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New Braunfels Public Library Receives Achievement of Library Excellence Award

New Braunfels, Texas — On February 27th, the New Braunfels City Council recognized the New Braunfels Public Library for receiving the Texas Municipal Library Director’s Association Achievement of Library Excellence Award for the second year in a row. Out of 548 public library systems in the state, only 43 were awarded the 2016 Achievement of Library Excellence award.

In order to qualify for the award, recipient libraries must document excellence in all ten areas of library service within the calendar year. These areas include: summer reading programs, reaching underserved populations, enhanced service, marketing and publicity, policies and procedures, cultural and educational programming for adults, literacy support, collaboration, training and web presence.

New Braunfels Public Library Director Gretchen Pruett and Digital Services Librarian Miranda Valdez Robbins, along with library employees and volunteers, were applauded for receiving this award.

“Our library is recognized for excellence because of the excellent staff team in the library,” Pruett said. “I am so proud that our library has a reputation of extraordinary customer service and innovative library programs. There is something for everybody here.”

One new and noteworthy program added this year was bookmobile service via the RIOmobile, which was acquired by the New Braunfels Public Library Foundation and then donated to the City and library. Pruett also noted that almost 900,000 print and electronic books were checked out; community volunteers donated 4,400 hours of service to the library; and 53,000 people attended library programs in the last fiscal year.

Visit the library online at www.nbtexas.org/library for more information on available programs.

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