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**Texas Book Festival Collections Enhancement Grant 2019 Award**

(Nacogdoches, TX) – The Nacogdoches Public Library is pleased to announce that it was recently awarded a \$2,500 Collections Enhancement Grant from Texas Book Festival. Grant funds will be used to purchase over 150 juvenile and young adult graphic novels that focus on themes of diversity, overcoming challenges, and high-interest topics for reluctant readers. Many of the graphic novels feature unlikely heroes and they all feature colorful artwork.

“We are very appreciative of the Texas Book Festival for awarding us this grant. They do a lot of work to promote reading and assist libraries in augmenting their collections budgets. While the public library has had a young adult graphic novel collection for many years, the juvenile graphic novel collection is relatively new. Its popularity has been immediate and we struggle to keep up with our voracious readers. This grant will provide a lot of books to a lot of eager children,” said Mercedes Franks, library director.

The books purchased through this grant will be available on May 17th at the Texas Book Festival Grant unveiling party to be held at the public library at 4:30 pm. The public is invited to check out books and sign the giant thank-you card. For more information about the Texas Book Festival Collections Enhancement Grant or other library programs, please call (936) 559-2970.