



District 8 Secretary Candidate Information

Name: Misty Schattle

Candidate Position: Secretary, District 8

Work Experience

- Title, Assistant Professor/Research & Instruction Librarian
 - Institution, Sam Houston State University

TLA Activities

- Texas Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List Committee, 20218
- Christina B. Woll Grant Committee, 2020- 2023

Publications and Presentations

- Webinar Panelist, [Building Success Skills: A Solid Foundation for All](#), presented by School Library Journal.
- Tapping Into Your School's Greatest Resource - Presentation at Aldine ISD's TCCA Conference (October 2019)
- Beyond Brick and Mortar: School Libraries on Demand - Presentation at Aldine ISD's TCCA Conference (October 2020)
- [Safe Haven: School Libraries Supporting Students' Mental Health](#) - Presentation at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference (April 2023).
- [The Influence of Book Censorship on the Role of School Librarians](#) – Poster presentation at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference (April 2024).
- Take Me to Your Reader: Artificial Intelligence in School Library Instruction - Presentation at Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) Summit (October 2024)
- Voices in the Library: The Influence of Book Censorship on the Role of School Librarians - Presentation at the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration Annual Conference (October 2024).
- I completed a doctorate in educational leadership in December 2023 and wrote my dissertation on the influence of book censorship on the role of school librarians. I have recently submitted an article about the study to a journal for peer review.

Statement of Concern:

The library community has experienced many trials within recent history making the work we do increasingly more difficult and necessary. Attempts to censor books and programs across libraries has impacted library workers, communities, and society. Additionally, political polarization has caused fractures within communities and eroded trust. We, as library professionals, need to come together and work to support one another as we are strengthened through our ties. Opportunities

for meet-ups, whether virtually or in-person, provide safe spaces for us to learn of each other's struggles and develop plans for support.