

About the Library

With a colorful past beginning in a room at the Central Hotel with books donated by the Women's Wednesday Club, the Lena Armstrong Public Library has existed in four locations since 1899.

After moving to the Harris & Walker building on main street, library supporters began a persistent letter-writing campaign, culminating in a \$10,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie.

The Carnegie Library opened in 1905 and served as the city's library until 1975 when the library moved to the current location. The building now houses the Bell County Museum.

The Library's namesake, Lena Armstrong, was a beloved and long-serving Library Director (52 years), local historian, and literacy advocate. The Belton Public Library was re-named in her honor after her death in 1999.



NEGIE LIBRARY, BELTON, TEXAS. 1006

Library Policies

Circulation

- No limit on items checkout.
- 2-week checkout.
- 1 renewal unless an item is reserved for another patron.
- No overdue fees.
- Fees apply to lost/damaged items

Computer & Internet

- Free public computers.
- Library Card is required.
- Free Wi-Fi for your device.
- 90-minute computer session.
- Basic help can be provided.
- Library filters internet and Wi-Fi.

Printing & Copying

- 40 FREE black and white copies or prints each month.
- FREE Scanning and Faxing.
- Can print on cardstock, labels, or colored paper if provided by the patron.
- Staff will provide assistance with printing and copying requests as needed.

Library Cards

Library cards are free to residents, students, and workers residing in Bell County.

Accepted Proof of Residency

- Photo ID with current address
- Photo ID + Utility Bill
- Photo ID + Alternate proof of residency (lease agreement)

Library Services

- Books
- DVDs
- eBooks (Cloud Library)
- eAudiobooks (Cloud Library)
- Kanopy Movie Streaming
- TexShare Databases
- TexShare Cards
- Interlibrary Loan
- Public Access Computers
- Free Print Services
- Free Scanning Services
- Free Fax Services
- No Late Fees
- Free WiFi
- Genealogy Resources
- Local History Resources
- Digital Newspaper Archives
- Children's Programming