

## Annual Assembly July 9-12

Each summer, TLA's officers, committees, and members gather to plan for the year. In addition to conference program planning, there are several education programs offered. All TLA members are encouraged to attend and participate.

This year, Annual Assembly is July 9 - 12 in Austin at the Hyatt Regency on Barton Springs Road. Visit the [Annual Assembly Highlights](#) page for more information and to book your hotel. [Housing deadline is June 15.](#)

### Continuing Education Programs

#### Tuesday, July 10

##### 9:30-10:20am | **Speaking the Same Language: School and Public Librarians Working Together**

Join this interactive session to learn how to harness two important tools for better collaboration in school and public libraries. We'll take a close look at the new School Library Standards and the YALSA Competencies for Serving Teens, and examine how they can be used together. Leave with ideas on how to strengthen your local programs and partnerships. *(Foothills 1)*

##### 9:30-10:20am | **Reading List Coordination Committee Meeting: Tools and Tips for TLA Reading List Chairs**

Calling all Reading List Chairs and Vice Chairs (optional for admin assistants)! Share your questions and concerns with other chairs, and discover leadership tips for a successful reading list committee. *(Texas Ballroom 1)*

##### 10:30am-11:30am | **An ALA Reading List Participation Perspective from Teri Lesesne and Viki Ash**

Teri Lesesne and Viki Ash each served on ALA and other national reading selection lists. They will share their experiences and insight on how to provide Texas readers with powerful reading lists. Topics include: committee relationships, time management, book organization, challenges and successes. Note: TLA strongly encourages all reading list committee members to attend. *(Texas Ballroom 1)*

##### 11am-12pm | **Helping Us Help You: Serving People with Print Disabilities**

Texas is one of the top 10 fastest growing states in the country. Being able to serve everyone in your community can be a daunting task, but the Talking Book Program can help assist in serving people with print disabilities such as visual disabilities, physical disabilities, and reading disabilities. Find how to better serve people with print disabilities and bring them into your library. *(Foothills 1)*

##### 1-2:20pm | **Make your Escape with Opposing Viewpoints**

Learn more about the popular Opposing Viewpoints database while participating in an escape room! Leave with ideas for implementing a similar program in your library. *(Foothills 1)*

##### 1-2:20pm | **Focus on Performance: Expectations, Improvements, and When to Call it Quits**

Learn techniques to maintain a successful workforce including creating and communicating clear expectations of worker performance (employees and volunteers), identifying and managing performance that isn't meeting needs, and - ideally- assisting workers in getting back on track. The

session also includes information on less-than-standard evaluations, disciplinary reviews, probation, and working with staff and HR to make the conscious decision to leave. *(Texas Ballroom 1)*

## 2:30-4:20pm | **LearningExpress: Resources for EVERY Library in Texas**

Discover how the LearningExpress database can improve the lives of members of your community. LearningExpress has testing and training resources for K-12 students, members of the public and college students. *(Foothills 1)*

## 2:30 - 4:20pm | **Effective Time Management**

Explore practical tools and action plans to help you take control of your professional and personal life. These tactics are designed to help you identify and prioritize daily activities. *(Texas Ballroom 1)*

## 5:30-6:45pm: **Hot Topic: Sunset for Texas State Library and Archives Commission**

State Librarian Mark Smith and Assistant Librarian Gloria Meraz will provide an update on TSLAC's Sunset Review Process. Hear the latest news and learn what opportunities exist to add your voice to this important state review.

## **Wednesday, July 11**

9:30am – 4:30pm | **Visit with Exhibitors** | Texas Ballroom Foyer

## 10 - 11am | **First Look at the New and Improved txla.org**

Representatives from Monkee-Boy, the web development company working on the new TLA website, will give an overview of the development process, findings, and will unveil the preliminary design for txla.org. We will also discuss the timeline for launch and content migration.

## Noon – 1:20pm | **All Assembly Luncheon**

TLA President Jennifer LaBoon invites you to join her and a guest speaker for a Dutch-treat lunch. Ticket price is \$37 and preregistration is required.

