

Report for FY 16 Family Place Libraries Progress Report

1. Response Counts



2. Name of library designated as a Family Place Library

Count	Response
1	Arlington Public Library South East Branch
1	Bee Cave Public
1	Buda Public Library
1	Burleson Public Library
1	Dawson County Public Library
1	Midland County Public Library - Downtown
1	Round Rock Public Library
1	Stimley-Blue Ridge Neighborhood Library
1	Theodore Johns Branch Library
1	Wichita Falls Public Library

3. City

Count	Response
1	Arlington
1	Beaumont, Tx
1	Bee Cave
1	Buda
1	Burleson
1	Houston
1	Lamesa
1	Midland
1	Round Rock
1	Wichita Falls

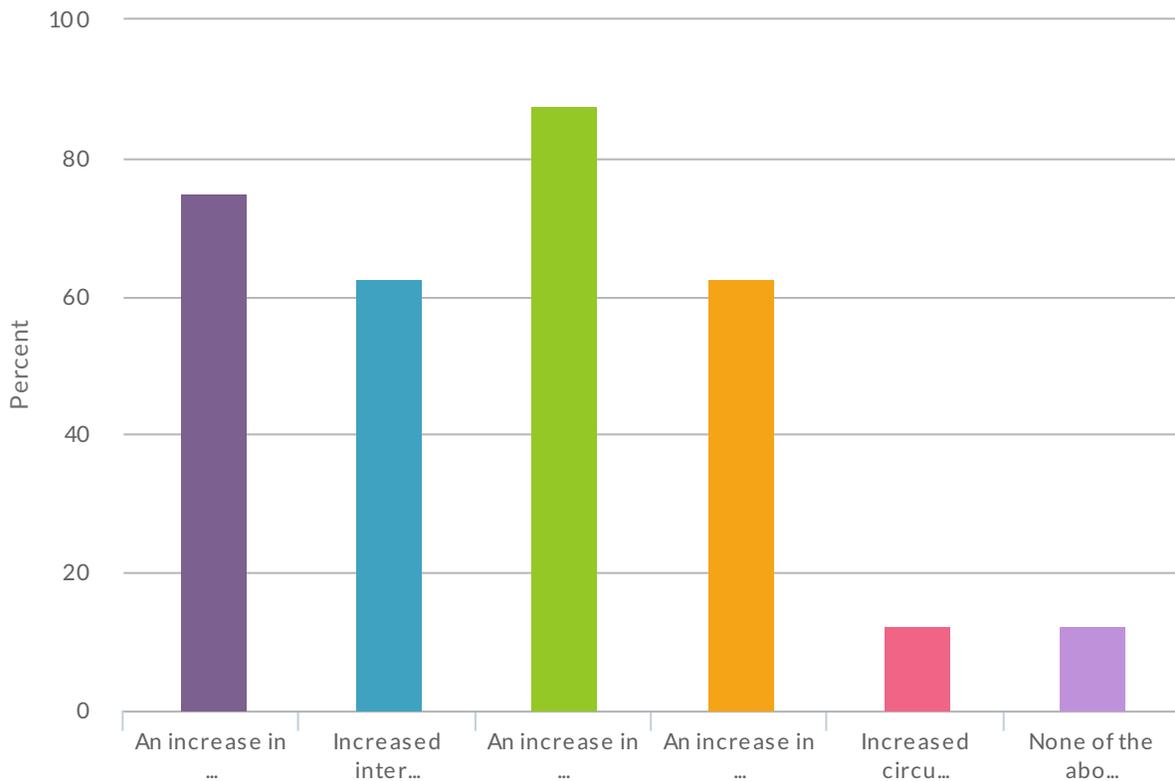
4. Your Name

Count	Response
1	Amanda Cadenhead
1	Cate Sweeney
1	Debbie Garza
1	Kathy Vossler
1	Kayla Parker
1	Mary Powers
1	Melinda Hodges
1	Robin Smith
1	Sara Pope
1	Theresa Faris

5. Please describe some of the most popular activities, early literacy stations, or newly added features in the Family Place Libraries area in your children's department.

Count	Response
1	Our toy area has been incredibly popular, especially the kitchen, dollhouse, and Legos table. Also, our parenting collection is getting used. And the board book shelves are not new, but they have been practically empty this summer because of our new area.
1	Play kitchen, wooden puzzles, dollhouse
1	The children's play space is very popular, specifically the kitchen space and the dress up area. The puppets and blocks are a close second in popularity.
1	The kids seem to enjoy talking on the telephone! Also, the kitchen area is very popular as well as the baby dolls. We have a writing station that is very popular as well. And let's not forget the dress up center!
1	The most popular items thus far are definitely the toys! Especially the blocks (wooden and cardboard), Duplos, and the play kitchen and play food.
1	The toys and toddler-sized furniture in our Early Childhood Area are constantly in use and thoroughly enjoyed by families in the Library.
1	The toys in the Children's play area are very popular.
1	We are in the process of configuring our early learning space, which will open in September. We will have our first parent/child workshops, which will run simultaneously (one in the morning, and one in the evening) in mid-September.
1	We have limited space so we are only able to rotate a different kind of toy every so often in our children's area. We first had out a writing desk with blank paper and chunky crayons. After a couple of months we moved out the desk and brought in both a set of large cardboard and small plastic blocks. Both times it took a while for the children to notice the additions but once they did, the play resources became very popular. We have just moved over our parenting collection this week and are still transition a handful of other titles so that circulation change remains to be seen.

