



*(Information current as of August 12, 2010)*

The Hurst Public Library Expansion is a project that was approved by Hurst citizens in the 2005 Bond Election (Prop 3), the final plans for which were then approved by the City Council in early 2010. The Expansion Project, designed by Hidell & Associates Architects and constructed by AUI Contractors, Inc., adds 10,174 square feet to the Library, renovates 7,626 square feet of existing space, transforms the landscaping that surrounds the building (landscaping design by landscape architect David Baldwin), and more than doubles existing parking.

Features of the expansion include:

- Large programming and performance space with seating for up to 300, a staging area, and updated audio/visual equipment that can be divided into two smaller rooms
- Smaller activity space adjacent to the Youth Services Department with a built-in puppet stage, designed as a more intimate event setting for up to 60 people
- Dedicated Young Adult area
- Family restroom
- Community gallery and exhibit space, including a Friends of Hurst Library bookstore and a café with high-end vending machines
- Upgrades and improvements to the existing 24-hour book return
- Increased parking and an additional street entrance from Pipeline Road
- Renovations to public restrooms, the circulation area and the administrative offices for Community Services;
- Garden areas for reading and relaxing, including new placements for the *Poems & Promises* sculpture and the Friends of Hurst Library Memorial Bell
- Technology updates, including expanded wireless Internet access coverage, more public access computers, and a new state-of-the-art RFID facilitated check-out and return system that will allow for express self-check stations and an

automated external book return that prints check-in receipts for patrons at drop-off!

The project will be completed in four phases to allow Library programming and services to continue as scheduled and is currently expected to be completed by April 2011. Steps taken to assure patrons can safely continue to access services during the construction process, and stay informed about the project from start to finish include:

- Installation of a temporary entrance and protective partitions to allow continued access to the Library and protect patrons from construction sites
- Setting up outdoor book returns to accommodate after-hours returns while the permanent return location is being renovated
- Relocation of handicapped and other 'front row' parking spaces to protect patrons and their vehicles
- Creation of a dedicated page on the Library's website to provide up-to-date information about the project including any impacts construction may have on Library programming and services or possible changes to the construction plans.

Check out the Library website ([www.hurst.lib.tx.us](http://www.hurst.lib.tx.us)) or call the Library at 817.788.7300 for more information or if you have any questions or concerns.

More great cultural programming, more space to spend your leisure time in comfort, more life-long learning opportunities, more fun... more Library means more inspiration! We certainly can't wait, can you?

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