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HASLET PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES 2019 ACHIEVEMENT OF LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD

January 31, 2020 – The Texas Municipal Library Directors Association has awarded the Haslet Public Library the 2019 Achievement of Library Excellence Award. Of the 571 public library systems in the State of Texas, only 53 received the 2019 award. This is the 5th consecutive year to receive this award. The Haslet Public Library serves City of Haslet residents (population estimate 1850) and the surrounding community free of charge. As of December 31, 2019, there were 12,452 patrons with library cards.

The Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (tmlda.org) is an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League. The organization began in 1966 to promote the public library profession, to improve the methods of providing library service, and to maintain high standards of professional ethics.

The Haslet Public Library demonstrated excellence in all ten areas required to qualify which are:

- 1) Conduct a Summer Reading Program; youth, teen and/or adult.
- 2) Provide services to underserved populations either through outreach, special programs, collaborations with other libraries or organizations, special classes, special collections, etc.
- 3) Provide enhanced service to the public during the past year either through increase in service or a change in type of services.
- 4) Provide current marketing materials highlighting basic services and publicity about specific programs the library offers.
- 5) Develop a set of policies and procedures for the library which have been reviewed and updated within the past 5 years.
- 6) Provide cultural, topical and educational programming for adults and families.
- 7) Provide literacy support for all ages.
- 8) Invest in collaborative efforts.
- 9) Establish professional staff training to include training opportunities for staff at all levels.
- 10) Provide a library web presence either through the city or with the library's own website.

Please contact Library Director Barbara Thompson at 817-439-4278 or bthompson@haslet.org for additional information or with any questions regarding this release.