



### **Wayne Williams Project of the Year Award**

The Texas Library Association Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award recognizes a project that showcases the highest levels of achievement, professional standards; and provides inspiration to other libraries. A cash award is given in memory of long-time bookseller, Wayne Williams. HEB Reads Think Tank was honored on Tuesday, April 16 at the Texas Library Association Conference. The Think Tank is a mobile STEM van that was purchased with a grant and is shared by all four entities.

The Think Tank increased the visibility of all the libraries in the community and elevated our brand to include not only literacy, but also as STEM experts. Thirty-five library professionals received training on Cubelets, LittleBits, Ozobots and Rockenboks so that they could teach children about robotics, coding, and circuitry. As a result of this exposure they gained confidence in their ability to tackle new STEM resources and incorporate it into the library and classroom.

The Think Tank reached over 13,262 people who attended various events throughout the year. The Think Tank visited 13 elementary schools and 2 junior highs. Additionally, the Think Tank STEM resources were used at the HEB ISD Showcase and the HEB Reads! Summer Reading Club Kickoff Event.