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Dr. Carol Black Receives the Texas Library Association's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award

AUSTIN – Dr. Carol Black, retired librarian and president of the Lake Travis Community Library Board of Trustees, received the state's top honor for library service, the Texas Library Association (TLA) Lifetime Achievement Award. This award honors a librarian for extraordinary leadership and service over the course of an exemplary career.

Black has been an educator, librarian and active library supporter for more than 40 years. She spent many years teaching at the K-12 and graduate level, served as a librarian in public schools, and as dean of library services for Lamar University Port Arthur. An active Texas Library Association and American Library Association for the past four decades, Black served on and chaired many committees and contributed her talents and expertise to countless events, mentoring new librarians and members to help them succeed.

After her retirement, Black continued devoting her time, energy, and expertise to the service of libraries. She chaired the Lakeway City Library Committee which convened to investigate the possibility of having a city library. Thanks in large part to Black's leadership, the committee recommended that the city support a regional library and the Lake Travis Community Library District was approved by voters in 2004.

Since that time, Black served in various leadership positions in the district, currently as president. The Lake Travis Community Library District has grown to be a vibrant, active community hub. In addition to her work as district president, she volunteers at the library as a weekly book processor and assists with children's programs.

Black received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award medal and recognition on April 4, during the TLA Annual Conference in Dallas.

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About the Texas Library Association

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