

# 2023 Dallas City Council Candidate Survey

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Do you have a Dallas Public Library card?

- YES
- NO

Over the past 12 months, have you visited a Dallas Public Library location either online or in person?

- YES
- NO

Which DPL location(s) have you visited?

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visited Online                | <input type="checkbox"/> Highland Hills             | <input type="checkbox"/> Polk-Wisdom           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Library    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kleberg-Rylie              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Creek         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arcadia Park                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakewood                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Preston Royal         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audelia Road                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lochwood                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Renner Frankford      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachman Lake                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Martin Luther King, Jr.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skillman Southwestern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookmarks in NorthPark Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Creek             | <input type="checkbox"/> Skyline               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dallas West        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Oak Cliff | <input type="checkbox"/> Timberglen            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Green                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Vickery Park          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fretz Park                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Forest                | <input type="checkbox"/> White Rock Hills      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grauwlyer Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Laurence Dunbar       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton-Illinois              | <input type="checkbox"/> Lancaster-Kiest            |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant Grove             |  |

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

- YES  
 NO

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 (Vickery Park). 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 library locations open 7 days a week beginning in 2024?

- YES  
 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.

Libraries are also critical resources to Dallas's adult and senior population; however, funding for adult education and senior programs is limited to private sources.

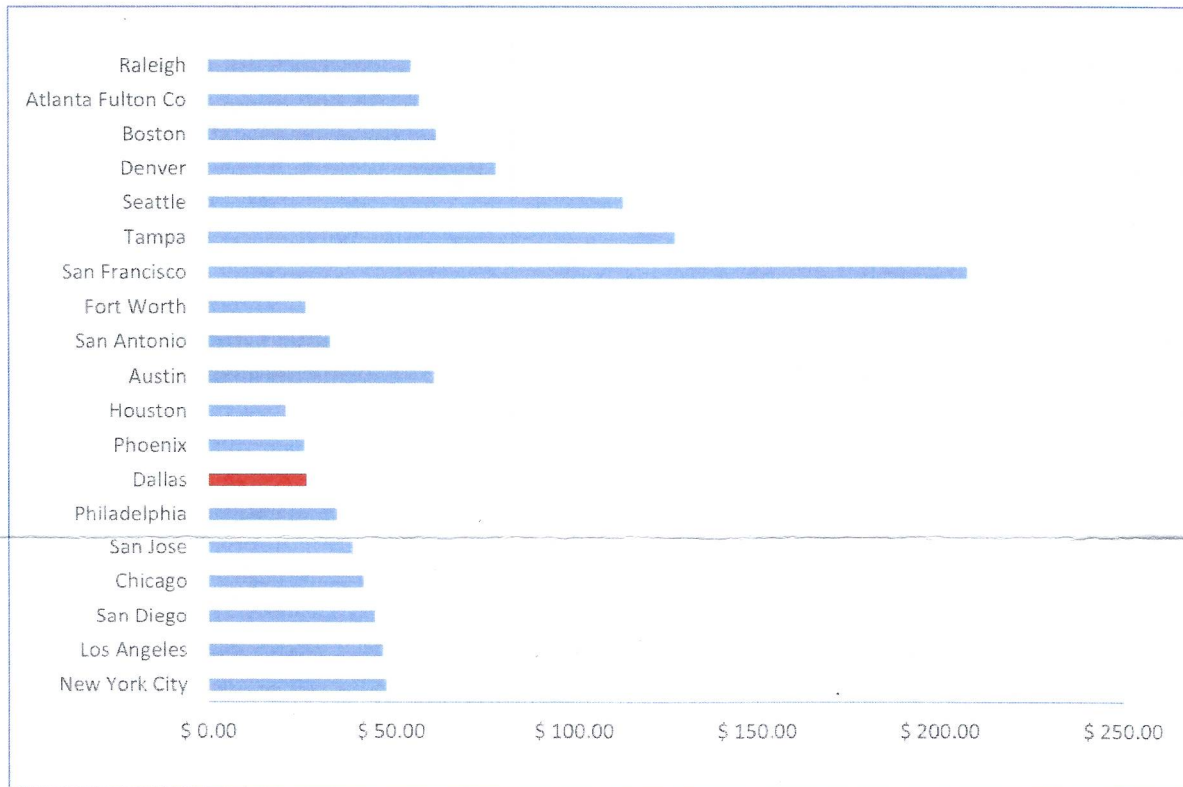
Would you support providing more public funding to programs like these that are mostly privately funded now?

- YES  
 NO

### Comparison Library Spending

On the following page is a graph comparing the Dallas Public Library budget per capita to major cities and knowledge center cities across the nation.

## Comparison Library Spending 2022



After now knowing that the Dallas library system is one of the poorest funded per capita among similar size cities including other major Texas cities, do you believe that Dallas should increase its library funding on a per capita basis?

