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Texas Book Festival Grant

NACOGDOCHES, TX – The Nacogdoches Public Library is pleased to announce that it received a \$1,500 Collection Enhancement grant from Texas Book Festival. The funds will be used to purchase downloadable audio books and graphic novels for children and teens.

Texas Book Festival was founded in 1995 by former First Lady Laura Bush and its mission is to connect authors and readers. Every year the organization awards grants to libraries across Texas to assist with collection development. This year 48 public libraries received more than \$100,000 in grants from Texas Book Festival.

"We are very appreciative of the Texas Book Festival for awarding us this grant. The demand for eAudio books and graphic novels has grown tremendously over the past few years. The grant funds will help the library stretch its budget to meet these needs," said Mercedes Franks, library director.

The books purchased with this grant will soon be available for check-out and will be part of the summer reading book challenge that will begin in June.

For more information about the grant or library programs, please call 559-2970.