

THE HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Electronic Library Progress and Implementation Summary

This summer the Hidalgo County Library System (HCLS) proposed the possibility of an Electronic Library for the County during its annual report. A little over a month ago we were asked by the Budget Office to begin work creating the collection and preparing for implementation through surplus funding.

Project Teams and Function

- Marketing Team - Prepares promotional and instructional materials. Organizes promotional events following system release.
- Technical Team - Implements the system and troubleshoots ongoing website issues.
- Circulation Team - Defines circulation procedure. Tasked with creating a plan for customer access thru the Community Resource Centers.
- Collection Development Team - Creates collection and maintains the collection perpetually.

Phases of Implementation

- Phase 1 (November and December) - Currently ongoing. First draft of collection is created. Test system is operational for a limited amount of libraries. Initial contact with the media is made.
- Phase 2 (January) - Draft of collection is modified by county librarians and county staff. Marketing increases. Circulation team finalizes plan to serve Community Resource Center (CRC) customers. Test system is implemented to include all libraries.
- Phase 3 (February) - Collection is finalized. Marketing continues. Library staff and CRC staff is trained to provide their customers access to the system. System testing is done. Materials are purchased and loaded into the Electronic Library.
- Launch (March) - Promotional events are held at each library to launch the Electronic Library. System maintenance functions continue by the county librarians.

Budget 2017

- System Fees: \$2,000 (website, mobile app, technical support, and training)
- Periodicals: \$15,600 (customer access to thousands of periodicals)
- Comics Plus: \$7,200 (customer access to thousands of graphic novels and comics)
- Collection: \$375,000

Proposed Budget 2018

- System Fees: \$2,000
- Periodicals: \$15,600
- Comics Plus: \$7,200
- Collection: \$40,200

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