



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Date	February 24, 2026
Requested Action	RECOGNITION OF THE PATRICK HEATH PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVING THE 2025 ACHIEVEMENT OF LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION (TMLDA).
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Background Information	<p>The City of Boerne's Patrick Heath Public Library has been honored with the 2025 Achievement of Library Excellence Award by the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA). The Texas Municipal Library Directors Association, an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League, gives the Achievement of Library Excellence Award each year to libraries that provide exceptional programs and services.</p> <p>With only 101 out of 516 public libraries across Texas recognized this year, this distinction places the library among some of the biggest library systems in the Lone Star State.</p> <p>The award recognizes libraries that go above and beyond in 10 key areas, including community outreach, literacy support, workforce development, and digital inclusion. The Patrick Heath Public Library stood out thanks to several new and ongoing initiatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting Underserved Communities: The library provided Spanish-language programming, outreach, and materials; partnered with senior-living facilities; and hosted special programs for homeschool groups and special-needs students.• Bookmobile: The new library on wheels is designed to bring library services directly to members of the community who might not have easy access to the main Boerne Public Library facility. Library staff currently utilize the bookmobile to augment existing outreach programs.• Bible Digitization Project: In 2025, the Low German Bible of 1614 was refurbished and digitized by staff at the University of North Texas.
Strategic Alignment	C1 Offering quality customer experiences. C3 Collaborating with community partners to enhance quality of life. F1 Committing to strategic, responsible, and conservative financial

	management. F2 Investing in and maintaining high-quality infrastructure systems and public assets. B1 Utilizing data to drive smart decision making. B2 Advancing master plan recommendations. L1 Promoting learning and growth.
Financial Considerations	N/A
Citizen Input/Board Review	N/A
Legal Review	N/A
Alternative Options	N/A
Supporting Documents	