



Achievement of Library Excellence Award Application 2021

Section 2

Provide enhanced service to the public during the past year either through increase in service or a change in type of services.

This year, at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library, has been one of reopening, changing, and meeting the needs of the community as the Covid-19 pandemic continues. Throughout the 2021 fiscal year, change continues to be a part of daily life. Going from partial closure, to fully reopening our library has brought opportunity and growth.

The largest change and opportunity for growth and partnership is our new Best Southwest Partnership Card. We've joined the Zula B. Wylie Library catalog together with current partner library, Desoto, but also added Lancaster Public Library, along with Duncanville Public Library. This allows our patrons access to additional resources and has brought a strong partnership within our four libraries.

New Programming includes:

The Women Who Read Book Club: This is a book club for women who love reading. Each month they read a fiction book and discuss in person at a book club meeting. They also utilize a Facebook Group for communication.

Tech Help: (by appointment) help with technology; primarily serves older members of the community

New Volunteer Programming - Teen and adult volunteering has been redesigned, reorganized, and is now up and running after the Covid-19 shutdown.

Storytime in a Park - Weekly storytime meeting outdoors at a different Cedar Hill Park each week

Virtual Tech Tutorials/Zoom - Two monthly tutorials or zoom instructional meetings regarding current resources the library provides, such as Brianfuse JobNow or TexShare Databases.

Teen Blog Spot - A meetup for teens to create and maintain their own blogs.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2020, and continuing through FY 21, the Zula B. Wylie Public Library began a Fines Forgiveness Initiative. This allowed patrons with outstanding overdue fines to have them waived. This initiative was implemented to draw patrons

back to the library and show them that their presence is more important than the money they might owe. The community continues to show appreciation of this initiative.

As the library has gone back to being open fulltime, opened up the Meeting Room for appointments/meetings for non-profit groups, reopened the study room, and returned almost fully to in-person programming, patrons are returning. Our meeting room allows us to support our local non-profit and partner groups. North Texas Girl Scouts, Cedar Hill ISD, Workforce Solutions, Cedar Hill Genealogy, etc. have all been meeting within the library facility. Our meeting spaces allow many groups to connect and serve the community.

We have seen our library visits jump from approx. 1800 a month to 4000 per month as this fiscal year has progressed and our library has reopened to its full hours and programming.

Zula B. Wylie Public Library

STORYTIME in the PARK

All ages are invited to join us
for stories, music, and fun!

SCHEDULE

JUNE 7	Windsor Park
JUNE 14	Bear Creek Park
JUNE 21	Bradford Park
JUNE 28	Virginia Weaver Park

Held at 9:30 a.m. each
week at a different
park in Cedar Hill

****Please join us in following all
CDC recommended COVID-19
guidelines at each park****


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ZULA B. WYLIE PUBLIC LIBRARY



PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY

RENT, MORTGAGE, UTILITY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Cedar Hill residents who have experienced a loss or reduction of income because of the coronavirus pandemic may qualify for financial assistance through Dallas County's Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP). This program will continue to provide financial assistance for rent/mortgage, electricity, gas, and water bills through April 1, 2021. Maximum assistance through this program is \$1,500 per month for up to six months. Residents must have a household income that does not exceed 80% of the area median income. Residents who previously received housing assistance through Dallas County EHAP, may reapply for assistance through this program for up to the six month maximum time period.

The pre-screening application, frequently asked questions, and other information can be found at dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/ehap-2021.php.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is accepting pre-applications in English and Spanish online and via phone at (214) 819-1968, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Mayor Stephen Mason presents the Good Samaritan Award to Cedar Hill resident David Hawkins

GET TECH HELP AT THE ZULA B. WYLIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The pandemic has pushed many programs, services, and daily interactions online. For those that need help getting connected, the Zula B. Wylie Public Library (225 Cedar Street) has started a new program to provide basic technology assistance. Stop by on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. or sign up for an appointment at cedarhilltx.com/techhelp.



Cedar Hill EMS teams receive the coronavirus vaccine in January. Residents can register to be vaccinated with Dallas County at dallascounty.org/covid-19.



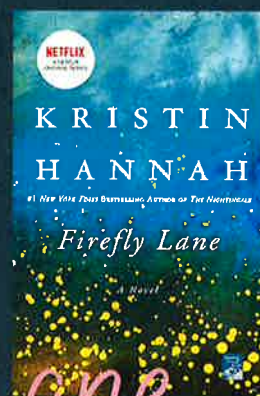
CHPD Sergeant Norman Hammel and Officer Roy Rodriguez deliver a bike to a Cedar Hill resident for Christmas.



THE WOMEN WHO READ *Book Club*



FEBRUARY
2021



Firefly Lane
by Kristin Hannah

*Join us in reading the book, then
watching the Netflix movie!*