6. Have you observed any of the following? (Please select all that apply)



Value	Percent	Count
An increase in the number of young children and adults who visit the children's department	75.0%	6
Increased interaction between children and their caregivers when they visit your children's department	62.5%	5
An increase in the length of visits by young children and their adults	87.5%	7
An increase in the frequency of visits by young children and their adults	62.5%	5
Increased circulation of your parenting collection	12.5%	1
None of the above	12.5%	1

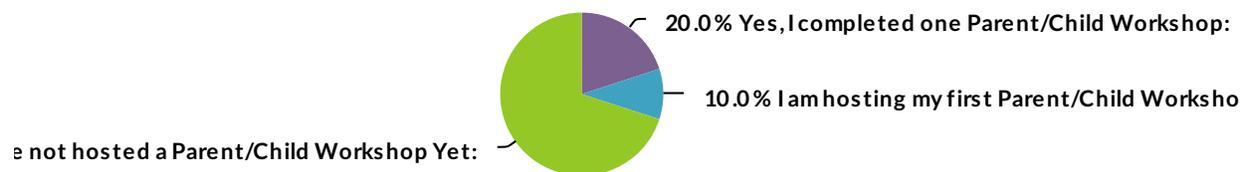
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Skipped	2
Total Responses	8

7. Please share some comments you have received from children and adults about the changes in your library since you implemented your Family Place Libraries area.

Count	Response
1	"My kids just love coming here!" "My kids don't want to leave." "A fun place to visit." "It's so bright and cheery." "What a great thing for the library to have!" "I'm from New York and this library isn't big enough to be a Family Place Library."
1	"The new area is beautiful. It is amazing! Exceptional!" "This is awesome" "My granddaughter asks to come here every day." "This is really cool - a friend told me about it." A staff member saw a neighborhood Facebook message, "Just discovered a new favorite place to play! Round Rock Library has now added a new play area with toys! My 2 and 3 year old were so engaged..."
1	"we really like the downtown library better!! More toys and the kids area is more secluded from the rest of the library, so I'm not so stressed if they are a little louder than they should be at a library" - Facebook comment from library user We also had one negative comment from a user complaining that toys should not be present in a library and that they wished to return to a "quiet library setting". Most comments have been positive.
1	Love the toys! It is a fun spot for the children to play and spend time with other children.
1	Many children have expressed enjoyment in playing with the toys in the children's area. The run straight for the toys and tend to not want to leave when it is time to go. The parents have also complimented the space and have, many times, mentioned how great an opportunity it is for their children to interact with others.
1	People have requested toys and interactive resources for a long time in our children's area. Since we have such prohibitively limited space we have been unable to do it. Luckily we were able to carve out a small area in the corner where 2nd a door to the restroom was sealed off (there is still another access point) and so we have been able to rotate toys from that area. People are really enjoying the small play corner we now have available to them.
1	We have not yet had a program so there is nothing to report at this time.
1	We have not yet implemented our Family Place area.
1	We have received a variety of comments since we added our Family Place Libraries area. The positives outweigh the negatives, but we've definitely heard both sides. Here are some written comments we've received. "We love the new kid play area - you picked wonderful toys, especially the wooden toys and kitchen are great. Thank you!" "My daughter loves playing with the new toys. It is a well organized family play center for the community." "Love, Love, Love the addition to the children's area! So fun! Just a great time for my little one! May need and maintain a "slobber" protocol?" (We have tried to point out our yucky bucket to more families.) "Need larger/separate kids space" "Thank you so much for the new kids area! It is great for my son to have toys to explore and a special space to make the library fun!" "Almost every time I have been in the library this summer it has been loud to the point of being unpleasant. I was in today and it was the worst it has ever been. Parents we

8. Have you completed a 5-week Family Place Libraries Parent/Child Workshop?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes, I completed one Parent/Child Workshop	20.0%	2
I am hosting my first Parent/Child Workshop Now	10.0%	1
I have not hosted a Parent/Child Workshop Yet	70.0%	7
Total		10

