

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: March 21, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Regina Reed, Library Director

THROUGH: Crystal Caldera, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2022 Texas Municipal Library Director's Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award - R.Reed, Library Director

SPONSOR(S): N/A

PURPOSE

The Leon Valley Public Library has received the 2022 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA), an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League. To successfully receive the Achievement of Library Excellence Award, the applicant must exhibit excellence in each of the ten categories:

1. Services to underserved populations either through outreach, special programs, collaborations with other libraries or organizations, special classes, special collections, etc.
2. Innovative and effective marketing materials highlighting basic services and publicity about specific programs the library offers
3. Collaborative efforts with community organizations
4. Enhanced service to the public during the past year either through increase in service or a change in type of services
5. Literacy support for all ages
6. Support for digital inclusion through public internet access, digital literacy training, and online library services
7. Support for workforce development
8. Cultural, topical, and educational programming for adults and families
9. Professional staff training to include training opportunities for staff at all levels
10. Any other initiatives that speak to library excellence

Of the 542 public libraries in Texas, only 73 received this award in 2022.

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Social –The library continues serving underserved population through outreach, special programs, and special collections while identifying service needs.

Economic – The library continues to work towards closing the digital divide by providing public internet access, digital literacy training, and increasing support for workforce development.

Environmental – The library provides programming for adults and families using recyclable and upcycled materials and provides educational programming on environmental topics.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

STRATEGIC GOALS

To receive the TMLDA Achievement of Library Excellence Award the library strives to meet Goal #6 “Citizen Involvement” and Goal #7 “Parks, Recreational Green Space, and Cultural Opportunities”

RECOMMENDATION

N/A