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Texas Municipal Library Directors Association is an Affiliate of the Texas Municipal League

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

RoseAleta Laurell

TML is a powerful and effective organization dedicated to assisting and advising cities in the operation of their day-to-day business. City Managers, Police Chiefs, Public Works officials and Library Directors can avail themselves of a wealth of information and advice through this organization.

Library Directors, just like Police Chiefs, City Managers and City Council members, often need advice and guidance in making decisions that affect the members of the communities we serve. TML serves as a valuable resource for anyone engaged in the business of public service and governance.

Each year TMLDA provides a showcase for City Managers or City Administrators who have made significant contributions to the betterment of library service in their communities by presenting the Administrator of the Year Award. The organization also presents awards for Outstanding Library Supporter to recognize a Mayor, City Council member, Friends President or board member, Library Board President or board member or other city administrator who has demonstrated exemplary support for libraries and has had a positive influence in the outcome of your library. Last, but certainly not least, the organization presents the Library Director of the Year Award for outstanding service by a Library Director.

In 2004, TMLDA also developed and implemented the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award. This award is presented each year to libraries who

have demonstrated through programming and services that they are providing a valuable service in their community. TMLDA makes every effort to have a member of the organization present the award to you and your City Council. This is an excellent way to make your Council and Mayor aware of the variety of programs and services offered in your community. Sadly, often the Council and Mayor are least aware of the myriad of services you provide. This is your opportunity to SHINE and to pat yourself on the back for a job well done!

Information on each of these awards is located on our website at <http://www.tmlda.org/awards.htm>.

TMLDA through their affiliation with TML provides a network of well-trained, knowledgeable and devoted Library Directors. The association also provides continuing education opportunities for its members.

Each year TMLDA sponsors a booth at the annual TML Conference and presents a program that is of interest to Librarians, City Managers and Council members. This year's conference will be held in Grapevine in October and I hope you will consider this continuing education opportunity for yourself. Information about the Annual Conference can be found at the TML website <http://www.tml.org/>.

I would urge each of you to contact TML or to contact a member of TMLDA for information about this organization and how you can benefit by participation. Contact information for all the officers is located on p. 2 of this newsletter and at <http://www.tmlda.org/>.



TMLDA
at
Annual Assembly
TMLDA Business Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2005
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.



TML
Annual Conference
Gaylord Texan Resort
Grapevine TX
October 26-28, 2005

For registration, hotels and
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TMLDA Awards

Each year, TMLDA confers awards for outstanding contributions to public libraries. The awards are presented at the TMLDA program at the TML Annual Conference.

Administrator of the Year

- Has demonstrated consistent and/or exemplary support for the library or for libraries in general.
- Must be in a position of authority over the library (examples: City Manager, County Judge, President of Foundation, Division Head, etc.).
- Nominations are accepted from TMLDA Library Directors.

Outstanding Supporter of Libraries

- Presented to an administrator who may not be in direct authority over the library (examples: Mayor, City Councilmember, Friends president or board member, Library Board President or board member, other city administrator).
- Must have demonstrated consistent and/or exemplary support for the library or for libraries in general.
- Is in a position to influence outcomes for the library.
- Nominations are accepted from TMLDA Library Directors.

Library Director of the Year

- Must be a member of the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.
- Has made a significant contribution to his or her library or to libraries in general.
- Contribution may include innovative ideas, funding, staffing, development of new projects, and promotion of service or libraries in general.

Nominations are accepted from peers, local administrators, or co-workers.

Award Nomination forms are available for download at www.tmla.org

Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award

This is a new annual award given by TMLDA to libraries that demonstrate their service excellence through the attainment of ten service criteria.

Many members wonder why another award when there are plenty of awards given by ALA, PLA, TLA, and regional systems. This award is given by the library directors affiliate group of the Texas Municipal League, the one organization that is familiar to your city's appointed and elected officials.

This award spotlights the many wonderful services your library provides and if awarded to your library ensures that your appointed and elected officials know about your good work.

Unlike many other awards presented by ALA, PLA, and TLA, the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award is presented not to just one or two libraries but to any library that can demonstrate their service excellence.

If a library receives the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award and wishes to have a presentation made at a city council meeting, TMLDA officers will be available to make the presentation.

For more information on the award and for a copy of the application please visit the TMLDA website at www.tmla.org. The application deadline for 2005 is December 31.

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