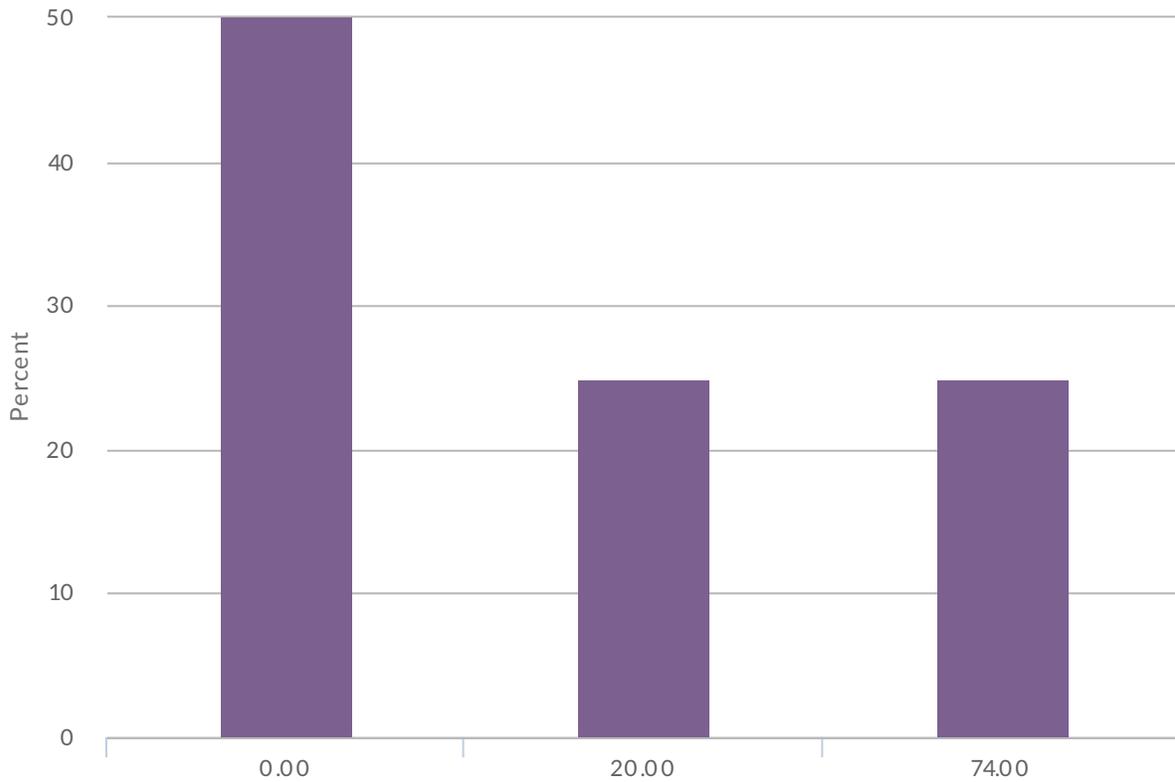
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Min	0
Max	1
Sum	2.0
Average	0.2
StdDev	0.4
Total Responses	9

9. If you have not yet completed a 5-week Family Place Libraries Parent/Child Workshop, please share the dates when your workshop is scheduled.

Count	Response
1	Mondays October 17th - November 14
1	Nov 15, 2016 - Dec. 13, 2016
1	Oct. 1st Oct. 8th Oct. 15th Oct. 21st Oct. 29th
1	Our Monday evening workshop is scheduled for September 19-October 17 from 6-7:30pm. Our Thursday morning workshop is scheduled for September 22-October 20 from 9:30-11am.
1	September 13,20,27 October 4,11
1	September 29 October 6 October 13 October 20 October 27
1	TBD-Blue Ridge is currently under construction.
1	Thursday mornings from September 22nd - October 20th.

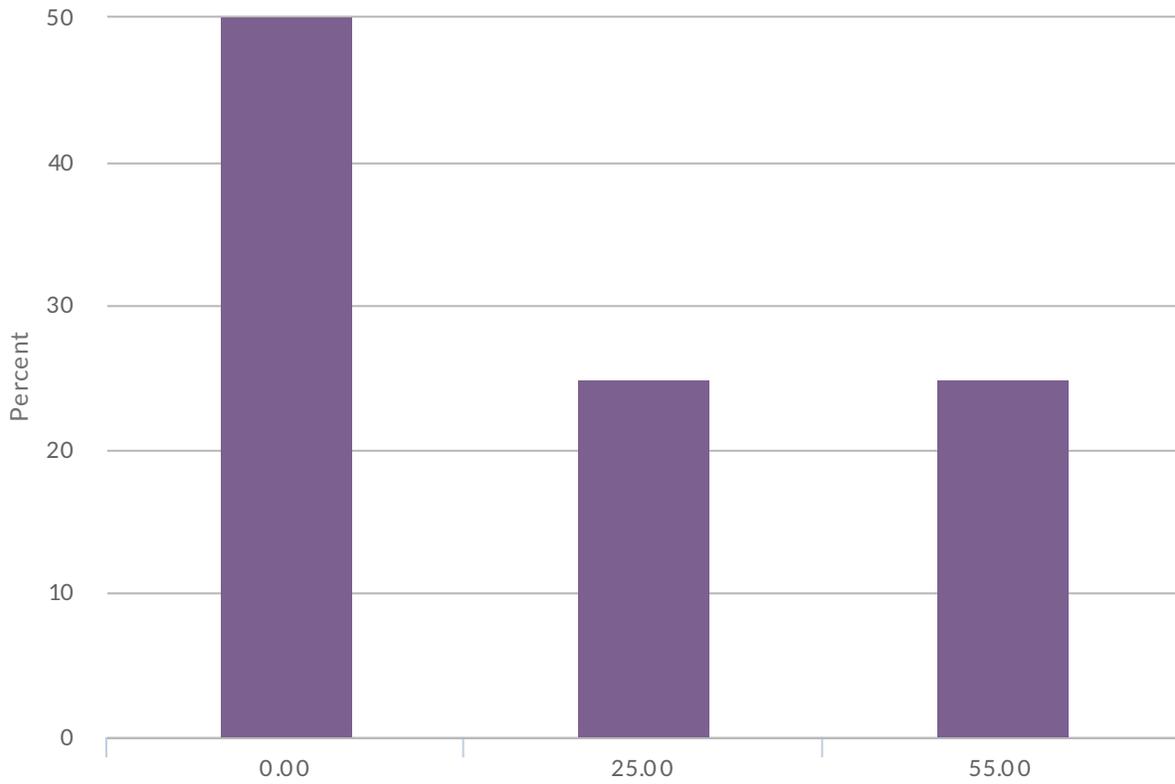
10. If you have completed a 5-week Family Place Libraries Parent/Child Workshop, how many children attended? (Please provide the total attendance at all 5 workshops. If you have hosted more than one Workshop, please provide the total children who attended all of your workshops.)