4 – 5pm | **Update on the TLA Strategic Plan** | Texas Ballroom 3

**Thank you to our Annual Assembly sponsor, [Gale, a Cengage Company](#).**

# TLA 2018 Conference Wrap Up

A record number of library professionals convened in Dallas April 3 – 6 for the 2018 TLA Annual Conference. With 7,385 people in attendance, TLA 2018 surpassed the past two years' events, reflecting the vital library market and profession.

“This was the best TLA I've attended in quite some time. The programs were well vetted and appealed across the board to library professionals.”

This year's conference inspired the profession by assembling the best minds, and igniting a passion for community involvement and transformation. More than 462 education sessions and programs presented by 875 leaders, policy experts, authors and innovators from Texas and beyond equipped participants for success. Twenty-six Hands-On Labs; an Innovation Lab with stage presentations, demo

tables, and robotics arenas in the Exhibit Hall; and approximately 30 maker table demonstrations put the latest gizmos, gadgets, apps, and useful tech tools in attendees' hands.

“The sessions were excellent this year. I had no trouble finding sessions that addressed needs I have right now in my library. My only problem was picking which session to attend out of many.”

457 exhibitors filled a 150,000 square-foot Exhibit Hall showcasing a huge array of products and services for all types of libraries – school, public, academic and special. And it's not a TLA conference without a fantastic line up of authors and illustrators; this year more than 200 signed in 13 aisles in the Authors Area, as well as in exhibit booths throughout the hall.

“There was such a variety of presentations, great technology and exhibits, and so many opportunities for engagement at TLA this year.”

Thank you to all of the participants, sponsors, speakers, volunteers, and exhibitors for making the 2018 TLA Annual Conference an outstanding success! We'll see you next year in Austin for TLA 2019, April 15 – 18.

### **Post-Conference Survey Deadline June 1**

Please take a few minutes to complete the [2018 post-conference survey](#). Your feedback helps us continually improve the conference. The survey is available [online](#) and in the [mobile app](#) under “Survey.” The survey closes at 5pm on Friday, June 1.

### **Conference Continuing Education Certificates**

Continuing Education credit certificates are available for attendees to print at their convenience. See the [instructions for printing](#), or log in directly to the [Conference Continuing Education Credit Form](#) to print your CE certificates.

## TLA NEWS

### **2018 TLA Awards**

Congratulations to all of the individuals, institutions, and projects that were nominated for TLA Awards this year. The work that librarians are doing and the difference you each make in our communities in hundreds of ways is truly inspiring.

The winners of TLA's 2018 association-wide awards are:

- Distinguished Service Award: [Maribel Castro](#)
- Libraries Change Communities: [Cate Brooks Sweeney](#), *Bee Cave Library*
- Librarian of the Year: [Jennifer Coffey](#), *Pflugerville Public Library*
- Lifetime Achievement: [Dr. Carol Black](#)
- Outstanding Services to Libraries: [John Erickson](#)
- Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year: [Dunbar Library](#), *San Angelo*

TLA's awards program which includes not only the association-wide awards, but unit awards, is an opportunity to say, "Thank You!" and celebrate the best of Texas libraries.

## **TLA Invites You to Take Your Leadership to the Next Level**

Successful library leaders know the importance of not only managing teams, but inspiring others, setting purposeful goals, executing strategic visions, and creating cultures of excellence.

Join TLA July 29 to August 2 at the [2018 Executive Leadership Immersion](#) at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort (Austin area). This program is an intensive learning experience designated to challenge your current perceptions about leadership and the values that shape it, and encourage you to think and lead differently. Space is limited and [applications](#) are being accepted [online](#) through **June 30**.

## **2019 Program Submission**

To propose a program for the 2019 TLA Annual Conference, please use the [online form](#). Proposals must be submitted by June 20.

## **Corporate Members**

We thank our [corporate members](#) for their investment in TLA and Texas libraries.

