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El Paso Public Libraries Ranked Among Best in Texas

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso is excited to announce that the El Paso Public Libraries has been awarded the prestigious 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award by the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association for the sixth consecutive year.

“This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our incredible staff, who go above and beyond to support the educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment of our community,” said Norma Martinez, Director of Libraries.

To earn the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award, libraries must demonstrate exceptional service across multiple areas.

The El Paso Public Libraries was recognized for its commitment to reaching underserved and special populations while also developing innovative marketing strategies and fostering collaborative partnerships to expand its impact. Beyond these efforts, the library excels in delivering diverse and engaging programming that supports literacy, digital inclusion, and workforce development. Furthermore, it enhances community learning through cultural and topical events while simultaneously investing in ongoing professional development for its staff, ensuring the highest level of service for El Paso residents.

Of the 542 public libraries in Texas, only 102 received this distinction in 2024.

El Paso Public Libraries was honored for a wide range of impactful programs and services, including the Summer Reading Club, Día de los Niños, Enhanced Library Cards, passport services, English as a Second Language (ESL) and personal development classes, Storytime, Seed Libraries, Adult High School programs, young adult outreach, and entrepreneurial support, among many others.

For more information on all the programs and services provided by the El Paso Public Libraries, visit www.EIPasoLibrary.org.

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