



Staff at newest library excited to welcome community

During her working hours, Molly Sanchez brings her ideas to life to create programs and activities for young readers. But in her off time, given the chance, she's on the hunt for a particular breakfast item.

"I really like pretty much traveling as far as I can in order to find the best waffle," Sanchez said when asked about her hobbies, which also include embroidery and photo-journaling. Sanchez is the Youth Librarian at the Fort Worth Public Library's newest location.

[The Golden Triangle Branch Library](#), located at 4264 Golden Triangle Blvd., opened to the public on Tuesday, Aug. 18. Six of the location's employees were interviewed in July to get a sense of what they were anticipating as the building inched closer to its public close-up.

JeTaun Colbert is the Branch Manager. She said the most exciting part of opening to the public is the community interactions, engagement and having the chance to serve the community.

"I'm very excited to open this facility," Colbert said. "It is a long time coming. We are excited, the community is excited. We can't wait to open." She was hired in Fall 2019 to prepare for the branch to open. Previously, she was the manager of the Washington Park Branch of the Milwaukee Public Library.

The members of Colbert's staff bring their expertise and personalities to the new building.

Public Education Specialist Jessica Romero said she also can't wait for people to have the chance to visit. The building's giant windows that let natural light pour in during the day is among her favorite aspects of the facility. Golden Triangle is only the second Fort Worth Public Library to open with a dedicated, purpose-built creative lab space.

Rather than chase waffles, among Romero's hobbies is taking care of her five rabbits. Her first was one she found at her apartment complex and rescued just after Easter one year. She ended up rescuing four more.





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“I’ve always really been into rabbits,” Romero said. “My first Halloween costume was a rabbit. My father actually raised a few before I was born.” As a child, though, she wasn’t allowed to have pet rabbits.

Alondra Nunez is one of three staff members to serve as Library Pages, who are on the frontlines of assisting library customers. Like her co-workers, she really enjoys the giant windows that brighten the space.

“My favorite part of being a Page is getting to know our collection and finding cool books that don’t get checked out as much,” Nunez said.

Library Page Lily Eagan said that Golden Triangle’s modern design makes it stand out from the others. Her most favorite part of her job is helping patrons locate items and pick up reserved items. “The excitement on their faces,” she said. “I enjoy that moment.”

For Library Page Dolly Hall, a retired teacher, working with the public will also be welcomed. “The most exciting thing about working here so far is meeting my colleagues,” she said. “We haven’t had a chance to meet anyone else just yet.”

Also part of the Golden Triangle team are four recently added staff members: Emily Morgan, Library Assistant-Youth; Brad Benefield, Library Assistant-Adult; Customer Service Representatives Tom LaMarre and Ethan Modrall.

The library’s current hours for limited walk-in and curbside service are 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and noon-5 p.m. Saturday.