



Achievement of Library Excellence Award Application 2021

Section 1

Provide services to underserved population either through outreach, special programs, collaborations with other libraries or organizations, special classes, special collections, etc.

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library has partnered with the Cedar Hill Senior Center multiple times this year, to serve the older members of our community. Due to Covid-19, we've been limited in how we serve face-to-face. In order to meet needs in a safe way, our library has been providing 1-on-1 Tech Tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the library, by appointment. This is a program designed to help older citizens become more familiar with technology and help them navigate computers, phones, and enable them to access online resources such as ebooks, and the online library catalog.

This year has been a year of transition, this summer the library opened back up fully and slowly began transitioning from all virtual programming, to a hybrid version. In order to fully serve the community, staff has done more programming off-site, such as weekly Storytime in the Park, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in a park, as well as, creating a new bilingual Little Free Library for families to access in a community park. This is one of many Little Free Libraries (but the first that is bilingual) we have in the community and all are with a partnership with our Cedar Hill Rotary Club!

The Library partnered with Cedar Hill Independent School District in May to celebrate back to school. The library gave away school supplies to over 600 students. The library also supported our local teachers by giving away care bags at the CHISD Teacher's Convocation.

Zula B. Wylie Library continues to serve parents/caregivers with early childhood development through Family Place Play Groups/Workshops and Virtual Programming. Family Place libraries create communities that play a critical role in the development of young children. This year, due to the continuation of Covid-19, virtual programming and/or hybrid storytimes have been used to help promote early development while keeping children safe. New backpacks and learning kits (that are checked out) have also been added to our collection for children to learn and develop at home.

Our library's partnership continued with AARP as we began the year providing free tax services for the community. AARP volunteers were at the library each week through May to provide come-and-go free tax service. All tax services were done by-appointment this year and done curbside. Over 240 people took advantage of these tax services.

Each year the library partners with Waste Management to provide Cedar Hill Seniors with two scholarships. This is a valued partnership that allows us to empower and support local teens. Another way the library partners to support teens in the community is being active in the Mayor's Teen Council each year. This program mentors approx. 25-30 juniors and seniors in learning leadership skills and the inner-workings of a city.



Zula B. Wylie Public Library in Cedar Hill, Texas is at Highlands South Neighborhood.



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Announcing our first Bilingual Little Free Library located at Highlands South Park (225 Cannady Dr.) 🇺🇸📖 This Little Free Library has a variety of bilingual books inside, ready for the community to start reading! Thank you Cedar Hill Rotary Club for partnering with us to steward yet another Little Free Library in Cedar Hill 🙌



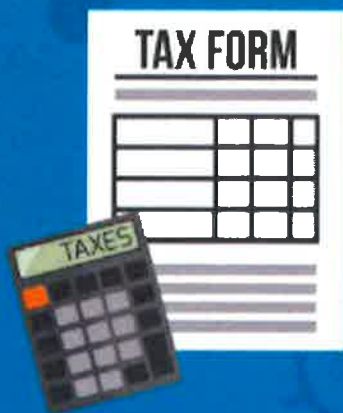


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AARP will be providing FREE curbside tax help for seniors beginning Tuesday, February 16 here at the library. Appointment required. Call 972-291-7323 ext. 1322 to sign up.



Curbside AARP TAX HELP

TUESDAYS, 11 AM-2 PM

@ Zula B. Wylie Public Library

Appointment **required**

CALL **972-291-7323 EXT. 1322** TO SIGN UP



Want to get more **tech savvy** in 2021?
Sign up for **one-on-one tech help** from library staff!

TUESDAYS FROM 2-4 PM

at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library

Bring any devices that you have questions about along with any relevant login information (ex. usernames and passwords) for any accounts related to your questions.

SIGN UP FOR A 20 MIN. TIME SLOT AT [CEDARHILLTX.COM/TECHHELP](https://cedarhilltx.com/techhelp)



*Please note that this program is meant to provide basic technology help – we are unable to assist with in-depth technology issues, hardware repairs, or specialized software instruction.