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Teens will have a lot more to work with at the Burleson Public Library thanks to a grant from the Best Buy Foundation's @15 Initiative.

Library Director Rod Bland gave the credit to Teen Services Librarian Matthew Morrison who applied for the grant during the summer. This month, the library staff learned that the Burleson Public Library's Teen program was awarded \$5,000. The grant will be used to develop the young adult book collection, purchase new electronic equipment, and secure new furniture for the library's Teen Room.

The Teen programs at the library include The Pit, an after-school getaway for teens only (12-18 years old), that is open weekdays, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. The Pit includes computers, chalk and whiteboard graffiti walls and Wii and PS2 gaming consoles. There is also a Teen Anime/Manga Club that meets on the first and third Thursdays at 5 p.m., and special programs that include hearing teen authors. The library has a Teen Advisory Board that meets at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

The mission of @15 is to empower teens to thrive by helping them excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop life and leadership skills. @15 is a recent evolution of the Best Buy Foundation, which has provided more than \$200 million over the past decade to various non-profit organizations and schools.

For more information about the Best Buy @15 Initiative, visit: <http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/>. For more about the Teen programs at the Burleson Public Library, call Matt Morrison, 817-426-9210.