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City of El Paso Public Library Recognized as One of Best in State

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso is proud to announce that the El Paso 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.

“We are greatly honored to have received this distinction for the fourth time in a row,” said El Paso Public Library Director Norma Martinez. “More than anything it emphasizes our library staff’s hard work and dedication to our community.”

Of the 552 public libraries in Texas, only 73 received this award in 2022. 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, continually enhancing its services, supporting literacy, digital inclusion, and workforce development that provides cultural, topical, and educational programming, and comprehensively training its staff.

The award recognizes the Library and the City of El Paso’s continued dedication to providing outstanding recreational, cultural and educational opportunities for our community.

The El Paso Public Library previously received the Achievement of Excellence Award in 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

For more information on the TMLDA or the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award, please visit www.tmlda.org. For more information on the El Paso Public Library, visit www.EIPasoLibrary.org.

About the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association

The Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA) was organized in 1966 to promote the public library profession, to improve the methods of providing library service, and to maintain high standards of professional ethics. TMLDA has been an active partner with the Texas Municipal League (TML) in the legislative process, being instrumental in the passage of the 1969 Texas Library Systems Act. TMLDA has also supported the Texas State Library and its services.

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