

Annual Assembly

Calling all TLA members to Austin! The [2017 Annual Assembly](#) is July 6 - 9, in Austin at the Hyatt Regency, [208 Barton Springs Road](#).

Registration

The Annual Assembly registration form is now available through the [Members-Only](#) section of the TLA website. Even though registration is free, all attendees must complete the form online or mail it to the TLA Office as soon as possible. The Tentative Assembly schedule can also be found on the [Annual Assembly webpage](#).

Registration Hours

Thursday, July 6	12:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday, July 7	7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday, July 8	7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Exhibitor Hours

Saturday, July 8	9:30 am – 4:30 pm
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Assembly Exhibitors (as of June 19, 2017)

Author Consuelo Samarripa
Bound to Stay Bound Books
Child's Play
EBSCO
Gale Cengage
Library Interiors of Texas
Overlooked Books
Proquest
Texas Woman's University
University of North Texas Department of Information Science

Important Links

[Assembly Information](#)

[Meetings By Date](#)

[Meetings By Unit/Event](#) (alpha list)

CE OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to unit and committee business meetings, CE opportunities will be available for your benefit. Association-specific training is offered on TLA budget processes and unit web mastering. Sessions focusing on topical issues and technology convey CE credit. Some CE sessions require a registration fee (\$10 TLA members; \$25 non-members).

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Please bring your own laptop to take full advantage of these training activities.

TLA thanks our Annual Assembly Sponsors: EBSCO/LearningExpress and Gale Cengage.

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

\$ - indicates program carries a registration fee of \$10 for TLA members / \$25 for nonmembers

Thursday July 6

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

Chairs Planning Session

All TLA committee and unit (division, round table, district, interest group) chairs are encouraged to attend an information session designed to provide you with resources to help you navigate smoothly through TLA's operations. Small group discussions with your Executive Board liaison will provide an opportunity to have all your questions answered.

[Download the President's Handout](#)

[Download the Online Resources](#)

Friday, July 7

9:30 am – 10:20 am

CE: TexShare-ProQuest | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

CE: Ten Things Every Librarian Needs to Know about Copyright (\$) | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

CE: Reading Lists Boot Camp: What do we do now? | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

11:00 am – 1:50 pm

CE: Google Drive (\$) | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Introduction to TLA Finances | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

1:00 pm – 2:20 pm

CE: Digital Patron Privacy | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

CE: Be an Effective & Efficient Reading List Chair | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Unit Webmaster Basics | Texas Ballroom 2 (2nd floor)

2:30 pm – 4:20 pm

CE: School Library Standards | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

CE: Top Challenges for New Senior Administrators | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

2:30 pm – 4:20 pm

Automation & Technology Round Table Hands on Lab Discussion Time | Hill Country D, (1st floor)

This session is to allow other groups (non-ATRT) that are thinking of creating a Hands On Lab to meet with us, discuss what they have planned, and what they would need (software/hardware) for their program. This is an opportunity for those other groups to hear what HOL ideas are percolating.

4:30 pm – 5:20 pm

CE: Google Docs & Slides (\$) | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

CE: Fill Your Bucket List: Create a Retirement Game Plan | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Hot Topic Discussions: Community Engagement

Librarians use information and technologies to facilitate positive changes in the community. Whether you work in a public, academic, school, or special library, your library can become the essential backbone for community success. Learn how librarians can become equal partners with other organizational and governmental entities. President Ling Hwey Jeng and members of the TLA's Community Engagement Task Force will lead this interactive session to provide insights and ideas to take back to your library. Snacks will be provided.

DINE ON YOUR OWN

Austin is gaining a reputation, on the national stage, as a contender for great food and entertainment. Visit one of Austin's wonderful restaurants, food trucks, BBQ joints or hit one of the local bars for a signature drink and some live music. [VisitAustin](#) can help you narrow your search and find the perfect destination for an evening with friends.

