



TASL Candidate Information

Name: Jillian Pratt

Candidate Position: Chair-Elect, TASL

- Degree, Master of Library Science
 - Institution, Texas Woman's University
 - Start Year: 2021 - End Year: 2022
- Degree, Master of Instructional Technology
 - Institution, Texas State University
 - Start Year: 2009 - End Year: 2011
- Degree, Bachelor of Education
 - Institution, Texas State University
 - Start Year: 2004 - End Year: 2008

Work Experience

- Title, Director of Digital Learning and Library Services
 - Institution, Comal ISD
 - Start Date: 02/12/2024 – Present
- Title, High School Librarian
 - Institution, Comal ISD
 - Start Date: 07/17/2023 – 02/09/2024
- Title, Elementary Librarian
 - Institution, SCUC ISD
 - Start Date: 07/29/2019 – 06/02/2023
- Title, Elementary Teacher
 - Institution, SCUC ISD
 - Start Date: 10/11/2010 – 07/26/2019

TLA Activities

- TASL, Webmaster
 - Dates: 2024 - 2025
- TASL, Social Media Chair
 - Dates: 2023 - 2024
- TASL, Social Media Co-Chair/Member
 - Dates: 2022 - 2023

Honors (Awards, Prizes, Medals, etc.)

- SCUC Librarian of the Year, 2020

Statement of Concern:

Libraries often struggle with limited budgets, impacting staffing, programs, and acquisitions. Advocacy for increased state and local funding is essential. Additionally, book bans and censorship threaten intellectual freedom; libraries must defend their roles as neutral information providers. Digital divides, particularly in rural areas, hinder access to technology and information. Expanding broadband and offering tech literacy programs can help bridge this gap. Collaboration between the Texas Library Association, local governments, and communities is crucial to addressing these issues and ensuring libraries remain vital resources for all.