



TASL Candidate Information

Name: Melissa Silerio

Candidate Position: Councilor, TASL

- Degree, Master of Library Science
 - Institution, Sam Houston State University
 - Start Year: 2016 - End Year: 2019
- Degree, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
 - Institution, University of Texas at El Paso
 - Start Year: 2006 - End Year: 2009

Work Experience

- Title, Librarian
 - Institution, James Coble Middle School
 - Start Date: 06/15/2022 – Present
- Title, Librarian
 - Institution, Danny Jones Middle School
 - Start Date: 09/24/2019 – 06/15/2022
- Title, Teacher
 - Institution, Danny Jones Middle School
 - Start Date: 07/31/2010 – 09/24/2019

TLA Activities

- TASL, Social Media Committee Co-Chair
 - Dates: 2023 – Present
- Young Adult Round Table, Lone Star Reading List Committee
 - Dates: 2022 – Present
- TASL, Media Virtual Presence Award Chair
 - Dates: 2022 - 2023
- TASL, Media Virtual Presence Award Committee
 - Dates: 2021 – 2022

Other Professional Association Membership Information

North Texas Teen Book Festival Steering Committee (2022 – Present)

Statement of Concern:

As the role of Texas school librarians continues to evolve in response to technological advancements, changing educational needs, and societal shifts, TASL must adapt to meet these challenges and opportunities. By focusing on professional development, advocacy, and collaboration, TASL can empower school librarians to meet the changing needs of students and educators. One way to address this issue is for TASL to create a mentorship program that pairs experienced school librarians with newer

or less experienced colleagues. This program can provide valuable guidance, support, and opportunities for professional growth, helping to ensure that school librarians are well-equipped to navigate the evolving landscape of the profession.