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Spring Hill Children’s Librarian Marsha Gallardo receives Tennessee Library Association award

SPRING HILL, Tenn. – The City of Spring Hill is proud to announce that Marsha Gallardo, the Spring Hill Public Library’s Children’s Librarian since 2006, has been awarded the 2018 Daniel Taylor Memorial Award by the Tennessee Library Association (TLA).

The TLA’s narrative for Mrs. Gallardo’s award presentation reads:

“Always interested in the arts, Marsha consistently thinks ‘outside the box’ when incorporating fun learning activities into her story times and children’s programs. With a focus on education and early literacy practices, she especially loves helping young patrons find the perfect reading choices to foster their love of reading.”

Marsha has presented at in-services for staff around middle Tennessee; she has presented several times at TLA conferences; and was previously a writer for Strang Communications’ various magazine publications, now known as Charisma Media. She was the ghostwriter of the 1996 book, *Happy Days: And Dark Nights*, a story by Jerry and Susanne McClain. She was an active board member in the Spring Hill Arts Center, and a volunteer and teacher at Exploration Station in Franklin, which led to starting her own program in Spring Hill, called Play Art Studio.



Marsha Gallardo

“It’s a privilege to be a part of so many families’ lives during some of their most formative and important years,” Mrs. Gallardo said. “Children thrive when they feel understood and they learn best by doing, and it helps if it’s a little silly or slightly outrageous. So with those criteria in mind I love coming up with fun experiences for them to enjoy together. I have a special job and I’m grateful every day for the privilege of serving the Spring Hill community.”

Mrs. Gallardo officially accepted the award earlier this month at the Children and Young Adults Luncheon of the annual TLA Conference in Memphis.

“Marsha is an incredible asset to the library and the community,” said Assistant Director of Spring Hill Public Library Dana Juriew. “She is a gifted storyteller and musician, making her story times seamlessly educational and enjoyable for all ages. Her original programming is emulated by many other libraries throughout the state. We are quite lucky to have her at the Spring Hill Public Library!”