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# CONTINUING EDUCATION

*All webinars are FREE to TLA members. Visit the [TLA Continuing Education](#) web page for more information.*

June 7 | 1-2pm

## **Introduction to Providing Information & Directional Reference 2018**

*(Part of the series A-Z: Essential Training for Your Library Team)*

Libraries deal with information. This webinar covers information desk and circulation desk services and resources. Learn about the basics of selecting and recording data to document interactions, identification of different types of questions and answers, scripts for patron interviews, techniques for moving patrons among public service desks, basic vs. advanced reader's advisory, and delivering information and reference through online, digital and virtual services. These skills are the pillars of the library profession. [REGISTER](#)

July 18 | 1-2pm

## **Supervising, Managing, and Leading for Library Specialists**

*(Part of the series A-Z: Essential Training for Your Library Team)*

Library staff may find themselves responsible for coordinating, supervising, or managing other staff or volunteers with little or no training. Discover the differences in these levels of oversight as well as the differences between management and leadership. Learn how to build your skillset toward the roles you want, and how to find best practices for your situation. [REGISTER](#)

August 15 | 1-2pm

## **Most Unique Services in Today's Libraries**

*(Part of the series A-Z: Essential Training for Your Library Team)*

Libraries feature many cutting-edge services for a wide variety of constituents! In addition to technology incubation, business support, public training, and health and social services, some libraries circulate tools, electronics, artwork, bicycles, even pets. Hear the best practices associated with new and unusual services in libraries and why your institution might consider these additions. Participants are encouraged to share their library's special services prior to the webinar. [REGISTER](#)

September 12 | 1-2pm

*(Part of the series A-Z: Essential Training for Your Library Team)*

### **Cataloging and Technical Services Roles and Responsibilities**

Specialists in Technical Services are the mainstay of many acquisitions and cataloging services in libraries. Explore these systems, from purchasing and preparation to Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification. Learn the unique organizational schematics for local needs such as genealogy, media, government documents, and realia. [REGISTER](#)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **The Estela and Raúl Mora Award**

Applications are now being accepted for the Estela and Raúl Mora Award. The award, which was established by author and poet Pat Mora and her siblings in honor of their parents, recognizes outstanding schools and programs that celebrate Children's Day, Book Day (Día) as a way of connecting all children to book joy and promoting literacy year round. The deadline for submissions is June 30. The winner will be announced in September. Guidelines and the online application are available on the [Celebrate Día](#) website.

### **Texas Library Receives National Honor**

Georgetown Public Library was one of 10 recipients of the [2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#) from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. "Winning the 2018 IMLS National Medal is truly an honor for our library and community," Georgetown Public Library Director Eric Lashley said. "It is rewarding for our staff, volunteers, and community partners to be recognized at the national level for our efforts to engage, enlighten, and empower our community."

### **UFOs in The Valley**

Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library in Edinburg hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Out of this World UFO Festival & Conference in April. The conference featured an amazing line up of speakers, including Travis Walton, whose real-life abduction story inspired the movie, "Fire in the Sky," and Nick Pope, a UFO researcher from the UK who is a frequent guest on the Ancient Aliens TV show.

### **Grants Available for Public School Libraries Damage by Natural Disaster**

Dollar General, in collaboration with the American Library Association, American Association of School Librarians and the National Education Association, is sponsoring a school library disaster relief fund for public school libraries in states served by Dollar General. Beyond Words, the school library relief fund will provide grants to public schools whose school library program has been affected by a disaster.

Grants are to replace or supplement books, media and/or library equipment. For more information, including qualification requirements, visit the [Beyond Words](#) website.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

- **Becky Calzada**, district library coordinator for Leander ISD was elected to the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Board of Directors representing Region 6.
- **Maurice Fortin** retired as director of Angelo State University Porter Henderson Library.
- **Alexia Riggs** left Howard Payne University to become director of Campbell University Library in North Carolina.
- **Yvonne Stephenson**, instruction librarian at Amarillo College's Washington Campus was selected to be a part of the Library Freedom Project's Library Freedom Institute.

### Deceased

- **Laura Chapa**, youth services/reference librarian at Nueces County Keach Family Library in Robstown passed away in March.
- **Steward Dyess**, former assistant director of library services at Texas Tech University, passed away in April.
- **Mimi Kayden**, former children's book marketing director for publishers including Dutton, Penguin Young Readers, HarperCollins and North-South passed away in April.