Statistics

Min	0
Max	74
Sum	94.0
Average	23.5
StdDev	30.3
Skipped	6
Total Responses	4

11. If you have completed a 5-week Family Place Libraries Parent/Child Workshop, how many adults attended? (Please provide the total attendance at all 5 workshops. If you have hosted more than 1 workshop, please provided the total number of adults that attended at all of your workshops.)



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Min	0
Max	55
Sum	80.0
Average	20.0
StdDev	22.6
Skipped	6
Total Responses	4

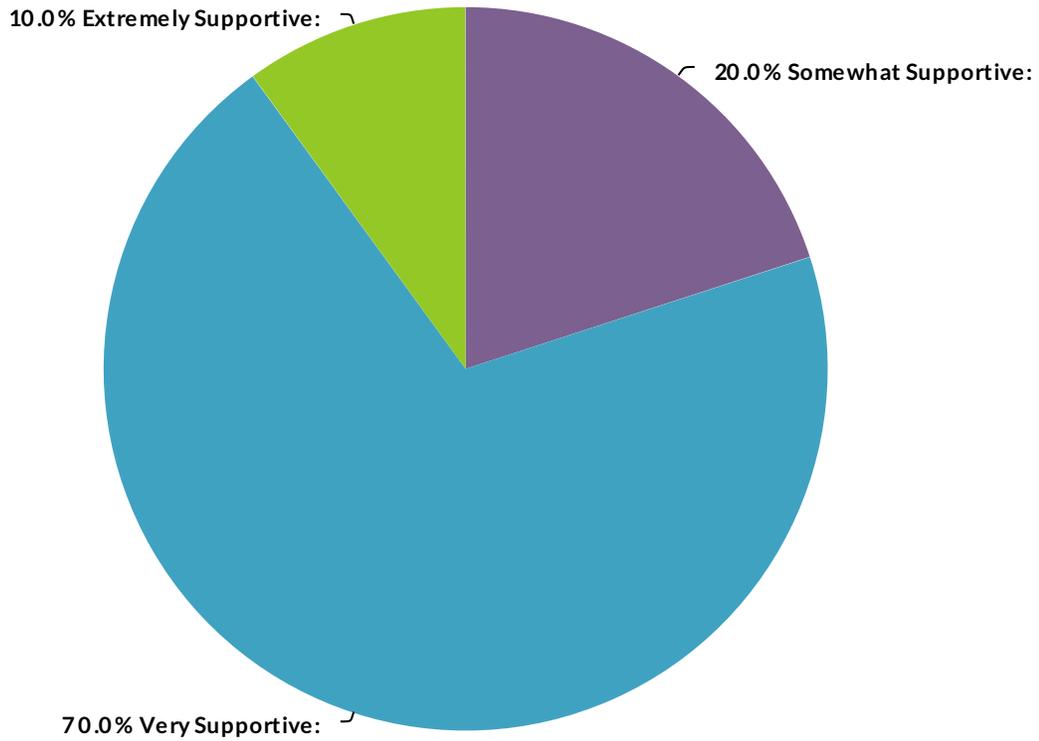
12. Please list the community partnerships that you have established to participate in your Parent/Child workshops.

Count	Response
1	Arlington Independent School District, Head Start, Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts
1	Buckner Children and Family Services Beaumont Health Dept. Legacy Community Health
1	Community Action; Head Start; Therapy Center of Buda; Music Together
1	First 5 Permian Basin - Nurse Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPI), Permian Basin Rehab Center, Midland Health and Senior Services, Permian Basin Breastfeeding Coalition
1	Green Apple Therapy Cooks Childrens Texas Health Arts Unlimited Southwest
1	Seton Medical, Baylor Scott & White, Friends of RRPL is helping to pay for toys for the workshops
1	WIC South Plains Health District County Extension Office Medical Arts Hospital
1	We are partnering with the Wichita Falls - Wichita County Public Health District and North Texas Rehabilitation Center.

