# Memorandum of Understanding

#### Between

### **Texas State Library and Archives Commission**

#### And

# The City of Grand Prairie Library System (Library)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) and the Grand Prairie Library (Library), a participant in the Texas State Library and Archives Commission Family Place Libraries Project. This Project is made possible partially by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (2015).

# **Background**

The Family Place Libraries Training Institute provides theoretical grounding and practical training in family-centered library services. By expanding the traditional role of children's services, the Family Place Libraries Project helps Project participants build on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development. The Family Place Libraries Project provides training and resources to help participants redesign their library environment to: be more welcoming and appropriate for children beginning at birth; connect parents with the resources, programs and services offered at the library and other family service agencies; and, connect with non-traditional library users. The Project participants will be able to create the network families need to nurture their children's development during the critical first years of life, and help ensure the children have access to resources that will allow them to enter school ready and able to learn.

# Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission funded the registration fees for two staff members from Grand Prairie Library (Library) to attend the Family Place Libraries training on May 18-21, 2015 at the Middle Country Public Library in Centereach, New York. The on-site training provides information and guidelines for establishing a specially-designed, welcoming space and learning environment within the children's area of the Library for young children and their caregivers. As a participant in the TSLAC-sponsored Family Place Libraries Project, TSLAC agrees to provide Grand Prairie Library (Library) a state-funded sub-grant in the amount of \$6,000 in order to establish a family space and learning environment in the children's area of the Library, as specified in the Family Place Libraries Project training. These grant funds may ONLY be used to purchase items for use specifically in the Family Place-designated space and learning environment. The Library may not use any of the grant funds for indirect costs.

The Library must expend all funds granted under this MOU in compliance with the standard State of Texas terms and conditions and according to guidelines provided by the Family Place Libraries Project.

### **Timeline**

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission will advance \$6,000 to the Grand Prairie Library (Library) upon receipt of a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU must be executed by an official of the library's governing authority authorized to enter into this agreement.

Aug. 15, 2015 - The Library must have all grant funds encumbered

**Sept. 30, 2015** – The Library must submit all Financial Forms to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; documentation must include a listing of all items purchased and amounts paid for each item. The Library must attach copies of all paid invoices for all items purchased under the Project.

October 15, 2015 – The Library must return all unexpended funds or funds used for unallowable items to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission

# Authorized Signatures for Execution of Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon TSLAC's receipt of the executed document. The MOU is hereby executed by the below authorized official from the City of Grand Prairie. The MOU will remain in effect until all conditions outlined above have been met, unless modified or terminated earlier by mutual consent. This MOU may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the city of Grand Prairie.

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Authorized Signatures:

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Name: Title:

Library Governing Authority:

Signature:

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