

District 10- Secretary Candidates

Andrea Colwell

Keeping and recruiting individuals to become librarians is vital at this time in our society. It is important that parents and the community understand the role of the librarian today. Librarianship is important for all individuals, whether those are young children, teens, or adults. These professionals serve all and our a resource for all.

Book challenges are also a concern at this time. Librarians need the continued support from the Texas Library Association when it comes to reading. Intellectual freedom is freedom for all to read and needs to be treated as such. Librarians continue to the work to have materials available for all, no matter their beliefs. This will continue to be a fight for all librarians.

Valerie Darling

Book banning is an essential and critical issue that TLA and libraries nationwide should be concerned about. Beyond assisting librarians who are put into positions of banning books, we need to do better about explaining to people that censorship is counterintuitive and that librarians are professions in the field.