13. If you have completed a 5-week Parent/Child Workshop, please share any comments received from adults who attended or from community partners.

Count	Response
2	N/A
1	All around great and positive feedback. Many felt a bit disappointed that there wasn't a better opportunity to speak with resource specialists than just during the workshop as they found it difficult to keep up with their toddler and also ask questions to the RS.
1	The speech therapist helped one of our young patrons and his mom realize that he has a speech delay. She was given some information to help and she was grateful. The pediatrician loved helping and plans to be back for the next Parent-Child Workshop All the feedback has been positive, parents and caregivers were glad they had attended.

14. Please rate the level of support from your library staff for your Family Place Libraries program.

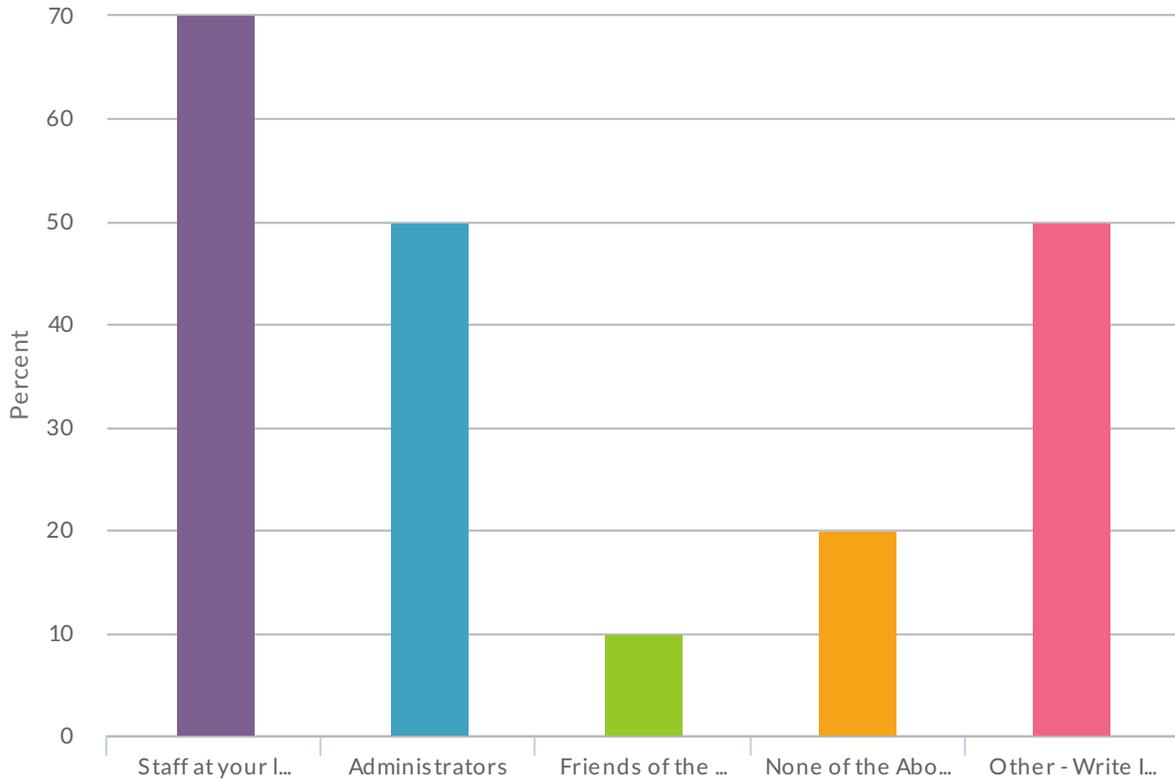


Value	Percent		Count
Somewhat Supportive	20.0%		2
Very Supportive	70.0%		7
Extremely Supportive	10.0%		1
Total			10

Statistics

Min	3
Max	5
Sum	39.0
Average	3.9
StdDev	0.5
Total Responses	10

15. Did you present a training or orientation to Family Place Libraries to any of the following groups? (Please select all that apply)



Value	Percent	Count
Staff at your library	70.0%	7
Administrators	50.0%	5
Friends of the Library	10.0%	1
None of the Above	20.0%	2
Other - Write In	50.0%	5

