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TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION AWARDS NEARLY \$7 MILLION IN GRANTS

Funds enhance library operations, programs throughout state

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AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has approved \$6 million in Loan Star Libraries grants to 542 accredited public libraries throughout the state, and awarded \$789,261 in competitive grants to libraries and projects through four grant programs. Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2011 grants during their Aug. 3 meeting at TSLAC's Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin.

Loan Star Libraries grants provide direct aid to libraries in the Texas Library System based on a formula weighing operating expenses, service to non-residents (free or for a fee) and participation in the TexShare resource sharing program. The Houston, Harris County, Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth public libraries, the Plano Public Library System and the Fort Bend County Libraries each received more than \$100,000 in funding.

Competitive grants were awarded through TSLAC's Special Projects and Library Cooperation programs, both federally funded; its TexTreasures program, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services; and its Texas Reads program, funded primarily through the sale of specialty state license plates.

"These grants will help improve library programs and services in communities and institutions all over Texas," said TSLAC Director and Librarian Peggy D. Rudd. "These federal and state dollars augment local funds and help local libraries fulfill their roles as valuable community assets."

A total of \$328,260 in Special Projects grants went to six applicants for programs that expand library services to all members of the grantee library's community, including those with special needs. Collaborative projects are especially encouraged, as are those providing resources to underserved and disadvantaged populations. Funds were awarded to the Central Texas Library System (\$65,713); El Paso Community College (\$48,508); North Texas Library Partners (\$75,000); Arlington Public Library System (\$58,610); Alpine Public Library (\$5,445); Dallas Public Library (\$74,984).

Cooperation grants provide funds for programs that promote cooperative learning and information-access services. Grants were awarded to Weatherford Public Library (\$51,821); Arlington Public Library System (\$73,749); Texas A&M University–Commerce (\$73,966); and North Texas Library Partnerships (\$75,000).

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Ten organizations received TexTreasures grants for projects designed to provide or increase access to special holdings. Grants were awarded to the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas–Austin (\$12,833); Houston Public Library (\$20,000); the University of North Texas, Denton (\$25,000); University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston (\$20,000); Southern Methodist University (\$20,000); the University of Texas–El Paso (\$19,540); the University of Houston (\$19,863); Helen Hall Library, League City (\$4,000); Victoria College (\$17,225); and Sam Houston State University, Huntsville (\$8,000).

A total of \$20,004 in amounts from \$521 to \$3,000 was split among nine libraries for programs that promote reading and literacy. They are: Longview Public Library (“Read to Animals”); Harlingen Public Library (“Every Child Ready to Read”); Alpine Public Library (“Toddler Time”); Bastrop Public Library (“Book Club in a Bag”); J.R. Huffman Public Library, Hemphill (summer reading program); Allen Public Library (“ALlen Reads”); Sachse Public Library (“Neighbors Read”); Helen Hall Library, Huntsville (“The Important Club”); and Watauga Public Library (“One Book One Community” event).

For more detailed descriptions of the funded programs and projects, please click on [2011 grant descriptions.](#)

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