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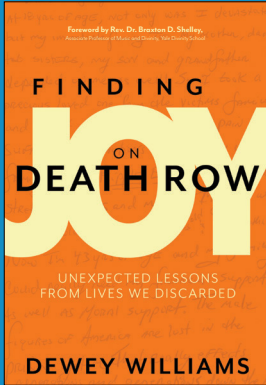
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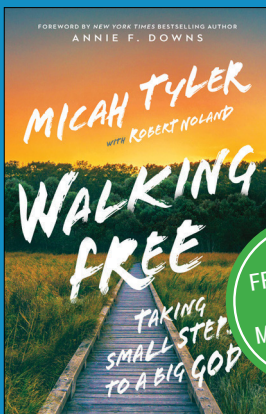
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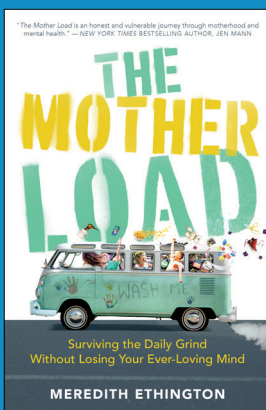
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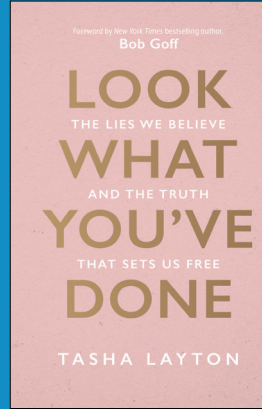


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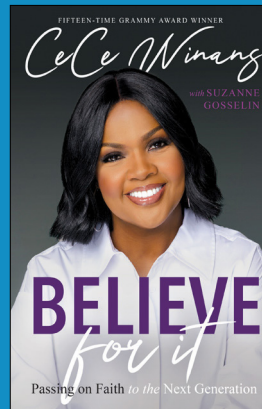


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President's Perspective

By Mary Woodard

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IN JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS, MY TERM AS TLA PRESIDENT WILL COME TO AN END.

This has been a year of change and challenge, but it has been a privilege to serve an organization that has meant so much to me throughout my career as a librarian in Texas. I appreciate the opportunity I've had to represent TLA members in these tough and worrisome times. While the current political environment may give us cause for concern, I'm optimistic when I talk with librarians and others around the state.

I've heard so many stories of courage and commitment to libraries and what they stand for. Some are speaking out in open forums against censorship and in support of libraries. Others are talking individually with friends, family and community members, explaining the qualifications that librarians have and the philosophy behind the freedom to read. Whether the effort is loud or quiet, in front of a group or one-on-one, TLA members from libraries of all types are standing up for each other and exemplifying the theme of the 2023 conference — **Libraries Unite**.

Speaking of the upcoming conference, the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) has put together an extraordinary event with over 300 education sessions that will truly have something for everyone. Our keynote speakers will provide some much needed inspiration with their positivity, perspective, and passion. First up will be Gretchen Rubin, a self-described student of human nature. Her newest book is an exploration of the five senses and how we can use them to live a life of happiness, creativity and innovation. The second keynote will feature a conversation between acclaimed authors Cynthia Leitich Smith and Angeline Boulley, who will share their perspectives and reflections as Native American writers. Finally, our closing session will present ABC News correspondent Deborah Roberts discussing how important educators are in the lives of students. It will be an exciting and exhilarating time of learning, growing, and networking together.



When the conference ends, I will “pass the gavel” to Gretchen Pruett and take my place as Past President. Before I do, though, I want to take this opportunity to express my admiration and appreciation for the hundreds of volunteers that make TLA the outstanding association that it is.

The elected officers of TLA units, appointed committee chairs, committee members, and specifically the Conference Planning Committee all have my undying gratitude for the many hours they have spent doing the work of the association. They have created reading lists, monitored legislation, evaluated applications for

awards, grants or scholarships, planned and participated in education events, provided support for librarians undergoing book challenges, created podcasts, planned an amazing conference, and so much more.

TLA would not function without all of you — thank you for your dedication, reliability, and support for our organization. You are leaders and risk takers who are willing and able to look at current practices and make changes that will help us move forward nimbly and strategically.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and learn from you. It has shown me that, although we work in different types of libraries, we are alike in more ways than we are different and when we work together there is nothing that we can't do. We will come through this current adversity stronger and more united than ever and TLA will continue its mission to amplify our voices.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Mary Woodard". The script is fluid and cursive.