- YES
- NO

### 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,
- 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, e-books, 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

NO

Now that you know more about the services provided by the Dallas Public Library, and some of the financial challenges it faces, if elected, will you commit to responsibly growing the library's operating budget to meet the needs of our community?

YES

NO

If yes, what are your ideas?

*Worked with you to put a plan together and present to council & staff for it to be incorporated in the budget.*

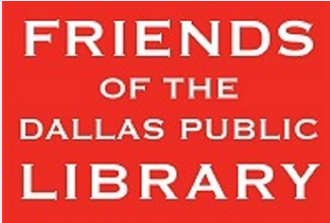
In your opinion, what is the role of the Dallas Public Library?

*A facility for people to obtain educational services and resources for learning abilities.*

Additional Comments

*Thank you for everything you do!*





Saturday, April 22, 2023

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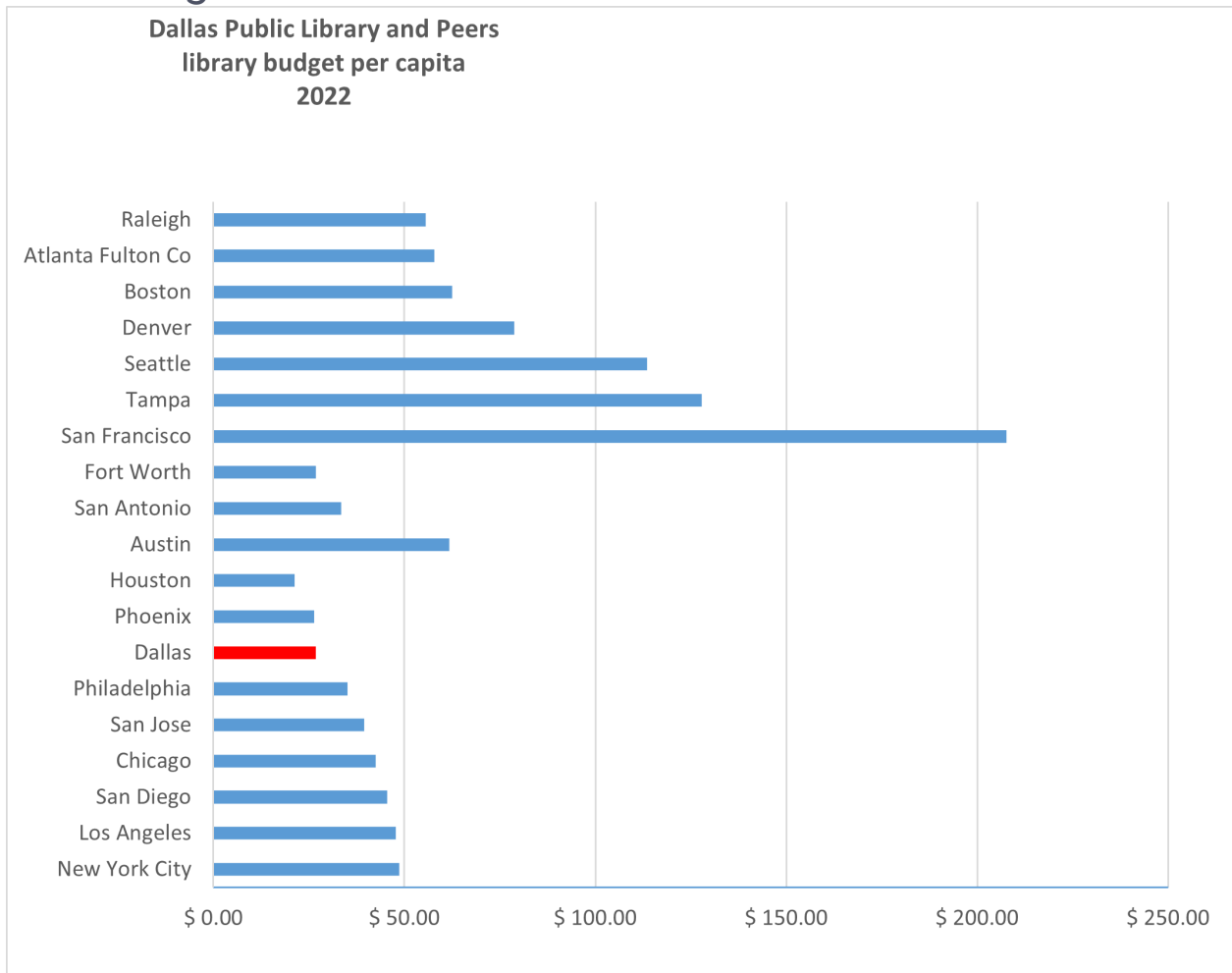
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### Comparison Library Spending

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

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YES

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

Increase the educational levels at the elementary stage.

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

True education, health, and history. No non fiction.

**Additional Comments**

This program helps individuals at low income levels. Hopefully giving them the tools to succeed.