TLA 2024-2025 Election Results
The Texas Library Association is pleased to announce the results of our 2024-2025 elections. These individuals will take office at the close of the 2024 TLA Annual Conference in April in San Antonio. Thank you to everyone that ran for office, and to all members that voted.

TLA Executive Board
- President-Elect: Valerie Prilop, Senior Librarian, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Representative-at-Large, Academic: Cynthia Rodriguez, Director of Library Services, Laredo College
- Representative-at-Large, Public: Israel Favela, Collection Development & Cataloging Manager, Houston Public Library
- ALA Councillor: Monica Babaian, Librarian, Fort Bend ISD

TLA Unit Election Results
The following units had contested offices and chose to participate in the TLA 2024-2025 online elections.
- Children’s Round Table Chair-Elect: Adriana White, South San Antonio ISD
- College and University Libraries Division Chair-Elect, Kelly Hoppe, West Texas A&M University
- District 8 Web Administrator: Rebecca Guren, Katy ISD
- Public Libraries Division Chair-Elect: Rachel Reeves, Denton Public Library
- TALL Texans Round Table Secretary/Treasurer: Kim Herrington, Pearland ISD
- Texas Association of School Librarians Chair-Elect: Katherine Harrison, El Paso ISD
- Texas Association of School Librarians Secretary/Treasurer: Amanda Trowbridge, Keller ISD

TALL Texans 2024 Accepting Applications
The TALL Texans program has been revitalized for 2024 and will be held in person over the course of three days November 21-23 at a new location, the Sheraton Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center, north of Austin, Texas. You must have at least five years of library experience, MLS is not required. Learn more and apply today!

Tejas Star Reading List Released
This carefully curated list of Spanish and bilingual titles is designed to encourage children ages 5 to 12 to explore Spanish, bilingual, and multicultural books to discover the cognitive and economic benefits of bilingualism and multilingualism. The Tejas
Star Reading List is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Check out the 2024-2025 Tejas Star list.

Texas Bluebonnet Award Winner
The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale, written and illustrated by Charly Palmer is the 2024 Texas Bluebonnet Award winner. More than 63,000 students in third through sixth grade voted. Students had to read at least five books from the 2023-2024 Texas Bluebonnet Award list to vote. The winner will be celebrated at the TLA 2024 Conference in San Antonio, Thursday, April 18. Watch the announcement!

Texas Book Festival Grant Applications Due April 26
Texas public libraries are invited to apply for a $2,500 grant to enhance their digital or physical collections. This funding enables libraries to share the diversity and breadth of literature with their entire communities. Funding for the grants comes from book sales during Texas Book Festival weekend and from support from generous donors. Learn more and apply.

TLA Annual Conference Deadline
- March 25: Deadline to book hotel
- April 1: Registration rates increase
- April 5: Deadline to purchase ticketed events

TLA Officer Governance Training and Workshop
Training, resources, and networking for TLA district, division, round table, and committee officers.
July 10 – 12, Austin, Texas
Learn more

LAUNCH
Leadership program for those with five years or less of library experience.
July 27 – 29, Austin, Texas
Learn more

Names in the News
Linda Shaw, director of library services for the City of Celina passed away March 6.
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Questions about Annual Conference? Please email questions or visit the TLA website.

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