Mary Woodard
2022-2023 TLA President



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52 Days until Sine Die

By Wendy Woodland

We are more than halfway through the 88th Texas Legislative Session which ends May 29. (May 29, the last day, is known as “adjournment sine die.”) The Texas Library Association is tracking 37 bills, which is the largest number of bills filed that would impact Texas libraries we’ve seen in many years.

In the past month, TLA members and staff have met with legislative staffers, hosted a legislative briefing for staff from several House and Senate offices, testified at hearings on HB 900 and SB 13, submitted written testimony on SB 18, and presented a virtual information session for vendors that sell to school libraries on legislation that would negatively impact their business.

HB 900 by Representative Patterson, the R.E.A.D.E.R. Act (Restricting Explicit and Adult-Designated Educational Resources) was included as one of the Speaker of the House Dade Phelan’s legislative priorities. The bill:

- Requires the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) to establish collection development standards, approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE), that would be mandatory for all school districts.
- Defines sexually explicit material and sexually relevant material.
- Requires book vendors (any entity that sells library materials to school libraries) to rate any material meeting those definitions.
- Books rated sexually explicit cannot be purchased.
- Requires written parental consent (opt-in) before allowing students access to material rated sexually relevant.
- Protects school district employees from liability for any claim or damage resulting from vendor’s violation of rating requirements.

The House Public Education Committee heard the bill on March 21 and passed it March 28. It is expected to be considered by the full House soon.

SB 13 by Senator Angela Paxton was included in Lt. Governor Dan Patrick’s list of priority legislation. The bill:

- Requires districts to give parents the option to receive a notice each time their child checks out something from the school library.
- Requires TSLAC to develop standards for school libraries that prohibit acquisition of harmful materials (defined in Penal Code) and demonstrate commitment to compliance with federal Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) that must be approved by SBOE.
- Requires school board to approve all library materials to be purchased, prior to ordering.
- Establishes reconsideration policies and procedures for all

districts to follow.

- Establishes Local School Library Advisory Councils to assist districts in ensuring local community values are reflected in school library collections. Councils will recommend:
 - Policies and procedures for purchasing library materials.
 - Library materials appropriate for each grade.
 - Removal of any library materials that are determined to be harmful or inconsistent with local community values.
 - Actions to be taken by district in response to challenges to library materials.

SB 18 by Senator Brandon Creighton was also part of Lt. Governor Dan Patrick’s priority list of legislation. The bill:

- Prohibits public institutions of higher education from granting tenure or any type of permanent employment status.
- Faculty currently employed or under contract on Sept. 1, 2023 that have tenure retain it provided they remain continuously employed or under contract with that institution.
- Authorizes board of regents to establish an alternate system of tiered employment status for faculty that clearly defines each position and requires each faculty member to undergo annual performance review.

The Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education heard the bill on March 30 and it was left pending in committee.

Thank you to all TLA members who are responding to calls for action, contacting elected officials, testifying in support of libraries, providing supporting resources and information, and sharing insights into how specific bills could affect Texas libraries. You are making a difference!



(l-r) TLA Executive Director Shirley Robinson, TLA President Mary Woodard, and TASL Chair Lucy Podmore at the Texas Capitol

Setting Up High School Students for Success in College and Beyond

By Jessica Silva

Editor's note: These interviews were conducted for TLA's Libraries Transform Texas podcast, you can listen to the [full episode here](#).

AS A HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIAN, I WANTED TO HEAR FROM COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS ABOUT HOW BEST TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE. Thank you to Lorely Ambriz, El Paso Community College; David Baca, Texas A&M University–Galveston; Jackie Chetzron, Dallas ISD; Bryant Moore, Texas A&M–San Antonio and Jennifer Ottinger, Texas Woman's University for answering these questions:

- What are three key things students should know for college?
- How can librarians help students prepare for secondary education?
- What database or research skills are most important?

One thing many of the interviews touched on, is the importance of being able to tell the difference between information and misinformation and becoming comfortable with using the library as a resource during college. I'll let our experts take it from here:



Lorely Ambriz, Head Librarian and Assistant Professor, El Paso Community College

Students need to understand how to use and reuse information. They need to understand they can build on previous discoveries and understand the use of information. As much as they love Google they can find information from many other sources! Having a good understanding of what they're looking for, finding relevant information and how to use it. It's important for them to learn with hands-on training.

