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New Braunfels Public Library Receives Achievement of Library Excellence Award

New Braunfels, Texas - On April 9th, the New Braunfels City Council will recognize the New Braunfels Public Library for receiving the Texas Municipal Library Director's Association Achievement of Library Excellence Award for the third year in a row. Out of 548 public library systems in the state, only 52 were awarded the 2017 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 lauded for receiving this award. Special recognition was accorded the library staff because New Braunfels is the first library ever to file their application as a webpage. You can view the application at: <http://www.nbtexas.org/2185/TMLDA-2017-Application>.

"Our library is recognized for excellence because of the excellent team in the library," Pruett said. "I am so proud that our library has a reputation of extraordinary customer service and innovative library programs. I am especially proud of Miranda Robbins for the creation of the webpage. Our application will be featured in statewide publicity and training at the state library conference and throughout the year."

Pruett also noted, "Almost 900,000 print and electronic books were checked out; community volunteers donated 5,000 hours of service to the library, valued at over \$115,000; and 52,000 people attended library programs in the last fiscal year. There is something for everybody here."

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

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