



3. Invest in collaborative efforts with community organizations.

BCPL continues to conduct interdepartmental programming as well as grow other collaborations within the community.

Not many groups take advantage of the tours that are offered at the library. However, this year we had two organizations – a group from one of the low-income housing communities and one of our local elementary schools. These tours typically include a tour of the library and a custom program to include crafts, story time, and more. These opportunities show that the library is more than books.

Our Sargent Branch partnered with their local Lions Club to host Justice Ken Wise of Wise About Texas podcast. He spoke on the History of Sargent.

Interdepartmental programs are planned with other City of Bay City departments, such as the Police Department, Airport, Parks and Recreation, throughout the year. Events include Santa's Fly-in Storytime at Bay City Regional Airport; hosting National Night Out and Blue Santa Storytime with the Police Department; and partnering on the Trail of Tales story walk located along the walking trail at Riverside Park.

In October, BCPL hosts the kickoff to National Night Out with the Bay City Police Department. This year continued the tradition of hosting the Great Silly String Battle between officers and youth attendees. Over summer, Animal Control officers conducted a Tails and Tales program to inform the community of general animal safety, pet preparation for 4th of July, and what to do if finding an injured wild animal.

One of the biggest collaborations is Santa's Fly-In Storytime held in partnership with Bay City Regional Airport and Van Vleck ISD Theatre Department. This event hosted over 200 elementary students plus members of the public. The library provided the reading area and a holiday themed book to every child.

This summer, the library hosted a HomeTown Heroes event to end out the summer reading program. Local first responders from various agencies around the county set up in the front parking lot to give the community a chance to interact.

BCPL continued interlocals with two of the local ISDs – Palacios and Bay City – for Student Library Cards.



Santa's Fly-In Storytime 2023



HomeTown Heroes



National Night Out



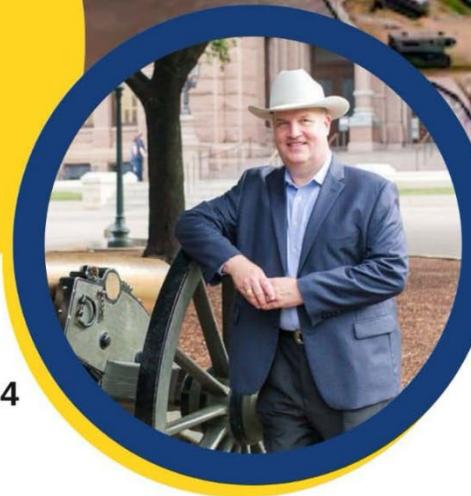
Elementary Tour at Library

HISTORY OF SARGENT

Sargent Area Lions Club and Sargent Branch Library will host Justice Ken Wise at a Lions Club meeting in Sargent.

Texas Chili and other assorted Texas Goodies will be served.

Meetings are open to the public. Everyone is welcome!



SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2024



6:00 PM



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Justice Ken Wise presentation in Sargent