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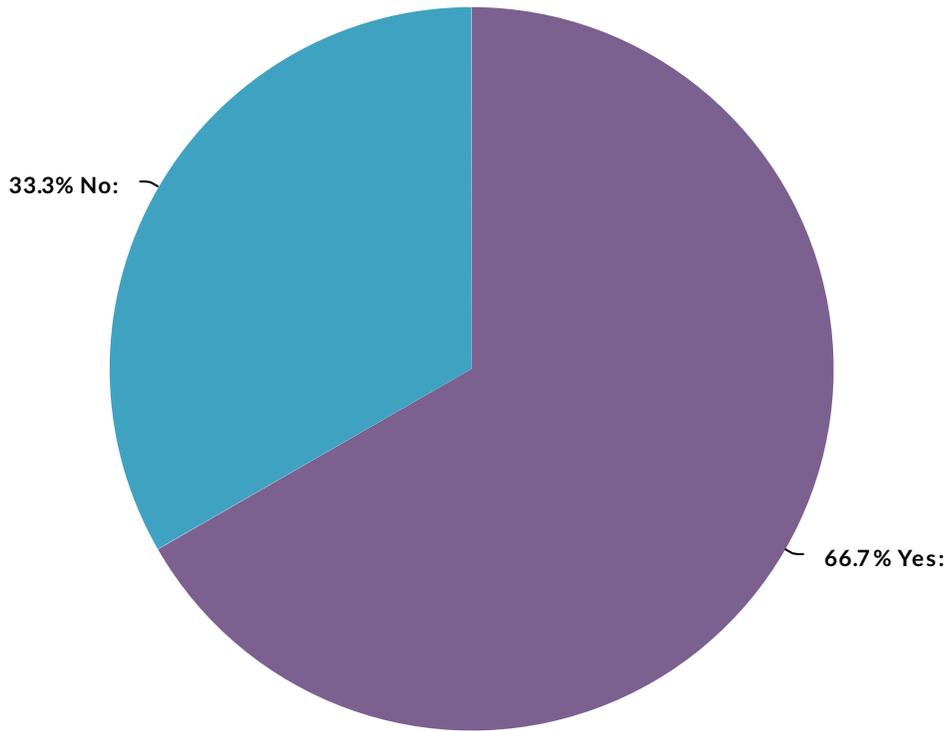
Skipped	0
Total Responses	10

Other - Write In	Count
Harriet Dickson Reynolds program-staff at our library and other area children's librarians and school librarians	1
Library Advisory Committee & City Council/Mayor	1
Permian Basin Early Childhood Coalition	1
Wichita Falls - Wichita County Public Health District	1
Williamson County Non-profit Networking group	1
Total	5

16. Please share comments you have received from staff at your library about your Family Place Libraries program.

Count	Response
1	"It's a great program for families." "The kids really like it." "It's the first thing the kids see and run to." "Parents might not like it because the kids want to stay." "There's more kids coming in and playing." "Families are staying in the library longer."
1	It is a good program to have. I'm glad we are offering this program.
1	Many of the staff are enthusiastic about providing materials, support, and education for the families in the community. A few have mentioned difficulties with the summer and after school crowd being too numerous for the space, parents trying to leave their children unattended, and the noise level being too obstructive for studying.
1	One of our public services supervisors stated, "Family Place is the best thing this library has done for customer service since putting in self check machines." Others have made comments about it being so good for the children and families of the community. We have also received concerns about the increased noise level and the ongoing cleaning and picking up toys.
1	Our staff are very positive and supportive about our new endeavor.
1	Staff is overall very positive about the Family Place Libraries program. They have been helping me advertise the Parent/Child workshops and explain why we have the play area. They are very willing to organize the area and wash toys regularly. We all have enjoyed seeing children engage with the toys in the area, especially when we see them using their imaginations and playing together. I would love to get more of my staff into the training. Our staff does acknowledge that they've had to deal with more noise complaints since we added the play area. They've also commented that they'd like to see more parents engaged with their children while the children are playing. Many parents use that time to talk to other parents or look for books, instead of playing with their children.
1	Staff is supportive and reiterates the community enthusiasm for the workshop and toys. Several do struggle with the noise levels associated with the toys but we are managing those complaints fine.
1	Youth Services staff members are enthusiastic about expanding the services we provide to ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

17. Did your library allocate funds to support your Family Place Libraries program in addition to the \$6000 grant provided by the Texas State Library?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	66.7%	6
No	33.3%	3
Total		9

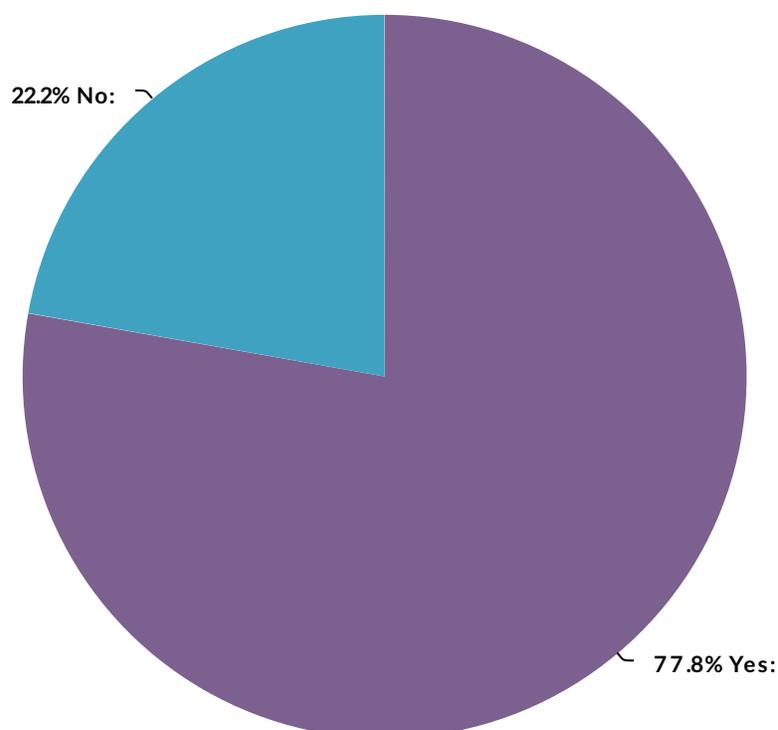
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Skipped	1
Total Responses	9

18. If your library added funding or expanded your Family Place Libraries program, please describe the additions to, or expansion of, your program.

