

TLA DISTRICT 9

FALL MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10
9 AM - 3:30 PM

ODESSA COLLEGE | 201 W UNIVERSITY BLVD, | ODESSA, TX
WOOD HEALTH AND SCIENCE BUILDING | 211 LECTURE HALL

9 AM	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST	
9:30 AM	OPENING REMARKS	Updates from TLA President and TLA Staff
10AM	SESSION 1	Using AI Ethically and Safely: What Libraries and Communities Need to Know
10:45 AM	VENDOR BREAK & NETWORKING	
10:55 AM	SESSION 2	Full STEAM Ahead: How we did our STEAM Camp and how you can do it too!
11:40 AM	LUNCH/NETWORKING/BUSINESS MEETING	
12:30 PM	SESSION 3	Outreach to Global Communities: Fulbright Opportunities for Librarians
1:15 PM	SESSION 4A	Beyond Books: Growing Community Through Seed Libraries
1:45 PM	SESSION 4B	Health Mis- and Disinformation: What Are District 9 Library Staff To Do?

2:15 PM

CLOSING KEYNOTE

Presented by
Dr. Clark Moreland

3:15 PM

CLOSING REMARKS & DOORPRIZE DRAWING

Must be present to win
doorprize.

Full STEAM Ahead: How we did our STEAM Camp and how you can do it too!: In this session we'll go over how we have been doing our summer STEAM camp, the ups, the downs, and how you can easily adapt what we've done to your library. You'll get the how's, the why's, and everything in between including budget information and opportunities to grow!

Outreach to Global Communities: Fulbright Opportunities for Librarians: Library science as a critical field, drives research, education and outreach in local and global communities thus enhancing knowledge sharing. Through the Fulbright Scholar, Fulbright Specialist or Fulbright International Education Administrators programs, librarians can lead international outreach, share technical expertise, and build lasting cross-cultural networks. However, few professionals participate due to lack of awareness. This session, through the lens of my personal experience, advocates for increasing librarian engagement in these vital global exchange opportunities.

Beyond Books: Growing Community Through Seed Libraries: Explore West Texas seed library examples and the community partners that help make them work. This session highlights flexible models, educational opportunities, and practical ideas libraries can adapt, with space for attendees to share their own seed library experiences.

Health Mis- and Disinformation: What Are District 9 Library Staff To Do?: Health misinformation and disinformation are increasingly common through social media, news, and online searches. For libraries, especially in West Texas, this can create challenges when patrons seek reliable health information.



Clark Moreland, lecturer of English and director of the Heimmermann Center for Engaged Teaching, joined the faculty of The University of Texas Permian Basin in 2009. He founded the Heimmermann Center in 2020, which promotes the use of active, student-centered teaching strategies throughout West Texas. A member of the UT System Faculty Developers Team, Moreland's research is centered on expanding access and belonging in emerging learning environments. His passion for teaching, mentoring, and student success has earned Moreland a number of awards, including the UT System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award in 2014 and the Jim Olson Award in 2020, which recognizes a faculty member who represents the mission and values of UT Permian Basin.