



2023
Achievement of Excellence in
Libraries Award

Presented to:

DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Awarded by

**Texas Municipal Library
Directors Association**



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Jennifer Bekker
Denton Public Library
502 Oakland St.
Denton, Texas 76201

Dear Ms. Bekker,

Congratulations to Denton Public Library! On behalf of the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association, I am pleased to inform you that you have been awarded the 2023 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.

Your application clearly demonstrated your commitment to providing exceptional service to your community. Of the 545 public library systems in Texas, your library is one of only 84 who have earned this year's award. With this honor, your library is now in the top 15% of all public libraries in the state.

We know you will want to proudly display your accolades, which include a congratulatory letter, a digital medal and an award template that can be used to order a plaque. The digital medal is an image file that can be used (but not altered) on websites, email signatures, stationery, and other official library promotional materials. The digital image can be made to be clickable to the TMLDA award site or to a page displaying your accomplishment and/or completed application.

Again, congratulations on this accomplishment, and thank you for enriching the lives of your residents and providing your community with outstanding and innovative services.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hadidi

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President, Texas Municipal Library Directors Association





Achievement of Library Excellence Award Information Sheet

Each year, Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA) confers awards for outstanding contributions by public libraries to their communities. Since 1966 TMLDA has served to promote the public library profession, improve the methods of library service delivery, and maintain high standards of professional ethics; TMLDA remains an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League.

The Achievement of Library Excellence Award is open to TMLDA member library directors and the libraries they represent. To receive the Achievement of Library Excellence Award, the library must support standards of excellence in the following categories:

1. Services to underserved populations through outreach, special programs, collaborations with other organizations, or special collections
2. Innovative and effective marketing materials highlighting services and publicity about specific library programs
3. Collaboration with community organizations
4. Enhanced service to the public either through an increase in service or additional type of services
5. Literacy support for all ages
6. Digital inclusion through public internet access, digital literacy training, and online library 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. Other services that support community that demonstrate how the library served the community with excellence during the past year.

TMLDA recognizes that two of the many strengths of Texas libraries are individuality and the ability to meet the specific needs of the communities served. Each award-winning library has chosen to emphasize the programs and services that best support local users where they live, work, and play. While no two public libraries are alike, they each strive for excellence.

According to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, 545 public libraries exist in Texas. Of those libraries, only 84 received this award in 2023.