Count	Response
1	Additional manipulatives, craft supplies, and additional materials for parent book and media collection.
1	Our library provided funding for the Parenting collection, as well as a shelf for the toys in the children's area. The library also funded the cutting of the children's desk in order to make more room for the play area.
1	The allocation is for replacement materials, etc. It will not be in the budget until FY 16/17.
1	We have allocated funds in next year's budget that will be used either to pay resource professionals (if necessary) or replace toys.
1	We have had to build in \$800 per year for Resource Specialists.
1	We have spent additional resources to update and add to our parent collection.
1	We have updated our space with paint and protective plexiglass on our mural to accommodate the new play area. We also were allowed space in our meeting room to hold a couple of tall storage cabinets. We're using funds from our Friends group and City to purchase toys and craft materials for the workshop series and to replenish broken/missing toys from our play area.

19. Have you prepared print publicity such as flyers to promote your Family Place Libraries program or parent/child workshops? If so, please send copies to Christine McNew at cmcnew@tsl.texas.gov.



Value	Percent		Count
Yes	77.8%		7
No	22.2%		2
Total			9

Statistics

Skipped	1
Total Responses	9

20. If an article appeared in a local newspaper and is available online, or if your Family Place program was featured on local television, please provide links to the feature stories.

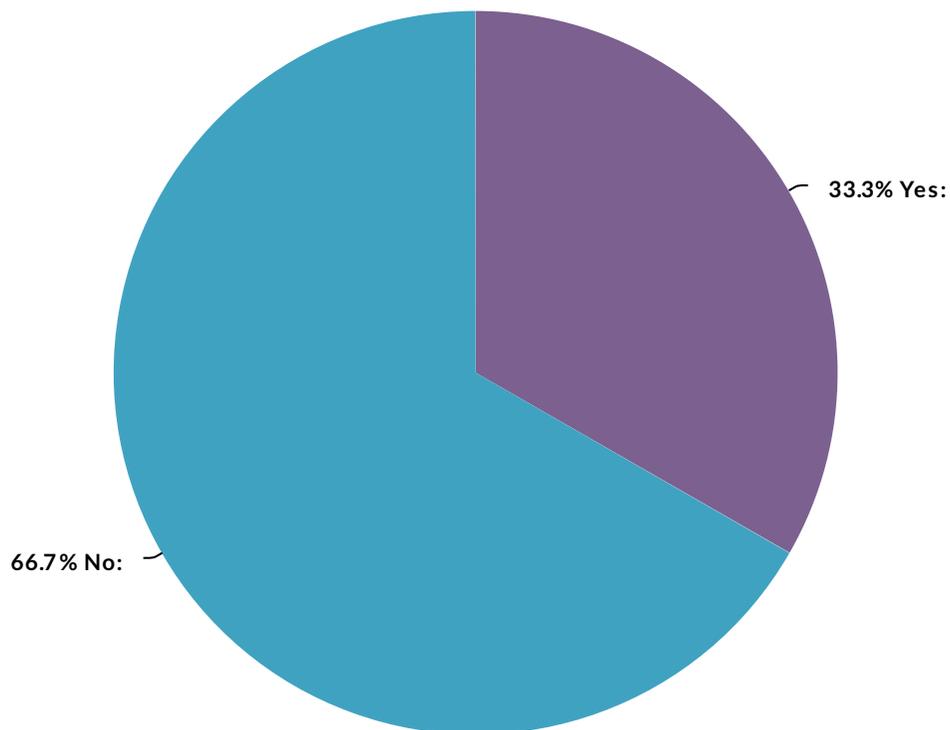
Count Response

1	We will be sending out a press release to be published the first week of September in the local Times Record News. We also have several television appearances scheduled on two local stations.
1	http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/news/rrpl-launches-first-phase-family-place-libraries/ http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/cervantes-the-library-is-a-family-place/nrF2J/ (also linked from the Family Place site!) http://www.familyplacelibraries.org/news.html And CTLS highlighted our library: http://www.ctls.net/2016/06/tslac-accepting-fy2017-family-place-project-applications/
1	https://www.burlesontx.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/5844

21. If you have uploaded information about your Family Place Libraries program to your library's web site, please share the URL.

Count	Response
1	http://arlingtonlibrary.org/family-place-libraries/
1	http://wfpl.net/ - on the slide show
1	https://www.burlesontx.com/1688/Family-Place
1	https://www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/lib/kids/Pages/Family-Place.aspx

22. Have you developed a written plan for your Family Place Library Program? (If so, please send a copy to Christine McNew at cmcnew@tsl.texas.gov.)

