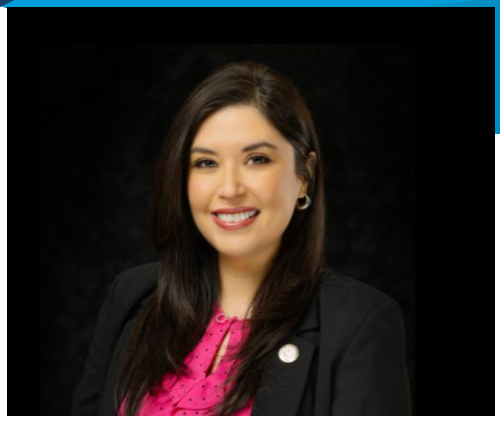
TLA

# EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE INFO

NAME: Alexandra Cornejo
POSITION: ALA Councilor



## Work Experience

**Library Media Specialist and Lead Librarian,** Harlingen School of Health Profession, 2016 to Present

## Current TLA Commitments and Positions

Young Adult Round Table, Past Chair, 2026-2027

## Previous Board or Volunteer Leadership Experience

Texas Library Association, Young Adult Round Table, Chair-Elect/Chair, 2024-2026
Texas Library Association, Public Relations & Marketing Committee, Chair, 2022-2023
Texas Association of School Librarians, Legislative Committee, Chair, 2022-2023
Texas Library Association, Public Relations & Marketing Committee, Member, 2020-2023
Texas Association of School Librarians, Legislative Committee, Member, 2020-2023
American Association of School Librarians, Practice Committee, Co-Chair, 2024-2025
Harlingen Public Library, Board Member Liaison, 2021 to Present
Texas Library Association, Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List, Member, 2019-2021

## Statement of Concern

Libraries are facing unprecedented challenges to intellectual freedom, shrinking budgets, and the professional autonomy of library workers\. In Texas, legislation, book challenges, and budgetary constraints have created barriers to serving our communities and, in some cases, have contributed to isolation among library professionals\. TLA and ALA must remain strong, unified voices for intellectual freedom while advocating for sustainable library funding and equipping librarians with practical resources, professional learning, advocacy tools, and networks of support\. We must also communicate more effectively with policymakers and the public about the essential role libraries play in education, democracy, and informed communities\. Most importantly, our associations must ensure that librarians from every type of library and every community have a substantive voice in shaping our profession’s future.