



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council Meeting
MEETING DATE:	March 3, 2025
ITEM TITLE:	TMLDA 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award
STAFF INITIATOR:	Randy Criswell, City Manager / Kimberly Brantley, Library Director

BACKGROUND:

The Texas Municipal League (TML) has a division specifically for libraries known as the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA). Each year TMLDA accepts applications and confers to award public libraries for outstanding contributions to public service. Libraries must complete the digital applications and submit supporting documentation to show that the library meets each of the 10 award criteria. Of the 542 public library systems in Texas, only 102 earned the award for 2024. To successfully receive the Achievement of Library Excellence Award, the library must exhibit excellence by providing services to underserved and special populations, marketing in innovative ways, pursuing collaborative efforts, offering enhanced services through unique or expanded programming, providing literacy support, providing for digital inclusion, supporting workforce development, promoting cultural, topical, and educational programming, comprehensively training staff, and offering other unique services to their community. This is a group effort by the entire Library staff, and something we could not accomplish without the support of our Library Board, City Leaders, each of you on the City Council, and our wonderful community.

EXHIBITS:

Award Letter

Award Submission

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

None