Saturday, July 8

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Visit with our Exhibitors | Texas Ballroom Foyer (2nd floor)

8:00 am – 9:30 am | 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Unit Webmaster Consultations | Texas Ballroom 2 (2nd floor)

8:00 am – 9:30 am

CE: Train the Trainer at Battledecks Speed (\$) | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

10:00 am – 11:30 am

CE: Preventing a Lifetime of Trouble: Hiring the right People (\$) | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

Noon – 1:20 pm

All Assembly Luncheon | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

TLA President Ling Hwey Jeng invites you to join her and legendary Texas novelist Sarah Bird for a Dutch-treat lunch. Always a crowd-pleaser, Bird is a critically-acclaimed and bestselling author, an activist, and

a strong library champion and friend. Ticket price is \$36 and preregistration is required for this ticketed event.

2:30-3:30 pm

CE: Annual Report Mayhem (\$) | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

2:30-4:00 pm

TSLAC: Preparing for the Future with Texas Libraries

Join State Librarian Mark Smith and Assistant State Librarian Gloria Meraz for a review of the latest legislative and policy news. Learn about the impact of funding will affect you and how the agency's upcoming Sunset Review offers an opportunity for library stakeholders to shape a dynamic and united framework for library and information services. This collaborative session will also offer an opportunity to begin exploring the needs and goals for strengthening our collective ability to manage and building digital resources and learning assets to support the educational and cultural programming.

4:00-5:00 pm

CE: Persuasive Rhetoric (\$) | Foothills 1 (17th floor)

4:00 – 5:30 pm | Texas Ballroom 3 (2nd floor)

The Future of txla.org: Brainstorming Session

With more than 1900 pages, the TLA website has grown into a somewhat unwieldy, complex online resource built on a very old CMS. The design is not responsive for mobile devices, and information is difficult for the even trained users to access. This session will build upon last year's website contextual inquiry session discoveries, and will help TLA staff set priorities for TLA's short and long-term digital transformation.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

COUNCIL I

Council is the governing body of TLA. All Assembly attendees are invited.

6:45 – 9pm | Southwest Bistro-Private Dining room

[MakerMeal](#)

Guests will participate in the preparation of a delicious dinner with the expert guidance of Executive Chef Ted Hill and Banquet Chef Juan Tovar of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Join us for this rare opportunity to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the Chefs who will share tips and tricks of the trade. [Tickets required.](#)
[MENU](#)

Sunday, July 9

9:00 am – 10:00 am | Texas Ballroom 1 (2nd floor)

COUNCIL II

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TLA NEWS

LibAnswers: TLA Trial

User empowerment was one of the key themes that emerged from the TLA Website Contextual Inquiry and user testing session at last year's Assembly. Participants shared that they generally were able to find information because they had received training on how to use the website. However, even these trained users sometime had difficulty. Users should not need training to find information and use website features. A website that is difficult to use, will not be used! It is clear that the TLA website processes need to be streamlined, and we need to find ways to make information more readily accessible.

TLA is investigating LibAnswers as a possible tool to simplify and streamline access to information for website users and TLA members. A TLA Answers box is on the www.txla.org home page for users to ask questions, and the FAQ link takes users to the [TLA FAQs](#) in LibAnswers.

We need your feedback! Please help us test this system over the next few weeks. Search for information, submit questions, suggest content that should be added to the FAQs, and make recommendations for how TLA might best use this tool.

Then join TLA staff at The Future of txla.org Brainstorming Session during Assembly, Saturday, July 8 at 4pm.

Executive Director Search Update

The Executive Director Search Committee met on May 31 to re-energize the search process. As a result, an addendum to the original Executive Director Succession Plan was approved by the Executive Board, along with an updated job announcement posted on [TLA Jobline](#). The Search Committee invites all TLA members to consider potential executive director candidates and to encourage them to apply. The position announcement will be open until filled. However applications received by June 30 will be given first consideration.

As the next step, TLA President Ling Hwey Jeng and the Executive Director Search Committee invite you to submit interview questions for the Search Committee's possible use during the next cycle of interviews. The Search Committee would appreciate the involvement of our member groups in suggesting these all-important questions. Please communicate with your officers to brainstorm possible questions and to submit them during the Chairs Training session at the Annual Assembly (Thursday, July 6, 7pm) or via email directly to Dr. Jeng, at LJeng@twu.edu.

