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Dear Texas Book Festival Collections Enhancement Grant Recipient,

Congratulations! On behalf of Texas Book Festival (TBF) and Texas Library Association (TLA), your library has been selected as a 2023 Texas Book Festival Collections Enhancement Grant recipient. We are pleased to present you with the enclosed check for your full requested amount. The grand total for TBF grants awarded in 2023 is nearly \$100,000. This brings our total contribution to Texas libraries to over \$3.5 million since the start of our grant program.

Please plan to publicize your award after August 18th. This will give TBF time to notify all libraries and mail out official letters, certificates, and checks. We also encourage you to plan a publicity event focused on your selection as a Texas Book Festival grant recipient.

Possible suggestions for publicity events:

- Share your Texas Library Grant win on your social media channels. Please don't forget to tag Texas Book Festival and use the hashtag, #txlibrarygrant
- Publish a story and photos in your library or community newsletter
- Display signage / information about your Texas Library Grant award in your library for patrons and staff to see
- Plan a check presentation to library staff

Please email photos of your event and/or promotions to Michelle Hernandez at michelle@texasbookfestival.org and Jose Rodriguez at jose@texasbookfestival.org. If you have a quote from a library representative on receiving the award, we'd love for you to share that with us as well.

Don't forget, to satisfy the grant requirements, **you must complete and submit a Final Report by March 1, 2024**, outlining how the grant was used as well as how success was measured. Please mark this date on your calendar and provide documentation about the grant and Final Report requirement with your colleagues in case there is a change in staffing. I will email the Final Report document to you in the next few weeks, and it will also be available on the Texas Library Grants page of the Texas Book Festival website. We applaud the work you are doing to help foster a love of reading in your community and to best serve your library patrons with books that meet their needs and interests. We hope this gift will enhance your invaluable services.

Congratulations again!

Michelle Hernandez
School and Community Programs Manager