

# Kennedale Receives Library Excellence Award

The Kennedale Public Library is honored to have received the 2016 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the [Texas Municipal Library Directors Association](#). Only 43 of the 548 public libraries in Texas earned this award, which recognizes libraries for their commitment to service and the enrichment of the community they serve, demonstrated by:

SUMMER READING PROGRAM  
 FOCUS ON UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS  
 ENHANCED SERVICE OFFERINGS  
 ROBUST MARKETING MATERIALS  
 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

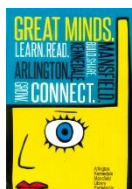
PROGRAMMING FOR ALL AGES  
 LITERACY SUPPORT  
 COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS  
 ONGOING STAFF TRAINING  
 LIBRARY WEB PRESENCE

In its ongoing efforts to reach all audiences, the Kennedale Library recently began offering [Hoopla](#), an app that allows cardholders to access more than 500,000 free CDs, movies, comic books, eBooks, TV shows, and audiobooks – all from your phone or tablet. Each cardholder can check out five titles per month, and there’s an optional kid-safe filter.

“Our number one priority is to better patrons’ lives through education and service,” said Library Director Amanda King. “We want the library to be a community hub that connects, educates, and empowers residents of all ages, and I think we’re achieving that.”

Weekly programs include Crochet Club (Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.), Babygarten (Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.) Storytime (Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.), LEGO® Club (Fridays at 4:00 p.m.), Family Movie Matinees (Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.), and Golden Reader’s Book Club (first Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center). Watch for “Sew Cute!” in May, and the **Mayor’s Summer Reading Club**, which kicks off Saturday, June 3, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center. View all upcoming dates at [www.cityofkennedale.com/cal](http://www.cityofkennedale.com/cal).

In addition to programs, the Kennedale Public Library circulated 20,288 items during 13,307 visits in 2016, and offered 129 programs to the community. More than 6,800 people currently have a Kennedale Public Library card. If you’re not one of them, please stop by the library at 316 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street with a photo I.D. and a second pre-printed proof of address (*e.g., utility bill or lease*). For more information, please call 817-985-2136 or visit [www.kennedalelibrary.org](http://www.kennedalelibrary.org).



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Kennedale Public Library partners with other local libraries to expand its offerings. Any Kennedale resident with a Kennedale Public Library consortium card can also check out items from any Arlington or Mansfield library. Or, if you’d prefer, we can request materials from those libraries and hold it for you at the circulation desk.

Visit [www.morelibrary.org/info/getting-started](http://www.morelibrary.org/info/getting-started) for more information.

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