



City of Denison

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Denison Public Library Receives State Recognition for 9th Year in a Row

Denison, Texas (February 10th, 2023) – The Denison 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.

“It is an honor to be recognized by our peers in the Texas Municipal Library Directors with the Award for Excellence. This is the ninth year in a row that this honor has been bestowed on the Denison Public Library, which demonstrates that the commitment to service is deeply ingrained in our library team. We have accomplished some great things together, and we look forward to a great future in a great city. I’ve said it before, and I say it again – this is the best job I’ve ever had, and it’s in the best town in Texas!” said Denison’s Director of Library, Greg Mitchell.

To successfully receive the Achievement of Library Excellence Award, the applicant must exhibit excellence in each of these 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 (including summer reading programs)
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

The Denison Public Library demonstrated distinction with its many programs and services.

“Thanks to the library’s diligence and commitment to exceptional quality of life, our city has received the Texas Municipal League Library Excellence Award again this year. This award will be nine years in a row for Denison! This is another proud moment for our community and our team as we strive to deliver services that enhance our community,” said Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Eastwood.

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

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About Denison Founded in 1872, the City of Denison is located 40 minutes North of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in Grayson County. The city comprises a population of approximately 25,000. The city offers an exemplary school district, a vibrant historic district, a robust housing market, excellent quality of life amenities, and an expanding business climate. Denison is moving forward and kicking back. For more information, visit us at www.cityofdenison.com.