



PURCHASE OF LIBRARY BOOKS THROUGH TXSMARTBUY CONTRACT

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Background

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- ❑ The State of Texas approved TXSMARTBUY contracts with 9 vendors for library books in 2025.
- ❑ Ingram Library Services' contract offers the highest discounts in 5 of the 6 categories of library materials most frequently used by the Killeen library.
- ❑ Although one (1) vendor offers higher discounts on paperback books, the difference is offset by Ingram's lower cost for the catalog record.

Vendor Discounts Offered

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Vendor	Adult Trade, Hardbound	Adult Trade, Paperback	Juv. Trade, Hardbound	Juv.Trade, Paperback	Non-trade/ Univ. Press	Pre-Bound Hardback
Ingram Library Services	46.5	20%	46.5%	40%	20%	30%
Brodart	46%	40.0%	46%	40%	12%	10%
Children's Plus dba Libraria	25%	25%	25%	25%	5%	20%
Barnes & Noble ¹	0-35%	0-35%	0-35%	0-35%	0-35%	0-35%
Midwest Library Services ²	20-33%	7-10%	Net- 33%	Net- 10%	Net- 15%	Net-10%
Helzbert-New Method dba Perma-Bound	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lerner Publishing Group	N/A	N/A	10%	10%	25%	25%
Penworthy Co.	N/A	N/A	0%	N/A	0%	0%
Midwest Tape	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Alternatives

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- ❑ Choose a different company offering a lower discount from the list of approved TXSMARTBUY vendors for library materials.
- ❑ Approve purchase of library materials from Ingram Library Services through the TXSMARTBUY program due to the higher discounts offered.

Recommendation

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- Recommend City Council authorize purchase of library books through Ingram Library Services for the duration of the current TXSMARTBUY contract in the amount of \$155,000 in FY 2026.