How to use online databases (is a skill they need to learn). (It's helpful) when the instructor lists: I want two print books, two electronic journals, and encourages them to use different sources. (Librarians) can help them identify the different formats. Just introducing them to that vocabulary to understand different sources: academic, peer-reviewed journals, for example. We're also incorporating pictures, audio and video, how to cite the sources for those is important. I always tell students, it's not how many results you find, it's how relevant they are to what you're looking for. It's one of the goals of the ACRL framework – to understand how information is produced and organized. How databases and search engines work. How to build a search properly.

Sometimes students are overwhelmed by the amount of information they find, that's why librarians are important. We can help them organize their information and their writing. Help them be more analytical of what they are seeing, to think about sources before they share information.





Dr. Jackie Chetzron, Librarian, Anne Frank Elementary School, Dallas ISD

One of the things kids really need to be able to do is develop their search terms. Getting away from asking their phones a question. Be able to switch out terms, be able to narrow or broaden their searches. Teach them how to use databases and how to use search terms. Ask librarians for help.

There's a need to not only determine the quality of information but what sources work for what they're looking for. Be able to pull out the information that they need.

We really focus on those databases, we want to see them used. They do develop citation skills. But they don't meet the information needed for every request. They need to break down these skills into chunks: using the right search terms.

Dr. David Baca, Director, Williams Library, Texas A&M Galveston

Aiming this at students – engagement is one of the issues that we see. The students that come in that aren't successful, who are struggling, they are really not engaged. They don't talk to their advisors or their faculty about what the challenges are, they tend not to join student organizations or social groups. They need to know they can get help. Colleges have a lot of support systems, advising, writing and research help, tutors, mental health professionals and librarians, they can ask any of them and they can put them in touch with a person that can help them. Also – it seems like a simple thing – for students to make a calendar. Put all their assignments in it, planning where they need to be to prepare for each assignment, schedule tutoring or research conversations with librarians. It seems like a small thing but it's a huge thing - especially that first semester of college.

Find a student organization that matches their interests. Meet people. Even if they're an introvert they need to make connections. Being successful is all about making connections. High school librarians can bring in college librarians that are in their area (to have them talk about their university).

A lot of students don't know what a database is, the difference between trade and scholarly articles, you can direct them to Google Scholar, that's a good starting point. Learning terminology in their field of study. Any library – public or school or academic – they are the most helpful places on earth. Introduce yourself to a librarian when you get to campus; we are here to help you be successful! Go to any informational sessions they have when you're a freshman, the skills that you start learning then are going to be skills you use for the rest of your life.





Bryant Moore, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, First Year Experience Librarian

I've been in this role for almost seven years. A lot of our incoming freshman classes – we saw there was a need for a first year experience librarian. I work with our incoming freshmen. We call the course “First Year Seminar.” As part of those classes, there is an information literacy component.

In that course, we cover a lot. One of the things we cover is they have a research project. They want to be introduced to the library. I cover the research process, narrowing down the topic, selecting a topic. I focus on the research question: what do you want to learn about? They are graded on an annotated bibliography; they use APA citations.

Maybe 65 to 70 percent already know how to do a bibliography. It depends a lot on where they went to high school. That's something high school librarians can help with.

Our new director has a term, “library anxiety.” We have been focusing on that. The librarians are here to help you, we know the library can be overwhelming. With me, I try to do gaming, some type of interactive game in my library sessions. We try to do different activities. Our library does an outreach called “Lemonade and Snacks.” We pass out lemonade and Little Debbie snacks to encourage students to visit and get to know the library.

There's a lot to offer in college libraries, it's not just about books. We are here to help you.

Jennifer Ottinger, Special Collections Librarian, Texas Woman's University

Students need to learn to use the catalog, databases, working through different resources, how to use them in academic libraries. Librarians are here to not just to help them check out a book, we are here to walk them through every step of the research process. Find out who your subject librarian is, for individual classes that you're in and for your major. We can show you resources specific to that subject. We can help make sure that you are using the right citation and there are different research avenues to go down. We are here for you. We will make your entire college career easier and less stressful. Reach out to us and we'll help you every step of the way.



Jessica Silva is the librarian at El Paso High School, El Paso ISD and a member of TLA's PR and Marketing Committee.