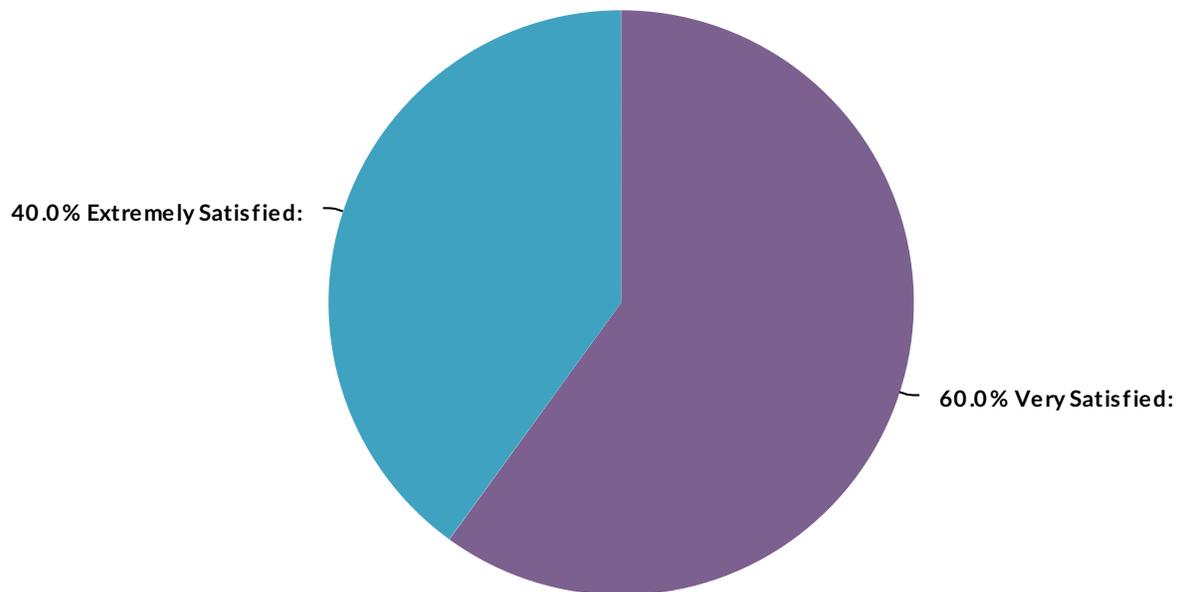


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	33.3%	3
No	66.7%	6
Total		9

Statistics

Skipped	1
Total Responses	9

23. Please share your level of satisfaction with the Texas State Library's Family Place Libraries Project.



Value	Percent	Count
Very Satisfied	60.0%	6
Extremely Satisfied	40.0%	4
Total		10

Statistics

Min	4
Max	5
Sum	44.0
Average	4.4
StdDev	0.5
Total Responses	10

24. Please share thoughts, comments, and suggestions about the Texas State Library's Family Place Libraries Project.

Count Response

1 As the assistant library administrator, I was required to attend the training, but the program will not take place in the branch I supervise. The branch manager from the branch participating should have attended the training giving the children's librarian more support in the planning and executing. Please note, the children's librarian will not be full time at the branch hosting the events - not having a full time children's librarian will cause problems in the planning and evaluating of the program (the children's librarian is in attendance at the branch one day a week). - Geri Roberts We were told at the training that each library participating should have a full time children's librarian. It would be a good idea to let anyone registering for the training, know this ahead of time. - Robin Smith

1 Becoming a Family Place library has been so beneficial for our library. We have probably tripled the use of the area of the library that now holds the toys and resources. We constantly see parents talk to their children while playing and make connections with other parents, and everyone is so appreciative. This grant has been exceptional with the ease of reporting and the follow-up communication. The email discussion group and webinars help to know support is within reach in our community. I can't think of any suggestions except to point out updates for good parenting books and resources as they come out. Thank you!!

1 I am excited to see how the Family Place program works out.

1 I have enjoyed working on the project. I have enjoyed seeing the parents interact with the children.- Michele Wilson I wish that I had access to a Parent-Child Workshop when my sons were toddlers; I would have appreciated the opportunity to meet parents and the resource professionals. I really enjoy getting to know the toddlers! - Amanda Cadenhead

1 There is a lot of good will and verbal support with this project and we are so grateful for the opportunity to participate. In the spirit of constructive criticism, I will say that there have been several areas where both the Family Place Librarians in Long Island or the Texas State Library have had some communication issues which has made the process more complicated than it could have been. I am hoping that as this program continues, those types of issues will improve.

1 We are generally very pleased with and excited about fully implementing our Family Place Program. However, we could use assistance and advice in scheduling our official site visit from Family Place.

1 We are very excited about getting our family place area and workshops started in September!

1 We still think that this program is going to be a great addition to our library. We just have to work out some of the kinks and growing pains. If funds become available to where we could get another grant to send more staff to the training, we would jump on it.