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The Texas Book Festival announces library grant winners

More than \$75K awarded to 34 Texas public libraries

The Texas Book Festival announced the winners of its 2014-15 Public Library Grants at the Texas Library Association conference in Austin today. Thirty-four Texas public libraries received grants totaling more than \$75,000.

The Texas Book Festival awards grants to public libraries annually to support collection enhancement. Since its founding in 1995, the Texas Book Festival has donated more than \$2.7 million to 631 libraries across Texas.

This year, the TBF gave a total of \$75,565.59 to the following libraries:

1. East Branch Library (Arlington)— \$2,500
2. Farmers Branch Manske Library— \$1,700
3. Pilot Point Community Library— \$2,500
4. Hillsboro City Library— \$2,493.86
5. Larry J. Ringer Library (College Station)— \$2,480.34
6. Real County Public Library (Leakey)— \$2,325.84
7. Maribelle M. Davis Library (Plano)— \$2,476.28
8. Nesbitt Memorial Library (Columbus)— \$2,500
9. Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch Library (Anahuac)— \$1,800
10. Main Library Public Library (El Paso)— \$2,500
11. Jennie Trent Dew Library (Goldthwaite)— \$1,000.43
12. Breckenridge Library— \$2,106.74
13. Ennis Public Library— \$2,500
14. River Oaks Public Library— \$2,500

15. Ysleta Branch Library (El Paso)— \$2,500
16. J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas)— \$2,491.67
17. White Rock Hills Branch Library (Dallas)— \$2,493.72
18. Lena Armstrong Public Library (Belton)— \$2,500
19. Livingston Municipal Library— \$2,500
20. Marshall Public Library— \$2,500
21. Prosper Community Library—\$ 2,365.40
22. Bertha Voyer Memorial Library (Honey Grove)— \$2,000
23. Coleman Public Library— \$1,500
24. Abilene Public Library South Branch— \$2,500
25. French Simpson Memorial Library (Hallettsville)— \$1,500
26. Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library— \$2,499.86
27. Southeast Branch Library (Arlington)— \$2,500
28. D. Brown Memorial Library (Rosebud)— 42,482.82
29. Hondo Public Library— \$848.63
30. Blanco County South Library District— \$2,500
31. El Paso Public Library- Armijo Branch— \$2,500
32. R.B. Tullis Branch (New Caney)— \$2,500
33. Hutchinson County Library (Borger)— \$2,000
34. Judy B. McDonald Library (Nacogdoches)— \$1,500

Supporting Texas libraries and literacy has always been a part of TBF's mission. The Festival's Public Library Grants are funded through individual, corporate, and foundation sponsorships, its generous members and donors, the annual First Edition Literary Gala, and book sales at the annual fall Festival.

"We are committed to supporting the important work of Texas public libraries," says Lois Kim, executive director of the Texas Book Festival. "Public libraries continue to adapt to meet the needs of their communities, and we are proud that we can help them make a difference."

Applications for the 2015-16 public library grant cycle will be available in November 2015. For more info, visit <http://www.texasbookfestival.org/library-grants/>.

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About the Texas Book Festival

The Texas Book Festival celebrates authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by first lady Laura Bush, Mary Margaret Farabee, and a group of volunteers, the nonprofit Texas Book Festival promotes the joys of reading and writing through its annual Festival Weekend, the one-day Texas Teen

Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars program, grants to Texas libraries, youth fiction writing contest, and year-round literary programming. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Texas Capitol each fall and features more than 280 renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2015 Texas Book Festival will take place on Oct. 17-18, and the 2015 Texas Teen Book Festival will be held on Sept. 26. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 1,000 volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit www.texasbookfestival.org for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @texasbookfest.