



**Special Recognitions:**

- ⌘ Gail “Lil’ Boss” Morrow celebrated 20 years of library service on July 7—the longest tenure of any library staff member since the library opened in 1973. When Gail started as secretary in 2001, the library had cassette tapes for check out, a microfilm machine, and a pay phone on the wall. Gail is now responsible for adding all library materials to the card catalog, modifying existing records, overseeing inventory, and helping patrons with their educational, informational, and recreational needs.
- ⌘ The Texas State Library and Archives Commission awarded MPL accreditation status for meeting criteria in the areas of expenditures, collections, and other indicators on its 2020 Annual Report. As a result, the library will continue to have access to the statewide interlibrary loan program, grant initiatives, continuing education opportunities, and more. **(C)(F)(M)(S)(T)**

**Library Programs & Activities:**

- ⌘ Hosted an inaugural Homeschool Resource Fair so families could learn about available resources, services, and extracurricular opportunities in the area. Participating entities included Boy Scouts, Elena’s Music Studio, Girl Scouts, Hallsville Homeschool Co-op, Harrison County Historical Museum, Healthcare Express, HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-school Youngsters), Michelson Museum of Art, Starr Family Home Historic Site, Student HireAbility Navigation Program, Texas A&M Forestry Service, and Texas AgriLife Extension. **(S)**
- ⌘ Initiated opportunities for area agencies to present services and information to the community (i.e. ETBU nursing students offering free blood pressure checks at MPL, Harrison County Elections Office partnering with MPL for voter registration drive). **(F)(S)**



- ⌘ Donated dog and cat toys as well as blankets crafted by community members as part of the 2021 “Tails & Tales” summer reading program to the new animal shelter. **(M)(S)**
- ⌘ Hosted casting call for 80+ individuals auditioning for a movie to be filmed at Caddo Lake in October and produced by M. Knight Shyamalan. **(F)(S)**
- ⌘ Received reimbursement award of \$2,124.20 for 260 interlibrary loan requests made on behalf of MPL patrons to other Texas public libraries between August 2020-July 2021. Accreditation allows MPL participation in this reciprocal program. **(C)(S)**
- ⌘ Awarded \$6,972 through the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program to purchase 20 hotspots. ECF is an authorized program by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which provides reimbursement for remote internet access expenses to qualifying, accredited public libraries. Marshall Public Library currently offers 10 hotspots for checkout with a current list of 17 individuals waiting for a device. **(S)(T)**

Strategic Plan areas addressed:  
**Collection; Facility; Marketing/Public Relations/Advocacy; Service; Technology**