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McAllen Public Library Celebrates 12 Years of Excellence

National Award Recognizes Commitment to Innovation, Literacy and Community Service

McAllen Public Library (MPL) has received the 2025 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association. This marks the 12th consecutive year MPL has earned this statewide recognition for service, innovation and community-focused programming. As one of the largest and most active systems in the region, it continues to set the standard for modern public libraries.

Out of more than 500 public libraries across Texas, only 101 earned this distinction, placing MPL among the top 20 percent of libraries. The award recognizes excellence across multiple service areas, including outreach to underserved populations, innovative programming, digital inclusion, workforce support, and community partnerships.

Serving thousands of residents at our three branches, MPL offers early childhood and teen programming, digital literacy classes, workforce partnerships, and large-scale cultural and literacy events that meet the community's evolving needs.

"This recognition reflects the everyday work happening inside our libraries," said McAllen City Manager Isaac J. Tawil. "McAllen Public Library continues to respond to real community needs, whether that means expanding access to technology, supporting families and students, or creating welcoming spaces and that is what sets us apart."

"This award speaks to the care, creativity, and commitment our staff bring to work every day," said Kate Horan, Library Director. "Our focus is listening to the community and building services that are practical, welcoming, and meaningful."

"Libraries play an essential role in how a city supports its people," said McAllen Mayor Javier Villalobos. "McAllen Public Library shows what it looks like to invest in learning, access, and community and this award reflects the care and effort behind the services our residents rely on every day."

For more information about McAllen Public Library programs and services, visit www.mcallenlibrary.net

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