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Plano Public Library System Receives 2 Grants from the Texas Book Festival

Plano Public Library System has been awarded two \$2,500 grants from the Texas Book Festival. Davis Library will use grant funds for children's technology, health and science materials. Harrington Library will add adult and children's materials for patrons whose first language is Spanish.

Every year public libraries across Texas apply to the Texas Book Festival to receive grant funds. The grants are intended to help initiate or continue innovative literacy and technology programs and to complete book collections. This year, the Festival is distributing more than \$150,000 in grants to 51 public libraries across the state. Since 1996 the Festival has contributed more than \$2.3 million in grants to Texas public libraries.

The Texas Book Festival raises money for grants from corporate, private and foundation sponsorships, the First Edition Literary Gala and from book sales at its annual event at the State Capitol in Austin. The 2009 Texas Book Festival is scheduled for Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

"We are committed to supporting the important work of Texas Public libraries" said Heidi Marquez Smith, Executive Director of the Texas Book Festival. "Public libraries continue to adapt to meet the needs of their communities and we are proud that we can help them make a difference."

About the Texas Book Festival

The Texas Book Festival was founded in 1996 by Laura Bush and a group of interested volunteers and has been attended by half a million people from across the nation since its inception. AT&T is the 2009 Festival underwriter for the two-day free festival which takes place in and around the State Capitol in Austin.