



District 3 Secretary Candidate Information

Name: Sabrina Hyden

Candidate Position: Secretary

Education

- Master of Library Science Texas Woman's University 2010
- Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies Texas State University 2004

Work Experience

- Leander High School Librarian 2022-present
- Goshen Intermediate School Teacher-Librarian 2021-2022
- Northridge High School Teacher 2018-2021
- Leander High School Librarian 2014-2018
- Leander Middle School Librarian 2010-2014
- Leander Middle School Teacher 2009-2010
- Martin Middle School Teacher 2005-2009
- Del Crest Jr High Teacher 2004-2005

Other Professional Association Memberships

- ALA member 2024-present
- AASL member 2024-present
- IFRT member 2024- present
- LRRT member 2024-present
- TCEA member 2014-2018, 2022-present

Honors, Awards, Prizes, Medals

Professional Presentations:

- ASCD October 2015 Laptop, Students, and Teacher OH MY! The story of a successful 1:1 High School Initiative
- TCEA February 2016 Library Re-Design
- TCEA February 2016 Students as Leaders: Launching Student Tech Teams in the Library

TLA Activities

- TLA District 3 Unit Member 2011-2018, 2022-present

- TASL Unit Member 2011-2018, 2022-present
- YART Unit Member 2022- present

Statement of Concern:

As a member of TLA for 10+ years, I have had limited time to actively give back to the wider, at-large library community. With our ever-changing society and recent attacks on Intellectual Freedom, I can no longer de-prioritize volunteering and giving back to my professional organization that actively promotes, encourages and supports my fellow library professionals. My primary concern is the safeguarding of intellectual freedom—a cornerstone of democracy and the bedrock of our libraries. Libraries are vital spaces where individuals of all ages and backgrounds can explore diverse ideas, seek knowledge, and engage in meaningful dialogue. Recent attacks on intellectual freedom, including efforts to censor books, limit access to information, and undermine our professional expertise in collection development, threaten the integrity of our libraries and the rights of members in our communities. These actions risk silencing marginalized voices and curbing the open exchange of ideas, both of which are essential to an informed and equitable society. I believe that our libraries must remain inclusive spaces that empower individuals to think critically and engage with the world around them. I am dedicated to ensuring that intellectual freedom remains at the heart of our mission as a library leader in Texas. Serving in this role as secretary will offer the opportunity to connect with other librarians, to serve and give back to TLA.