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Educator Session with Dr. Donna Housman

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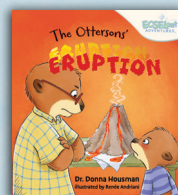
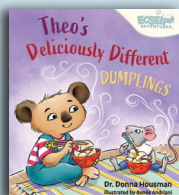
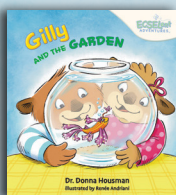


Pandemic First Aid Lit: Equipping Educators with Mental Health and Emotional Learning Tools for Children



The past few years have brought stress, anxiety, and trauma to children, families, educators, librarians, and caregivers. Nowadays, children struggle to socialize and follow classroom expectations, let alone learn. Caregivers are trying to keep it all together while providing children high-quality support. Join Child Developmental Psychologist, Dr. Donna Housman, as she discusses the need to equip educators and caregivers with her evidence-based Emotional, Cognitive, and Social Early Learning (ECSEL) methodology and tools to promote self-regulation, empathy, resiliency, and other key emotional intelligence skills in adults and children.

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“The love of reading, there’s nothing like it.”

New TSLAC School Library Coordinator Brings Joy and Experience to her New Job

By Michele Chan Santos

Vanessa Ashcraft is the new school library coordinator for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. She comes to TSLAC with 27 years as an educator under her belt, a deep love of reading, and a personal knowledge of what it’s like to grow up in a small Texas town without a public library.

She’s also an excellent cook who makes pasta and lumpia (Filipino eggrolls), a grandmother of three with a fourth grandchild on the way, and a longtime member of the Texas Library Association.

TLJ: Please tell me about your time at Jarrell ISD. I know you were most recently the Director of Libraries there. What was the most valuable part of your experience there that you bring to this new position? What will you miss the most?

VA: I started in Jarrell in 2008. I came from a large district - Brazosport ISD.

I was an intermediate school English teacher and librarian for 7th and 8th graders. But what appealed to me was the small-town feel. At the time, Jarrell had just two schools. So, I became the librarian for the district. I was the only librarian, but I had aides at each campus. As the years passed and with the support of my then-superintendent Dr. Bill Chapman we had certified librarians on each campus when I resigned.

I suppose the most valuable experience that I bring to the new position is the balancing of duties and prioritizing. In a small district, it is common to wear many hats. For example, I was overseeing the library program, the technology department, instructional materials, instructional technology, professional development, education foundation, and state testing.

What I will miss the most are my coworkers. I’ve been blessed to work with so many excellent educators



who have devoted their life to their profession and their students. No one said it would be easy, but as I look back, I wouldn’t change a thing.

TLJ: What about your new position (school library coordinator at TSLAC) appealed to you? What are you most excited about?

(Vanessa took a sabbatical in December 2021 to help care for her mother and then went to

work in August 2022 for Liberty Hill ISD for Superintendent Dr. Steven Snell, whom she had worked with many years before.)

VA: When this opportunity came up, I thought why not? So, I threw my hat in the ring. I was honestly shocked when I got the call. Liberty Hill (ISD) was very supportive; they understood this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up.

I will travel, visit school districts, and meet librarians – this is what I am most excited about. I loved teaching and being a school librarian; supporting them is so important. In my life, I have had some great mentors. When I started, Jarrell had about 1,000 students. I had never been a district librarian. My mentors Becky Calzada from Leander ISD, Ami Uselman (now retired from Round Rock ISD), Elizabeth Polk (retired from Austin ISD) – were amazing and so much help. We would get together once a month. They were terrific mentors. That is who I want to be for others – that mentor, that touchstone.

TLJ: What are the biggest challenges facing school librarians right now, and how can you help them in your new position?

VA: Funding! Funding is always a challenge. We must be our own advocates, selling our library, showing what we do for the schools, the teachers, and the communities.

Where I grew up, we didn't have a public library. To this day, Gregory, Texas (a small town on the northern side of the Harbor Bridge across from Corpus Christi) still doesn't have a public library.

Funding for school libraries' collections is vital because it is a true extension of the classroom. For so many students in Texas, the school library is the only library they can access.

Literacy is critical; everything is based on how well we read, what we read, and the importance of building that skill. It's important to increase the students' selections and allow them to choose their books. Students are told what to read for the curriculum.; free choice is so essential in learning the love of reading.

Being a school librarian is a lot of work, and you are busy, but it's

rewarding. A large chunk of my life was spent in schools. Were there difficult times? Absolutely, but I would not change a thing.

TLJ: I'm sure you know Liz Philippi, your predecessor, who is something like a legend for school librarians in Texas. What advice has she shared with you?

VA: As far as advice, just – be out there. Make yourself accessible. Of course, no one can replace Liz! But I will continue her work. I am dedicated to TSLAC and the state and want to continue Len and Liz's work and build on their foundation.

TLJ: What about your new job has surprised you?

