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CANEY CITY LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES
\$10,000 Grant Will Help the Library Work with Residents with Disabilities

CANEY — CANEY CITY LIBRARY has been selected as one of 300 libraries to participate in round three of Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will help the library support the installation of two automatic door openers, one on the north entrance and one on the southeast entrance. “We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity,” said Library Director Jennifer Rosson. “It will help us improve our services to ensure this population feels welcome and comfortable in our space.”

As part of the grant, Caney City Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about making the library more easily accessible to all community members and about the use of the grant funds to install automatic door openers.

If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation, please contact Jennifer Rosson at 620-879-5341 or visit caneycitylibrary.org for more information.

Since 2014, ALA’s Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

“Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).”