

The Ladd and Katherine Hancher Foundation of Columbus, Texas recently awarded the Carl and Mary Welhausen Library a grant in the amount of \$20,624 for the purchase of new computer desks, juvenile collection development (books and educational resources), and assistance for part of the 2022 Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading and Educational Programs.

The new computer desks will replace the ones the library has right now, which are currently braced together. Books, audiobooks, and educational resources will be purchased to assist children of all ages on their educational journey. And, next summer's program will be filled with all new programs that include magic, dancing, reptiles, animals, Indians, music, and more – ALL MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THIS GRANT.

All are encouraged to come by and apply for a library card or renew your account. They are free to DeWitt and Lavaca County residents – all you need is a valid driver license or ID AND proof of address (addresses must match). There is absolutely no reason to pay money for something you can check out completely free at your local library. And, it's not just a house for books anymore, think of it as a small community activity center. There are many more items you have access to including public access desktop and laptop computers, educational resources, learning manipulatives, launchpads, wonderbooks, in-house checkout of a huge selection of games including card games, air hockey, pool, checkers, dominoes, Kerplunk, Don't Rock the Boat and tons more, free program admission, and a relaxing and safe environment. There is something for all ages. The Library is located at 810 Front St. in Yoakum. For questions, please call the library at 361-293-5001. Information on library events may be found by following the Friends of the Carl and Mary Welhausen Library on Facebook or Instagram, subscribing to the Yoakum Herald Times, and/or visiting the library.