

H-E-B June Checkstand Donation Campaign Wrap-Up



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H-E-B customers donated \$375,000 to the Summer at the Library check stand donation campaign benefitting summer programming at Texas libraries. We appreciate everyone who contributed and are excited about the impact this will have!

Executive Board Candidate Applications Open Through July 24

The TLA Nominating Committee is seeking online applications for the 2025 Executive Board election.

For the 2025 TLA Executive Board election cycle, the Nominating Committee will recommend four (4) candidates (two for each open position) to the current Executive Board to stand for election by the membership in 2025.

- President-Elect (School Library), 1 year term, automatic progression to TLA President
- Representative at Large (School Library), 3-year term

Candidacy is open to any TLA member in good standing (current 2024 membership) who resides in Texas.

Please review the [Candidate Selection Criteria](#) and apply by completing the [online form](#) by July 24.

TLA at ALA

TLA hosted a reception for Texas librarians attending the ALA Conference in San Diego. It was a beautiful evening to connect with friends. Special thanks to H-E-B Read 3 for sponsoring the event!

Pictured: Linda Claytor, daughter of Jerre Heatherington, TLA's Executive Director from 1954-1983, and Lorlene Roy, Distinguished Leadership Service Professor Emerita

from the UT School of Information, caught up at ALA.



BCRT Award Extension

The BCRT/Ashley Bryan Award Committee has extended submissions for the Ashley Bryan Award nominations through July 26. Please nominate an author and provide justification for your nomination. For more information on the Award Criteria and to nominate an author, visit the [BCRT webpage](#).

Disaster Relief Fund

If your library has been damaged by Hurricane Beryl, you can apply for grants between \$1,500 and \$5,000. Grants can be used for technology, facility repair, collections, furnishings, or other needs related to storm damage. Academic, public, school, and special libraries are eligible to receive assistance. [Apply for a Disaster Relief Grant here](#).

To support Texas libraries impacted by natural disasters, [donate here](#). We wish all of our members affected by the storm a quick recovery.

Congratulations TALL Texans Class of 2024!

Congratulations to the TALL Texans Class of 2024! The Class of 2024 was selected from a pool of dynamic Texas library leaders to study leadership principles and practices this November in Austin, Texas. Learn more about the newest TALL Texans class [here](#).

Customer Service Education Program

TLA is proud to present a comprehensive four-part series designed to enhance the customer service skills of frontline library staff. This virtual series, "Frontline Fundamentals: Enhancing Customer Service Skills," will occur in October. It aims to equip library workers with essential skills to serve their communities and thrive in their roles effectively. Learn more and register [here](#).

Martha Wong Scholarship presented by the Texas Library and Archives Foundation

The [Texas Library and Archives Foundation](#) has announced the [Martha Wong Scholarship](#). This new \$2,000 award encourages Texans to pursue a degree from a Texas library/information science graduate program or school librarian certification program. Dr. Martha Wong, Chair of TSLAC, generously funded this scholarship.

Applications must be submitted to the Foundation via email by midnight on August 24, 2024.



All upcoming district meeting dates are now available! The annual fall meetings allow local librarians, paraprofessionals, and trustees from all types of libraries to meet, network, and set a foundation for collaborative efforts. Registration for all District Meetings will open August 1st.

District meeting dates and locations are posted [here](#).



TCAL 2024 Annual Conference

September 15 – 17, 2024

Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe, Texas.

Register for the [TCAL 2024 Annual Conference!](#) Join deans and directors from public and private universities and community and junior colleges across Texas for two days of education and networking. The registration deadline is September 5th, early bird pricing ends July 19th.

Invite a Colleague to Join TLA!

Do you know someone who would thrive in the TLA community and benefit from our resources? Invite your colleagues to join TLA and share this offer code TLASUMMER2024 for 10% off their 2024 TLA membership. [Join here](#).

The 10% discount offer is valid for 2024 TLA membership only and for joining online only—this promotion is from 5/20/24 to 9/15/24. The offer is not valid for ALA/TLA Joint Student memberships or TCAL memberships.

Upcoming Events

LAUNCH

July 27-29, 2024

Lone Star Court in the Domain, Austin

LAUNCH is a TLA leadership program designed for library professionals with less than five years of experience. This year, LAUNCH will be held in person in Austin. In this course, you will learn and expand leadership skills through group work, self-directed learning, and internal reflection. Reserve your hotel by July 10. The registration deadline is July 25th.

[Register here](#).

Webinars:

Making the Switch: Transitioning to Academic Libraries

July 30, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.

With changes happening in Texas school libraries, K-12 librarians may be considering opportunities in academic libraries for increased job security, advancement options, and renewed passion for library service. At this webinar, four former school librarians will share how they made the move, what to expect during your search, and tips and tricks to landing your first position as an academic librarian and renewing your passion for the profession.

\$20 for members, \$30 for non-members.

[Register here](#)

Meeting Them Where They Are: Leaning into Community-Driven Programming August 13, 2024 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

This session will encourage a shift in perspective when it comes to community engagement, by considering what your unique service population actually wants versus what you think they need and utilizing resources like the American Community Survey and equity atlases.

Free for members, \$25 for non-members.

[Register here](#)

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