VA: I've been in for nine days; this is my 10th day! (*Interview took place on March 9*). What is surprising is just the massive scope of the position. It feels like before, I had these little blinders on because my life was focused on one district. There has not been a dull day since I started. Not that I didn't feel that way in my district, but it's a different type of help; what can I do to make this better for everyone? That is my goal.

TLJ: How long have you been a member of TLA? How has TLA helped you in your career? Do you have a favorite TLA memory you would like to share?

VA: I think it's been 19 years. The networking has been vital. Librarians share everything. We share knowledge, our creativity, we listen, and we are passionate.

My favorite TLA memory is when I presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Elizabeth Polk at the 2017 TLA Annual Conference in San Antonio. Elizabeth is just an incredible storyteller and person. She's genuinely one of the most fascinating people I have ever met.

TLJ: What are three things about you most TLA members don't know?

VA: First, as a child, I struggled with reading. Not having that public library in my life didn't help. I am from a tiny town and had minimal resources. The piece I struggled with the most was reading out loud. As a student, I

was anxious about it; I would count how many people need to read before it was my turn. So when I became a librarian, reading aloud and sharing my excitement was important.

Second, I didn't start reading for pleasure until I was in seventh grade. My Texas History teacher sparked my interest and my love of reading began. I remember going and checking out books on Lady Bird Johnson and the Texas revolution. That's why I became a teacher/librarian. I wanted to be that person for someone else.

Third, I love to cook! I cook Chinese, Filipino, Mexican, I make lumpias, pancit, bake bread, and make my own pasta. I think it's the creativity that I find therapeutic.

TLJ: What are you reading right now?

VA: The last book I read was *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate, it was fantastic. I love (American crime writer) Karin Slaughter too.

TLJ: What is your favorite book about Texas or by a Texas author?

VA: My favorite Texas author is Pat Mora. She founded *Dia de los Libros*, (Children's Day/Book Day). I was able to meet her through TSLAC. *Tomas and the Library Lady* (a Pat Mora book) was chosen for the Center of the Book. (She met Pat Mora at a play performance based on the book). Pat Mora and Tomas Rivera's family attended the play. It was incredible. My oldest grandchild was on the way; Mora signed a book for my grandbaby. We didn't know the name yet, so it was just "La niña Rinn" (the little girl.)

Right now, I have three grandchildren and one on the way. They are ages 7, 3 ½, and 18 months. Luckily all my grandbabies love books. My children send pictures of them reading / pretending to read. The love of reading, there's nothing like it.

TLJ: Anything else you'd like to share with our readers?

VA: I'm here to do the best for Texas school programs. Supporting librarians, school districts, and providing excellent digital resources through TexQuest. That extra support is why I am here.



Social Media & Evaluating Sources

By Jenni Jacobs

GETTING COLLEGE STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND INFORMATION LITERACY CAN BE A TOUGH TASK. Using social media is an easy way to relate information literacy to something that students, faculty, staff, and community patrons use daily. When thinking about information consumption and how students interact with information, it can be said that students categorize information into three different camps:

- This information is correct/from a source I trust so I believe it.
- This information is from an unknown source and so needs investigation, and
- This information is not something I believe and therefore is discarded.

This is a very simplified way of looking at information consumption, but it's easy to hypothesize that many people

use only categories one and three while using social media. This leads many to disregard authoritative information and, oftentimes, to share misinformation. The phenomenon of sharing incorrect or misleading information has always taken place on the internet, but in recent years it has exploded, especially in the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic. With most social media networks, users can easily scroll and consume thousands of bits of information hourly without even realizing that the information is being consumed.

To help students to understand how they consume information, my co-teacher and I created a midterm assignment that gets students to think critically about the information they consume via social media.

This assignment came before ever discussing evaluating sources of information and therefore was made to get students

to think critically before being taught various methods of evaluating sources. It's important to note that most instruction when it comes to evaluating sources focuses on scholarly types of sources, i.e., peer-reviewed journals, newspapers or magazines. While this is a valid way of teaching information literacy, it lacks relevance when it comes to consuming information outside of these sources. For this exercise, we constructed the midterm to focus on multiple types of social media asking students to evaluate whether the information presented in short three-minute-and-under videos was accurate, authentic, and could be trusted.

Students were asked to evaluate the information given and explain why they believed the information could be seen as either unbiased and truthful, or whether the information was biased and therefore, potentially inaccurate.

After their presentation of the information and their evaluation of it, we encouraged students to discuss the video and the information presented. Through this discourse, it

was hoped that students could think critically about the information presented through a platform they use. It's interesting to note that many students chose information

they considered unbiased and accurate while only two students chose to display information they were presented that did not come across as unbiased and accurate.

