



4. Provide enhanced service to the public during the past year either through increase in service or a change in type of services

Bay City Public Library expanded on current services and added more.

Toddler Time is a long-standing and successful program that invites guardians, grandparents, and parents to bring their little ones to the library for story time and crafts. Due to its growing popularity, we have expanded the program by adding a second session to better accommodate demand and extend our reach.

Through grants, BCPL successfully introduced Career Online High School to library services, offering qualifying adults the opportunity to earn their high school diploma while also obtaining certificates in various professional fields. Since the program's implementation, we have celebrated two successful graduations.

This year, we introduced a new program called Drop-in Tech Help. Recognizing the growing need for technology assistance, Drop-in Tech Help established dedicated sessions twice a month, offering the public the opportunity to bring in their devices and receive guidance on navigating various software and technologies.



Toddler Time (second session)



PRESS RELEASE

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Bay City Library to offer local adults scholarships to earn diploma through Career Online High School

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Through a partnership with Career Online High School (COHS), Bay City Public Library will support adults with earning their high school diploma and a career certificate. The library will grant scholarships as part of their adult education programming. The fully online high school program provides a 24/7 online classroom, personal academic coaches, and real-world career training.

"Libraries offer a safe, supportive environment to foster learning and community. Our online education program for adults is a natural extension of library services that empower adults to learn and grow," said District Superintendent Dr. Howard Liebman. "COHS students receive support from BCPL staff as well as from our academic coaches. Together, they help students achieve their goals."

In addition to an accredited diploma, COHS students graduate with a certificate in their chosen career path, plus a resume, cover letter, and other tools to start or advance their careers. Career Paths include but are not limited to Child Care and Education, Food and Hospitality, Office Management, Introduction to Manufacturing, Commercial Driving and Security Professional.

According to the 2020 US Census Bureau report, there are more than 18% of adults over the age of 25 in Matagorda County who lack a high school diploma, making it difficult to apply to college or advance in a career. "We are grateful to our scholarship sponsors for making the program possible in our area," said Library Director Samantha Denbow. BCPL will begin with 8 scholarships available to qualified and dedicated applicants. Scholarships will be granted as early as October 1.

A fully online program accredited by Cognia/SACS/NCA/NWAC, COHS has partnered with more than 1,800 library locations across the country.

To learn more about the program, including how to enroll and available scholarship opportunities, visit www.baycitytxlib.org or visit the library.

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Career Online Highschool Press Release

Navigating Digital Resources

A BYOD Workshop

The Bay City Public Library has so much to offer! Bring Your Own Device, and learn about the different digital services you can access with your library card.

September 9th
4:00pm
General Overview

Join us for a crash course and discover what resources are at your fingertips!

Drop-In Tech Help

Drop-In Tech Help is our quick-tech help program we are excited to offer at the Bay City Public Library! No registration is required, just walk in and spend 5-15 minutes with a librarian to ask your tech questions!

September 16th
3:00pm - 5:00pm

September 30th
3:00pm - 5:00pm

We can help you with:

- Basic computer navigation
- Basic app use
- Basic cellphone use
- Basic tablet use
- General internet instruction
- eBooks/eReaders

Drop In Tech Help flyer