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Fort Worth Public Library launches year-round program to help community find adventure across the city

The 'Fun Tracker' offers opportunities to experience the city in new ways

Jan. 6, 2025 – FORT WORTH, TEXAS – Today, the Fort Worth Public Library is unveiling the <u>Fort Worth Fun Tracker</u>, an exciting roadmap for exploring Fort Worth to experience meaningful activities with friends and family.

The Library has developed the Fun Tracker program to encourage residents to participate in library programs, explore services and experience cultural events and activities throughout the City of Fort Worth. Library staff will curate activities and will introduce new ideas each season.

"We hope Fort Worth residents will experience their city and the library in new ways through the Fun Tracker," said Library Director Midori Clark. "It's all about doing memorable activities that are free, fun and accessible to everyone. I'm looking forward to using the Fun Tracker, too!"

Participants of all ages can sign up for the Fort Worth Fun Tracker through the Beanstack app, selecting their age category. Whether participants are families looking for affordable outings, teens looking for creative outlets, or young adults looking to explore something new in the City, there is something worthwhile to find in the Fort Worth Fun Tracker.

Many curated activities are themed to match a national holiday or monthlong celebrations such as July 4th or Black History Month. The Fun Tracker will be refreshed each season to offer exciting new opportunities that match the time of year.

How to Participate

Residents must register in the Beanstack app, which the Library has used for years to promote reading challenges and the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Once registered, participants can choose programs, events, or activities to earn digital badges and library experience points. There are monthly and seasonal goals for participants of all ages.

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To encourage exploration across the City, the Library offers a souvenir booklet to accompany the Fun Tracker program. Once participants are registered, they may pick up a booklet at any library location in Fort Worth.

Library Experience Points

Once participants earn their monthly experience points, they can visit a library for a monthly stamp in their booklet. All 20 Fort Worth locations have a unique stamp, and residents are encouraged to collect different stamps.

- Most activities earn two points whether in person, online, at a community event or from home
- Earn 20 points in a month to earn that month's stamp from any location
- Earn 50 points in a season to earn a seasonal sticker for your souvenir booklet
- Individuals completing all seasons will earn a prize in December and be entered into a drawing for a grand prize (one prize per age group)

Existing Beanstack app users can sign up for the Fort Worth Fun Tracker on Beanstack. New users may download the free Beanstack app, sign up for an account and begin logging their activities.

For those who enjoy logging time with good books, the Library will continue to offer the Spring Reading Challenge in March and the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge from June to August. Registration for these activities will earn points in the Fort Worth Fun Tracker program.

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About the Fort Worth Public Library – The Fort Worth Public Library is committed to building a community of learners, dreamers and doers. The Library strives to provide spaces for learning, self-discovery, shared experiences and personal growth. The Library operates as a department of the City of Fort Worth serving residents and visitors at 20 different locations around Fort Worth, Texas and through numerous community partnerships. www.FortWorthLibrary.org