For example, one student who was researching animal testing in the makeup industry chose to show a video made by PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). They presented the information as accurate and authoritative. During discussion, we asked whether PETA was an unbiased organization and if they decided to research whether what they were talking about was actually accurate. The student did a minimal amount of research using the PETA website which turned into a teaching moment talking about biases and how factual information can be

twisted towards agendas. Students agreed that the information given in the video did seem to be leaning one way instead of just informing people about the subject. It also brought up the idea of using emotions to manipulate audiences. This transitioned into the next class period where we discussed misinformation and fake news and how emotions play into information literacy.

Another student chose a video where various images of beautiful places were shown with the caption "Those who say Lubbock isn't beautiful". The student presented this information as false because none of the photos were of places in or around Lubbock but instead was a video that could be shown to those who don't know what Lubbock looked like. The student pointed out that many of the places shown were in different states as they investigated by Googling for the images shown. It was a great representation of how imagery can be used to misinform those who did not want to investigate the images. This video was the perfect example of how people, especially students, can casually scroll through information and directly or indirectly consume information that is inaccurate.

I believe that many students chose information they believed was accurate. We are all constantly scrolling past different posts and we tend to disregard information we do not see as useful or we do not believe. While this is not a bad thing, it does bring up the concern of how newer students are interacting with information, both good and bad and how we as information specialists can teach students how to critically think about the information they're consuming.

Jenni Jacobs is a Library Assistant and STEM Librarian at Texas Tech University Libraries.

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Musical Instrument Lending Library Hits All the Right Notes

Grapevine Public Library Offers Instruments and Free Music Lessons.



By Michele Chan Santos

Whether you've always wanted to learn to play the electric guitar, banjo, mandolin or even the harp, if you're a Grapevine resident who is 18 or over and in good standing at the library, you can now check out an instrument for free from the Grapevine Public Library.

Launched at the beginning of February, the [Musical Instrument Lending Library](#) offers patrons a three-week borrowing period for each of 17 musical instruments (the checkout time can be renewed once if no one else is waiting for that instrument.) There are online courses through the library which can teach you to play, as well as in-person classes (they've started with ukelele lessons and hope to add additional music classes this summer.) Currently patrons can select from an acoustic guitar, bass guitar, keyboards, a variety of percussion instruments, and a number of other items including singing bowls.

The library also offers access to online lessons for many of the instruments through LinkedIn Learning, Udemy, and Kanopy; and patrons can borrow many print and DVD resources as well.

"The most rewarding part is to get equipment that's expensive into the hands of kids or other people who can't afford it – the satisfaction that comes with knowing that kids can try some things

they otherwise wouldn't be able to try," said Chad Hetterley, Assistant Library Director at Grapevine PL.

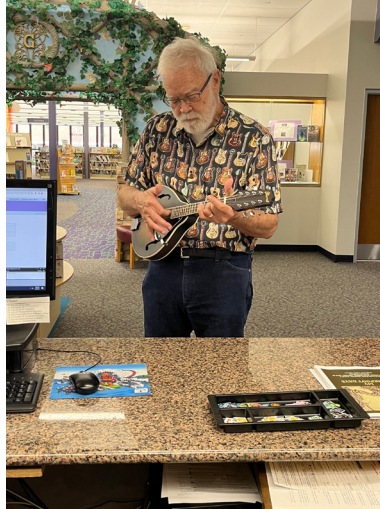
The instrument lending library has quickly become popular; in only a few weeks, more three-fourths of the instruments have been checked out and the circulation gets calls about the instruments every day, he said.

Hetterley spearheaded the effort to create a musical lending library after the library received a large donation of instructional music books, DVDs and other materials. He was also inspired by attending a TLA Annual Conference session by the Fort Worth Public Library about their instrument lending library.

Said Hetterley, "I'm a musician myself, I'm very passionate about it. My son is taking music lessons at the School of Rock and loving that. A lot of the kids we've met don't have their own instruments, they take guitar lessons and they have to borrow instruments to practice at home. I wanted to get



Left: Alfonso Manzanera teaches a ukelele class to library patrons. Middle: patron Rusty Pafford tries out a mandolin at Grapevine Public Library. Right: Clara Chin checks out a singing bowl.



instruments into the hands of these kids. There has been so much cutting of funds to the arts that music education has taken a backseat. Some of the instruments you can get from school, but it's hard to find a place to try the guitar or a mandolin."

When Hetterley heard about the CAP (Community Advancement Packages) grants available through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, he jumped at the chance to fund an instrument lending library.

