



# CORPUS CHRISTI PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Update Presented by: Laura Garcia, Library Director



# MISSION STATEMENT

Improve literacy, enhance knowledge, and create a sense of community by making information easily accessible to the public



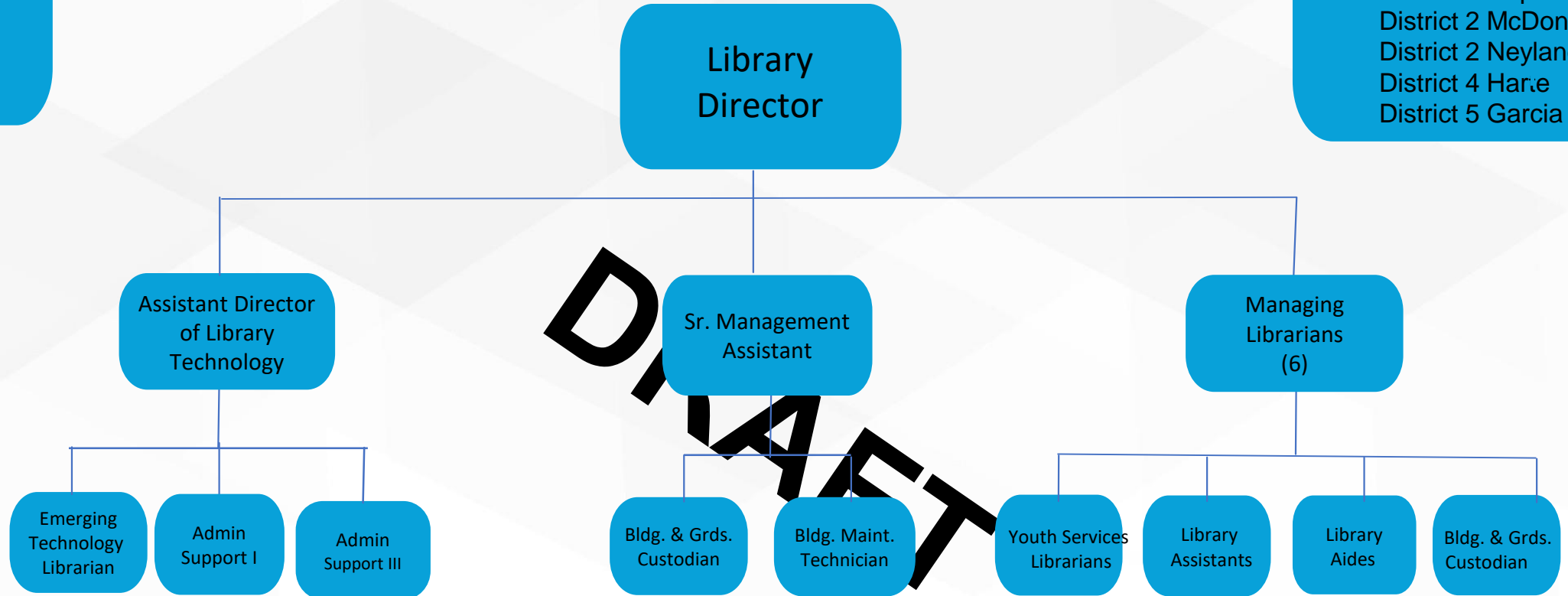
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# Organization

66 Positions  
48 FT  
18 PT

La Retama – Main Library  
District 1 Hopkins  
District 2 McDonald  
District 2 Neyland  
District 4 Harle  
District 5 Garcia



## La Retama Central Library

805 Comanche

M: 2-6; T - W: 10 - 6; Th - F 9 - 6; Sat: 9-1

Closed Sunday

## Anita & W.T. Neyland Public Library

1230 Carmel Pkwy.

M - T: 10 - 6; W - Th: 10 - 7; F: 10 - 6; Sat. 10 - 2

Closed Sunday

## Ben F. McDonald Public Library

4044 Greenwood Dr.

M-W: 10 - 7; Th-F: 10 - 6; Sat: 11 - 3

Closed Sunday

## Dr. Clotilde P. Garcia Public Library

5930 Brockhampton

M - F: 10 - 8; Sat: 2 - 6

Closed Sunday

## Janet F. Harte Public Library

2629 Waldron Rd.

M - F: 10 - 7; Sat: 10 - 2

Closed Sunday

## Owen R. Hopkins Public Library

3202 McKinzie Rd.

M - W: 9 - 7; Th - F: 9 - 6; Sat: 9 - 1

Closed Sunday

Library Wi-Fi  
available at  
all locations

Curbside  
service upon  
request

# Library Locations



# Corpus Christi Public Libraries

- The Corpus Christi Public Libraries is led by Laura Garcia, Library Director.
- The La Retama Central Library is supported by five library branches.

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# Library Board

- Library Board consists of 9 member positions.
- The board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the La Retama Central Library.
- The board shall act as an advisor to the City Council on the policies and operations of the Corpus Christi Public Libraries.
- The board sends annual reports to the City Council with their recommendations and also sends a report during budget.

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# Supporting Organizations

## **La Retama Club**

- Founded the Library in 1909, holds 1 seat on the library board.

## **Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries**

- Established in 1956, holds 1 seat on the Library Board.

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# Texas State Library and Archives Commission(TSLAC)

- Oversight of Texas libraries is governed by Texas law and regulations.
- Corpus Christi Public Libraries is accredited through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission(TSLAC). Texas Administrative Code – Title 13.
- The seven members of the Commission are appointed by Governor Greg Abbott, who also designates a chair, and are confirmed by the Texas Senate.
- TSLAC did not renew their American Library Association (ALA) membership in 2023.
- Corpus Christi Public Libraries has never been a member ALA.





# Texas Administrative Code Title 13 Rules 2.4 Principles

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission endorses the principles articulated in the Library Bill of Rights:

- Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.



# Collection Development Policy (excerpt)

## **Selection**

The selections made follow the aforementioned principles while attempting to maintain diversity, quality, and responsiveness to patron interest patterns. As such, selections are made on the basis of any one, several, or all of the following considerations:

- A. Budgetary constraints limit the purchase of materials.
- B. Diversity is pursued by attempting to meet the needs of all ages, backgrounds, and educational levels, by providing as many subject fields as possible, and by providing alternative perspectives on unpopular or unorthodox as well as popular materials. The collection represents various opinions and viewpoints on all issues of general concern and should broadly reflect the various ethnic and social groups in the City.
- C. The collections contain materials that represent people of diverse populations such as ages, races and ethnicities, abilities and disabilities, religions, cultures, gender, and sexual orientation. Some material presents alternative or minority viewpoints, ideas, issues, and lifestyles, special insight into human and social conditions, or their experience and contributions.

<https://www.cctexas.com/detail/corpus-christi-public-libraries-policy>



# Reconsideration Process

- With such a broad spectrum of ideas and information available, it is foreseeable that patrons may occasionally encounter resources they believe to be inappropriate or offensive.
- Library patrons may request removal or relocation of items from the collection through the Request for Reconsideration of Materials form.
- In the past 20 years, our Corpus Christi Libraries have only had one Request for Reconsideration of Materials in December 2003, with a response provided in January 2004. The Patron was satisfied with the response of the Library Administration and did not appeal the decision to the Library Advisory Board.



Questions?

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