



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	Library Advisory Board Meeting
MEETING DATE:	October 9, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on report from City of Wolfforth Library
STAFF INITIATOR:	Kimberly Brantley, Library Director

BACKGROUND:

The City of Wolfforth Library has had a lot of great things happening recently and we are entering into a new fiscal year so we wanted to provide an update.

The Library received our accreditation for Fiscal Year 2025 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The Library has been an accredited library since our founding in 1987. This accreditation affirms that we are meeting the minimum standards expected of a Texas public library, but we are proud to report that we regularly exceed those standards.

The Library has been awarded two grants that will be implemented in FY25. The first is from the Texas Library Association and H-E-B for a collection development grant of \$1,000. We are 1 of 20 Texas libraries awarded this grant which will be used to purchase items that feature diverse characters, specifically those with varying abilities. The second is the American Library Association Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit grant. We are 1 of 18 Texas Libraries and 1 of 300 nationwide selected. This is awarded as a program kit with an estimated value of \$2,000 and includes all the resources and training to provide financial education to children both in the Library and at home via circulating items. At minimum the Library is required to provide five different in-person programs in the upcoming year and circulate the preloaded Launchpad tablets following the programs for at home learning.

Last month Taylor and Kimberly attended the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference as presenters. I sat on a panel with Librarians from across the US on a session about cardholder access and signup practices, which is part of year-long research project and working group I am a part of. Taylor and I then hosted a session on circulating Tonieboxes and Tonies in the Library, which is something we started in 2022, and have been leading the way in libraries across the country, including partnering with the company to start their Tonies for Educators program.

EXHIBITS:

Texas State Library and Archives Accreditation letter

Texas Library Association Strong Texas Libraries Collection Development Grant letter

American Library Grant Notification and Selected Sites

Annual Capital Campaign Booklet FY24/25

ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

None