Grapevine PL applied for two grants for \$5,000 each and received them in April 2022. With the grant funding, "we were able to purchase three electric guitars, a bass guitar, digital drum kit, two mini-keyboards, microphone and mike stands, and a PA system. Also a Mac studio computer with professional editing software."

BORROWER AGREEMENT

Before checking out any of the instruments, the borrower must sign an agreement that essentially says that person is liable for any damage or loss of the instrument. About half the checkouts so far have been for a child who wants to try playing; a parent or guardian must sign the agreement before the instrument is loaned out. So far, the library hasn't had any instruments go missing; most of the instruments "are not that much more expensive than the STEM kits or Wi-Fi hotspots that we also check out," Hetterley explained.

INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE AND EXPANDING THE COLLECTION

Grapevine PL recently hired a part-time library assistant, Alfonso Manzanera, who teaches music at a local elementary school. Manzanera teaches a ukelele class to library patrons and is also responsible for keeping the instruments in good maintenance. Since the Musical Instrument Lending Library opened, many people in the community have called about donating violins, cellos, guitars and other instruments that are

sitting unused in their homes. Hetterley said he is working on guidelines for instrument donations. The library won't accept wind instruments, for example, because of hygiene issues; and they want to make sure the instruments they do accept are in good condition.

NEW MUSIC STUDIO

Later this fall Grapevine PL plans to unveil its brand-new music, video and podcasting studio, also funded by the CAP grants. The studio is equipped with a variety of software including Ableton Live and Final Cut Pro, as well as a 12-channel mixer, pro microphone, podcasting studio kit and a digital drum kit. "We're also hoping to purchase additional instruments for the studio and offer programming to go along with it," Hetterley said.

SETTING UP AN INSTRUMENT LENDING PROGRAM AT YOUR LIBRARY

"The best advice is don't rush into it," Hetterley said. "It takes a lot of planning. We worked on it for nine months before we launched it, because there are so many things to consider about how to set it up in the library system, how are you going to maintain the instruments, how are you going to circulate them, who are we going to limit the checkouts to." The library purchased protective padded cases for all the instruments, as well as guitar picks, instrument tuners and other supplies. Library cataloguers had to learn how other libraries had cataloged their instruments. Hetterley said he's happy to answer questions about the instrument lending library; you can contact him via [email](#).

LIFELONG LEARNING

Recently, a senior citizen came in and asked about the keyboards. She plays the piano "and was so excited to check out a keyboard that she could take home and play," Hetterley said. "To get these instruments in the hands of people, for them to get satisfaction from the music – that's really what it's all about."

Michele Chan Santos is the marketing specialist at the Texas Library Association.



Cultivating Creativity in the Library



By Robin Overby Cox

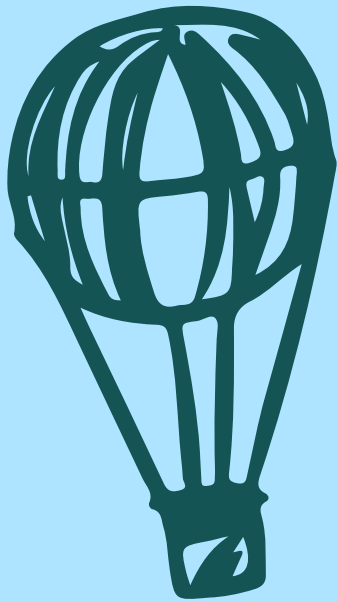
OVER-STIMULATED, OVER-SCHEDULED, AND OVER-PRESSURED TO PERFORM, today's young readers are struggling with how to access the source of the best stories in the world—those found in their own imaginations. As a librarian, I've observed such a decline over the last 20 years in the way our readers share and demonstrate their ability

to dream, imagine, and picture the content of the stories they hear, read or write. You could catch yesterday's reader gazing and daydreaming during their reading activities. Today's reader gravitates to graphic novels or screen-based media where someone else does the dreaming, imagining, and picturing of stories. We probably all have something to say about creativity and the impact of social media and screen time on the way kids think, imagine, dream, and read. The big question is, can we do anything about it in our libraries?

