EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE INFO

NAME: Erica Richardson

POSITION: Representative-at-Large
(Public Libraries)



Work Experience

Executive Director, Benbrook Library District, 2014 to present
Reference Librarian, Grapevine Public Library, 2008- 2014
Market Research Specialist, DFW International Airport, 2007-2010
Acquisitions Specialist, University of Texas at Dallas, 2004-2007
Student Worker in Acquisitions, TTUHSC, 2022-2024

Current TLA Commitments and Positions

Public Libraries Division, Councilor, 2026-2028

Previous Board or Volunteer Leadership Experience

Public Libraries Division, Councilor-Alternate, 2025-2026
2025 Conference Planning Committee, Co-Chair 202
Public Libraries Division, Incoming, Chair (two years), Past Chair, 2021-2024
District Leadership Caucus, Chair 2018-2022
Public Libraries Division, CPC Liaison, 2021-2022
Programing for Adults Round Table, ProCo Liaison, 2019-2020
Class of 2018 TALL Texan
Conference Program Committee, Member, 2018-2020
District 7, Incoming, Chair, Past Chair 2016-2019
Programing for Adults Round Table, Incoming, Chair, Past Chair, 2013-2016

Statement of Concern

I would not be where I am without the programming, network, and solid foundation that TLA has given me throughout my career. TLA provides professional development opportunities to build stronger librarians, gives support when we are worn out, and provides a path to remind us of why we became a librarian. Working in a library today is tough. We are asked to do even more with less funding. We are constantly under threats and legislative challenges. Our patrons need more from us and it is exhausting! But we are not alone. Together, we can learn how to shout our successes loudly and proudly. I will always be a cheerleader for librarians and for the organization that supports us in whatever the challenging future may hold.