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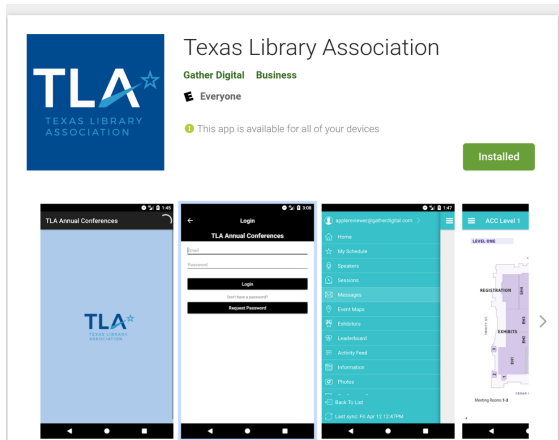
Newsletter Committee: Latasha Patterson, Editor 2021; Lisa Ramirez, Editor 2022;
Maggie Hernandez, Chair 2021; Jenni Jacobs, Chair 2022; Christy Reynolds, TLA Membership Coordinator



TLA Annual Conference 2022 NMRT Programs

NMRT sponsors four sessions at the conference, aiming to help new TLA members and new conference attendees create the best experience of their TLA membership and conference.

- [First Conference Jitters?](#) **12:15 PM - 1:15 PM, Monday, April 25, @ Lvl 1, 104** - Experienced TLA Annual Conference attendees will help you relax and share the tips and tricks for all programs of the conference.
- [Guided Tour to the Exhibit Hall \(ticketed\)](#), **2:45 PM - 3:45 PM, Monday, April 25, @ Lvl 1, Exhibit Hall** - NMRT officers and NMRT Professional Development Stipend recipients will showcase the Exhibit Hall regarding the sessions, author signatures, free giveaways, and more.
- [TLA Membership 101](#), **3 PM - 4 PM, Tuesday, April 26, @ Lvl 1, 106** - TLA President 2021, President-elect 2021, TLA Membership Coordinator, and NMRT Chair 2021 will share all you need to maximize the value of your TLA membership.
- [NMRT Social at Little Red Wasp, Event 1](#) - **4:30 PM - 5:25 PM, Tuesday, April 26; Event 2 - 5:30 PM - 6:25 PM, Tuesday, April 26 @ 808 Main Street** Come join one of our Social Events to hangout with fellow attendees. Catch an inspiration or become one.



The TLA Annual Conference app is available for download

- Search for **Texas Library Association** in **Google Play** or the **Apple App Store**.
- You can also access the app at **<https://tla.gatherdigital.com/apps/2669/login>**
 - The app, which is updated constantly, includes the latest information on speakers, exhibitors, programs and more. It is the **best source** for the most current information on the TLA conference.
 - To login, use the email and password credentials you use to login to the TLA members-only website.
 - If you aren't a TLA member, use the email and

password you created when you registered for the conference.

- **Be sure to enable push notifications so you receive special messages during the conference.**
- Click the three - line **menu**, you may find a long list of helpful buttons to navigate, to search, save and connect. If you choose to access via the **link**, those buttons are on the top, click more for the list.



Wondering what the "Hidden Gems" are at the TLA Conference?

Dan Burgard, TLA President, and Stacy Cameron & Curren McLane, co-chairs of the Conference Program Committee, are here to guide you! Listen to the **[podcast](#)** and discover them.



Late Registration Rate for TLA conference 2022 will take effect from April 1 - April 21

- On-site registrations will not be accepted on site due to health and safety concerns.
- **[Register now online or by mail](#)**. Registrations submitted by **mail** must be postmarked by **April 1**.
- Online registration ends on **April 21**.

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be provided throughout the convention center.

Any questions regarding the TLA Conference? Check out [the FAQ](#).

Want to take a sneak peek of what's in the Exhibit Hall?

Explore this [Map](#) (zoom, 3D or layout) to discover the author signing areas, concessions, Innovative Lab, charge stations, plus the booths of exhibitors, sponsors, scheduled or ticketed demos, workshops and meal events as well as store, meeting places, registration, and service area.



Conference CrowdPass Verify

Every attendee, exhibitor, speaker, author, volunteer, and TLA staff member is required to provide either proof of full* vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 test (administered within 72 hours of attendance) to the [CrowdPass system](#) in order to attend the TLA 2022 Annual Conference. *a person is considered fully vaccinated greater than or equal to 2 weeks after completion of a two-dose mRNA series (Pfizer, Moderna) or single dose of Janssen (also known as Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. [Please refer to CrowdPass FAQ for answers.](#)

Congratulations to the Winners of the [NMRT Professional Development Stipend](#)



Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Mr. Harry Chan and his [MediaFlex Inc.](#) (TLA Exhibit booth # 1025), the provider of **OP**en-source **A**utomated **L**ibrary **S**ystem ([OPALS](#)). Thank you for sponsoring New Members Round Table with \$2,500 to support 5 new TLA members to attend TLA Annual Conference 2022. The following winners have simply completed the application and met the requirements. They will receive up to \$500 reimbursement on their conference expenses. *Congratulations go to:*

- Jenni Jacobs, STEM Librarian at Texas Tech University
- Erin Jewell, Adult Reference Supervisor for McAllen Public Library
- Sara Seeley, School librarian at LISD
- Sarah Camacho, Social Marketing librarian at Castroville Public Library
- Cayton Chang, Library Assistant at Castroville Public Library

Congrats: NMRT Officers 2022

- Past Chair: Maggie Hernandez
- Chair: Jenni Jacobs
- Secretary/Treasurer: Melissa Deuber
- Web Administrator: Mirko Hanke
- Newsletter Editor: Lisa Ramirez
- Councilor: Kaitlyn Carpenter
- Councilor Alternate: Erin Jewell

