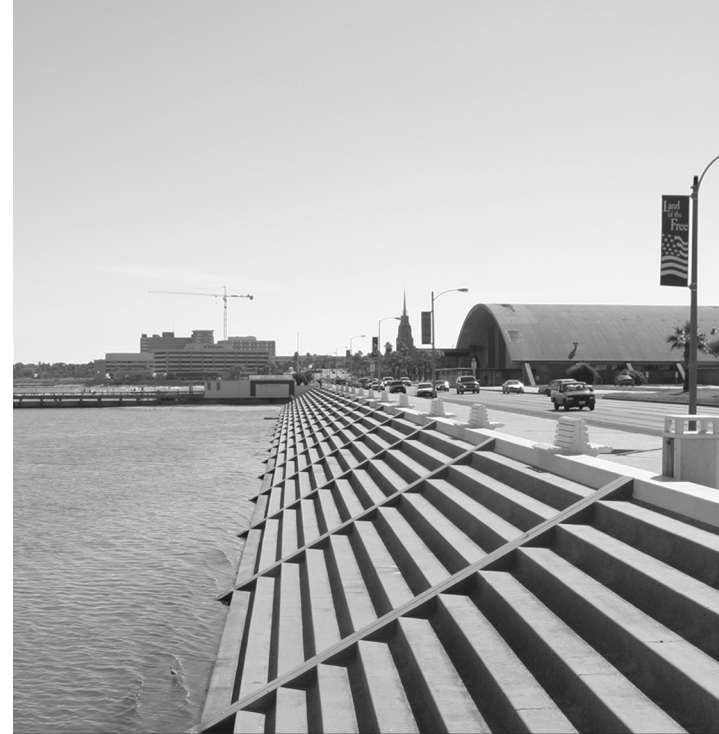


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Community Enrichment



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Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History

Since 1957, the Museum has been the place to experience local cultural and natural history.

Educational, entertaining programs and activities:

FOR SCHOOLS: School groups are admitted free. Special curriculum based programs for first and fifth grades were supported by the Corpus Christi ISD.

FOR FAMILIES: Each Saturday family programs featured a **Kids Korner** craft activity, **Treasure Hunt** where exhibits provide answers, and **Tales from the Attic** where curators presented "show and tell" objects.

SEASONAL EVENTS: January through March is our **Winter Lecture Series** followed by **Wild Science Week** in the spring. Summer offered **Family Challenge** and the **Archaeology Field Program**. Yearly events highlighted **Columbus Days**, **Hands-on Halloween** and **St. Nicholas Day**.

Encouraging learning about our cultural and natural environment:

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS: The antiquity of local baseball in **Rounding the Bases: Baseball in Corpus Christi. Make it Move!** explored physical science.

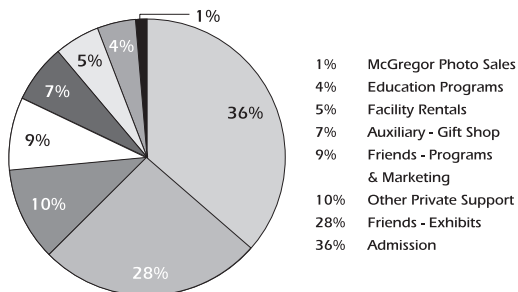
NEW AND IMPROVED PERMANENT EXHIBITS: **Columbus, Early Cartography and Spanish Explorers** accompany the Columbus Ships exhibit. The **La Salle Odyssey** has new artifacts on outfitting the ship, La Belle. **Cultural Encounters** has new maps that explain the environments of prehistoric Native Americans in South Texas. Dinosaur puzzles and an exhibit on bat biology and ecology delighted kids of all ages.

Venue for Community Groups and Event Rentals:

Clubs, organizations and educational institutions used meeting rooms free of charge Tuesday evenings, Saturdays or during regular operating hours.

Exhibit areas and room have become a popular place for private events, birthday parties and wedding receptions. In 2005, income represented an increase of 31%.

EARNED REVENUE & PRIVATE SUPPORT



Corpus Christi Public Libraries

The first public library in Corpus Christi opened its doors in 1909. Today the library system consists of five locations with **over 15,000 weekly visitors**. Library users can select from close to **400,000 books** with numerous topics. Back in 1909 services were limited to books, today in keeping with the changes and needs of our customers the public library system offers a variety of free services.

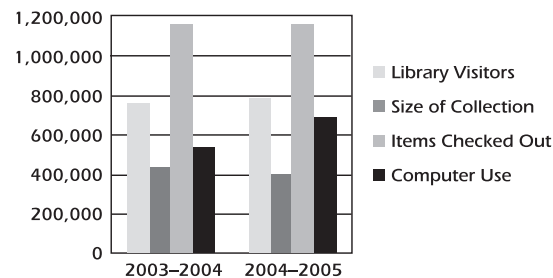
SERVICES:

- **FREE** information services, books, books on tape and CD, magazines, CDs, DVDs and videos
- **150 public computers** to access the Internet and Microsoft Office products
- **FREE computer workshops** (Computer Basics, Microsoft Office programs, E-mail and more). Workshops are also offered in Spanish at the Central Library
- **FREE programs and events** for children and adults (Storytime, Reading Club, Crafts, Art Exhibits)
- **Assistive Technology** computers are available for individuals with disabilities

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.library.ci.corpus-christi.tx.us:

- **Library catalog:** Search for titles, renew and place requests on items, review your library account. The catalog is ADA compliant and available in Spanish
- **TexShare** commercial databases (online magazine articles, business directories, genealogy resources, health databases EBSCOhost Español and much more)
- **Practice tests** (GED, SAT, Police, Firefighter, Police Officer, ASVAB, and a number of other popular tests)
- **NetLibrary** for electronic books
- **Obituaries** database
- **Special Collections** databases on local history
- **Accelerated Readers** lists for local schools

CORPUS CHRISTI PUBLIC LIBRARIES



Parks & Recreation Department

The City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide range of recreational activities for all age groups and interest groups. Activities include golf, swimming, tennis, martial arts, sports, arts & crafts, concerts, sailing, various grant programs and special events. Benefit from involvement: improved health, immediate stress reduction, increased self-esteem, better quality of life for the community, opportunities for families to connect and accessible places to enjoy nature. **Discover the Benefits**, visit www.ccparkandrec.com.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND SERVICES:

- **Park Improvement and Enhancement Projects** Trail at West Guth Park (grant funded); Urban Forester position (grant funded); collaborations with Friends of the Park and other Neighborhood Associations to improve parks; Bond 2004 projects to 15 City parks (basketball courts, sidewalks, playground equipment)
- **Youth Recreation and Development Programs, as well as Juvenile Crime Deterrent Efforts** Latchkey program, recreation centers, summer youth programs, youth nutrition programs, 78415 CYD Program, Weed & Seed Program, Juvenile Assessment Center
- **Marina Improvement and Enhancement Projects** Two Boater's Facilities/public restrooms; new larger public boat ramp
- **Cultural Services Sponsored Programs** Special events for holidays, cooking demos, rentals, sponsor the arts
- **Programs & Services for Seniors** Nutrition programs, volunteer opportunities, benefits access services, life enrichment programs, senior centers
- **Beaches and Bayfront Parks Improvement and Enhancement Projects** Daily maintenance of City beaches, Heritage Park and Cole Park, Lifeguards, Boardwalk at Corpus Christi Beach (Phase 1)
- **Improvements to Golf Courses** Irrigation system
- **Gyms and Pool Facility Improvements** Special events, general swim, swim lessons, swim leagues, structured sports and training programs offered year-round.

SERVICES, PROGRAMS & FACILITIES