Corporate Members

We thank our [corporate members](#) for their investment in TLA and Texas libraries. See some [examples](#) of initiatives facilitated through our corporate partnerships that are making a large contribution to Texas libraries.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education Corner

All webinars will be recorded. A link to the recording will be sent to all registrants (i.e. you may want to register even if you know you cannot attend the live event). All webinars will carry Continuing Education credit; some also have CE credit available for viewing the recording. See individual descriptions for details.

July 13 | 1pm

Beyond Dewey: Diverse Ways of Organizing Information in Libraries

AZ webinar series for support staff, presented by ALA President Julie Todaro

The vast majority of public libraries use the Dewey Decimal system to organize their materials and information in general. A very few libraries use the academic or more in-depth organization - the Library of Congress system and in many libraries, some materials are organized to meet user needs. What are the differences and what are the other ways that exist for organizing content? [REGISTER](#)

August 10 | 1pm

Beyond Introduction: Designing and Managing Projects

AZ webinar series for support staff, presented by ALA President Julie Todaro

The webinar is designed to illustrate how a project is built, how a timeline is created, what roles and responsibilities for all levels of employees are, how strategies are determined - "live." [REGISTER](#)

September 28 | 1pm (Free webinar)

Financial Literacy for Students and Young Consumers Get an introduction to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office of Students and Young Consumers. They provide free materials and content for programs to help young people to understand money. [REGISTER](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

Nominations for the I Love My Librarian Award are open through September 18.

Each year ten librarians are selected for the I Love My Librarian Award. Each librarian receives a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and a travel stipend to attend the awards ceremony and reception in New York City, hosted by Carnegie Corporation of New York. Winners will be announced on November 30, 2017.

Each nominee must be a librarian with a master's degree from a program accredited by the American Library Association in library and information studies or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Nominees must be currently working in the United States in a public library, a library at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or at an accredited K-12 school. For more information or to nominate a colleague, visit: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/lovelibrarian>

Texas Bar Foundation Awards Harris County Law Library Grant to Expand Legal Tech Training Program

The Texas Bar Foundation awarded the Harris County Law Library a \$23,000 grant in its first round of charitable giving in 2017. The funding will be used to purchase equipment for the Law Library's Hands-on Legal Tech Training Program.

The Law Library currently offers programs on legal technology through its Legal Tech Institute that are free and open to all. Training sessions focus on technologies that attorneys, self-represented litigants, and members of the public need to understand to access the court system and accomplish legal tasks. The Hands-on Legal Tech Training Program provides experiential learning opportunities for participants who use a computer and software during trainings to apply skills learned in real-time.

Power Up at Your Library Week (Power Up Week) | October 1-7

Power Up Week is a time to celebrate libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. Each day during the week, TLA will be supporting local efforts with social media giveaways and videos featuring various libraries around Texas. Choose one or choose all. Customize your participation to fit your library. All types of libraries – academic, public, school, and special – can participate. Please [register and share your plans](#) with us!

Get highlights, updates, and news from Powered Libraries on the [website](#), [Twitter](#), or [Facebook](#).

NAMES IN THE NEWS

- **Vanessa Ashcraft**, Jarrell ISD, was selected as TASLA president- elect.
- **Jennifer Bekker** is the new director of Denton public libraries.
- **Jacqueline Bridges-Sheppherd** retired from Arlington ISD in May
- **Suzanne Ferrell**, Clear Creek ISD, is the new TASLA president.
- **Jeffrey Levy** retired from the University of North Texas on May 31, 2017.
- **Amy Marquez**, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD, was selected as one of 13 winners in Capstone's "The Power of Librarians" national photo contest.
- **Debra Marshall** retired from Coppell ISD in June.
- **Pat Smith** was honored for her 45 years of dedication to Texas libraries by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
- **John Trischitti**, director of Midland County Public Libraries, presented a [TED talk](#) on the impact of literacy.

Deceased

- **Margaret Irby Nichols**, long-time active TLA member and past-president, passed away in June.