Thank you: NMRT Officers 2021

- Past Chair: Maren Metzner
- Chair: Maggie Hernandez
- Secretary/Treasurer: Morgan Briles
- Web Administrator: Linta Kunnathuparambil
- Newsletter Editor: Latasha Pattersen
- Councilor: Maggie Hernandez

One Year Later: Reflection of Volunteering at NMRT



"In the [July 2021 NMRT newsletter](#), I shared a desire to develop leadership skills, network, and learn more about librarianship. I can honestly say I have learned so much during the last nine months. As newsletter editor, I've learned how to design and format text appealingly. I've also learned to take constructive criticism and work as a team with other NMRT officers. I owe much of my professional growth to NMRT Chair Maggie Hernandez; her leadership, vision, and tenacity created a welcoming and engaging experience. They were the engine behind my evolution. The skills I've gained as an officer will guide me as I progress toward completing my library science degree and pursuing a position in

cataloging/technical services. My time with NMRT will serve me well for the rest of my career in librarianship and beyond. A huge thank you to all the officers of NMRT!"- **NMRT Newsletter Editor 2021, MC at TLA Membership 101, Convenor for NMRT Social at Little Red Wasp: Latasha Patterson**

"I have learned through my time volunteering at NMRT that leadership has many different styles and you can learn new leadership skills through experience." - **NMRT Secretary/treasurer 2018, Chair Elect, 2019, Chair 2020, Past Chair 2021, Convenor for Guided Tour to Exhibit Hall: Maren Metzner**



"In June 2021, I was just like a brand new kid at the first day of school @ TLA when I accepted the appointment by TLA President Daniel Burgard to be the Chair of NMRT to "recover, rebalance and reconnect" the New Members Round Table, skipping a year as the Chair Elect. Reflecting over these past 9 months, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for all the blessings He has brought me through my active involvement in TLA. You will discover more from my article titled [Spreading Your Professional Wings](#) which will be published soon in Texas Library Journal Spring 2022.

- I want to thank our NMRT Executive Board Liaison Renee Newry for being such a wonderful coach and mentor to me.
- I am grateful for the opportunity to work closely with the amazing TLA Membership Coordinator Christy Reynolds, who has been patiently answering so many questions of mine, collaborating in our joint effort to promote TLA both through NMRT monthly newsletters and conferences, and being our gatekeeper to make sure what we do is aligned with TLA standards and policy.
- I would like to thank all NMRT officers of 2021 who actively participated in so many meetings during the summer and our monthly meetings throughout the year. Thanks to the new NMRT officers of 2022 for saying YES and jumping right in to learn and contribute. What a journey we embarked together to fulfill the [mission of New Members Round Table](#).

- Thanks to our Past Chair 2020 Jennifer Ortiz who provided the valuable insight and the confidence booster that I needed at the beginning learning the role as Chair.
- Thanks to Maren Metzner, the Past Chair 2021, for always being there for support, guidance and participation.
- Thanks to Morgan Briles, the Secretary and Treasurer, who took great meeting minutes and hosted our Quarterly Online Social.
- Thanks to Latasha Patterson, the Monthly Newsletter Editor. You are truly amazing at juggling so many roles in your life, while trying to lay out the groundwork of the NMRT newsletter on a monthly basis. Thank you for your team spirit and striving to make a difference.
- Thanks to Linta Kunnathuparambil, our Web Administrator. Thanks for designing our websites and the Professional Development Stipend application form.
- Last but not the least, I wish to thank the TLA Team, esp. Shirley Robinson, Lovdy Glossman, Michelle Cruz, Michele Santos, Cindy Boyle, Casey Rice, Catherine Lapoint, Curren McLane for all you do so well and preparing our officers and volunteers for the conference sessions; thanks to all the speakers for our TLA conference NMRT sessions, esp. the caring coach Marty Rossi who first challenged me to take a leap of faith and spread my wings five years ago and has been a terrific mentor, as well as co-presenters Jennifer Eckert and Pamela Arevalo-Thompson who inspired me to take on TLA leadership role and supported me to make the best of TALL Texans experience through the District 10 partial scholarship; thanks to Texas Association of School Librarians who granted me the partial scholarship to attend the TALL Texans class of 2021 where I grew and learned so much; thanks to Media Flex Inc. who sponsored our NMRT Professional Development Stipend. Thanks to all who responded in our discussion topics at TLA Engage and offered valuable inputs and resources, all who have participated in our Quarterly Online Social, and all who read our monthly newsletters. You have given us the opportunities, inspirations, encouragement, confidence, courage and innovative ideas like never before. This is truly a network of wonderful professionals who empower one another to succeed.
- I will continue to mentor the new officers and new members as I take on the role of Past Chair to NMRT 2022 after the Annual Conference. I am looking forward to maximizing my learning from the TLA Texas Young Creator Award Committee appointed by the TLA President Elect 2021 Mary Woodard. I currently serve on my school's Planning Committee.

I hope these snapshots demonstrate that our **Yes** to the opportunities presented by TLA, then followed by our hard work, collaboration and the drive to fulfill the mission of our volunteering post, may raise our professional horizon to marvelous new heights. I have grown professionally, improved my leadership skills, increased my support network and knowledge base, moreover, enlarged my sphere of influence beyond my wildest dreams. **[If I can do it, so can you. Sign Up to Volunteer at TLA & Annual Conference 2022](#)**". - NMRT Chair 2021, NMRT Councilor 2021, Monthly NMRT Newsletter Committee Chair 2021, Co-presenter for Lean Into Leadership, First Conference Jitters, TLA Membership 101, Guided Tour to Exhibit Hall, and NMRT Social at Little Red Wasp: Maggie Hernandez