reference to our Libraries. Libraries and Library Budgets are NOT AN EXPENSE, they are an INVESTMENT! The Dallas Library System has PROVEN to be an excellent return on the investment, even in years when City Hall has foolishly, disinvested in them!

The Library Friends groups have been a vital voice in helping to change the directions and perceptions that budget hawks have of the Library and I will work WITH the Library Friends to ensure that Council is ALWAYS WELL INFORMED about WHY funding for our public libraries and their programs, staffing, and materials is IMPORTANT!