



Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	April 6 th 2025
MEETING TYPE:	City Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Wanda Randle
AGENDA CAPTION:	Presentation of Award of Excellence, Recognizing City Librarian Olivia Daniels and Library Assistant Jesus Rios. Presented by Wanda Randle-Director

Background Information

The Atwell Public Library has once again achieved a significant professional milestone. For the **fourth consecutive year**, the library has been awarded the **Achievement of Library Excellence Award** by the **Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA)**. This recognition is one of the highest honors a public library in Texas can receive.

Each year, TMLDA evaluates public libraries across the state and confers awards for outstanding contributions to their communities. Since its founding in 1966, TMLDA has promoted excellence in public librarianship, fostered continuous improvement in service delivery, and maintained high standards of professional ethics. TMLDA remains an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League.

The Achievement of Library Excellence Award is available only to TMLDA member libraries that demonstrate exceptional performance across ten areas:

1. Services to underserved populations through outreach, special programs, collaborations, or special collections
2. Innovative and effective marketing materials highlighting services and programs
3. Collaboration with community organizations
4. Enhanced service to the public through expanded or new services
5. Literacy support for all ages
6. Digital inclusion through internet access, digital literacy training, and online services
7. Workforce development support
8. Cultural, topical, and educational programming for adults and families
9. Professional training opportunities for staff at all levels

10. Additional efforts demonstrating meaningful service to the community

Of the 516 public library systems in Texas, your library is one of only 101 who have earned this year's award. With this honor, your library is now in the top 20% of all public libraries in the state.

This accomplishment is a direct reflection of the dedication, professionalism, and leadership demonstrated by **Librarian Olivia Daniels** and **Library Assistant Jesus Rios**. Their commitment to excellence, community engagement, and continuous service improvement has contributed to Atwell Public Library's sustained success and the high-quality services provided to Hutchins residents.

City staff finds it important to formally recognize and commend both employees for their contributions to the City's ongoing tradition of excellence.

Budget Implications

There are no budget implications associated with this item. This recognition is informational and requires no additional funding.

Operational Impact

There is no operational impact associated with this recognition. Library operations will continue as scheduled.

Legal Review

No legal review is required for this item.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council formally recognize Atwell Public Library, Librarian Olivia Daniels, and Library Assistant Jesus Rios for receiving the Achievement of Library Excellence Award for the fourth consecutive year.

Their outstanding performance brings distinction to the City of Hutchins and demonstrates the City's continued commitment to high-quality public services.