



Leon Valley Public Library
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Dear Regina,

On behalf of the J. Frank Dobie Library Trust grant selection committee, I am very happy to inform you that the Leon Valley Public Library has been selected to receive a 2024 grant of \$3,610!

About the J. Frank Dobie Trust

J. Frank Dobie was a legendary Texas author and folklorist. The J. Frank Dobie Library Trust is his legacy in gratitude for the role that public libraries play in the lives of small Texas communities.

The selection committee was favorably impressed with the efforts made by both the library and the community it serves to provide much needed public library services. It is our hope that, by expanding the offerings of the library, this grant will enrich the lives of people in the community.

Application of Grant Funds

The Dobie grant carries few restrictions or requirements. However, there are a few:

- The grant may be used solely for the purchase of books.
- Up to 50% of the funds may be spent on the “purchase” of e-books, whether that is by transfer of ownership or by license/subscription. The funds may ***not***, however, be used to pay for any portion of fees for membership in a consortium (or other type of organization) for the purpose of obtaining access to e-books.
- The funds should be expended within one calendar year if at all possible.
- When the library has expended the grant funds, please email me a brief, informal report of how the money was spent. (I neither need nor want a list of titles purchased, just an explanatory paragraph or two.)

We encourage you to use this as a PR opportunity for the library! I've included with this email a press release that you may use, in whole or in part, for this purpose.

Recognition at Texas Library Association Annual Conference

The announcement of this year's awards will be made during the Opening Author Luncheon on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the annual conference of the Texas Library Association in San Antonio. If it is possible for one or more representatives of the library to attend, we would love to recognize and honor their work on behalf of the library by presenting them with the check for the grant. If you are unable to attend, a check will be mailed to you afterwards.

Unfortunately, the Trust is not able to purchase luncheon tickets for grant recipients; therefore, you will have to purchase luncheon tickets through the TLA pre-registration process. **Note that the deadline for pre-registration (and thus purchasing a luncheon ticket) is April 5.**

We will have a table reserved at the luncheon for all Dobie grant recipients. **Please let me know as soon as possible whether you will attend:**
gretchen@gretchenmccordlaw.com or 512.470.8932.

The selection committee extends its heartiest congratulations on receiving this award, and on the efforts of your library in building community! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours truly,



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