There are several ways we can respond. We're already tackling the need for kid-centered imaginative play in our libraries by offering Maker Space and creative Make-n-Take activities. The ability to offer children the opportunity to play in response to literature in an open-ended way stimulates creativity. All of our Maker Space activities can be linked to our library collections so children can see how reading about building a school, for example, based on Chris Van Dusen's *If I Built* series, can be creatively dramatized in myriad ways using supplies like Keva planks, Lego blocks, Lincoln Logs, Magna-Tiles, etc. Setting up a storytelling platform for Ozobots creates an open-ended way to use technology as a tool rather than a toy. Planning Maker Space activities without suggesting literature and nonfiction accompaniments may represent a missed opportunity to link imaginative play with reading. Creating purposeful, screen-free activities in our Maker Space areas is essential. While we recognize there are many resources available online, kids love Maker Spaces precisely because they are in control of the what if's and what happens next in hands-on and brains-on experiences. Curiosity might have killed the cat but it stimulates a child to imagine and create.

Next, we can offer fresh alternatives for engagement rather than passive responses to reading. Why play an online game about finding





Robin's first-grade students read *The Good Egg*, *The Bad Seed*, *The Smart Cookie*, and *The Sour Grape* by Jory John and she asked the students to imagine what the next book in the series might be if they were the author. They came up with some great ideas using Play-Doh, including "The Good Blueberries."



treasure when we can hunt through the library using a scavenger hunt to find treasures of our own? How about setting up scenes for pre-reading? Before reading Susan Choi's *Camp Tiger*, set up a tent, a few logs, and roast some marshmallows over a paper campfire. If you're reading Allen Say's *Kamishibai Man*, bring in an old bicycle and construct a kamishibai theater. Use rolls of white paper to create your own version of *Dog Man*-what if it's *Horse Man*, or *Kangaroo Man* instead? Mac Barnett's *A Polar Bear in the Snow* might elevate a child's imagination if he reads it in an igloo made of milk jugs. What happens to our reading experience when we read with a flashlight? Or a black light? Buy some germ powder and spread it around, then try reading Iden Ben-Barak's *Do Not Lick This Book*. Follow Kevin Henkes' *Birds* with a bird walk on the playground using homemade telescopes. Use Dianna Hutts Aston's *A Rock is Lively* and decorate some rocks using your imagination. It's all about building engagement and curiosity. These activities stimulate a child's imagination, as we model what it looks like to think outside of the box, outside of the book. The ideas are so plentiful. Yes, these require time and preparation, but the rewards are impactful as children learn to dream, imagine, and create.

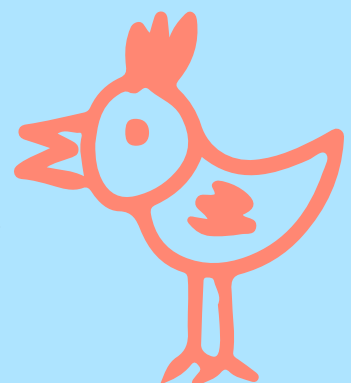
Finally, whatever happened to the Socratic question? If we formulate questions that create dialogue and thoughtful responses, we are building the dreamer, the wanderer, the wonderer.

High-stakes testing has all but eliminated the provocative answer, the thoughtful response. In our libraries we can ask the "What if" questions, the "What do you think" queries, the "How would you relate?" inquiries, so our readers are thinking

more about thinking. If we probe viewpoints, probe opinions, probe causes and effects, probe evidence, we are teaching our students to dig deeper and, in the process, we're celebrating the rabbit hole seeker, the alternative examiner, the divergent dreamer.

Technology, social media, online games, tablets and phones are not our enemies. But the child who sees technology as a tool to create his own game, the student who learns to form a friendship with his own imagination rather than strangers online, the reader who finds freedom in fantasy, is one who will change his world as well as our world for the better. If we're to ignite creativity in our libraries, it's through offering the best books and resources as well as providing engaging opportunities to play, to dream, and to create in response to reading. Einstein said, "Creativity is intelligence having fun." Let's create some fun in our libraries.

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A Day in the Life of a Regional Librarian Specialist

By Kay Cook



IN PAST DECADES, SCHOOL LIBRARIANS, THE KEEPERS OF THE BOOKS, OFFERED A RESOURCE THAT GENERALLY COULD BE EVALUATED BY THE DEPTH OF THEIR LOVE FOR THE RESOURCES THAT THEY PROTECTED. Often, it was a beloved librarian on each campus who knew every book in the library and was able to recommend the best ones for each child to read. Sadly, this is no longer the case in most school districts. Due to costs, most campuses do not have the service of certified librarians, and so their libraries are run by para-professionals. Some school districts in Texas still retain an in-house certified librarian within the district, who assists school administration with the library department. Unfortunately, many do not have this resource. Therefore, the state of Texas, through the services of the Regional Educational Service Centers, offers the support of a certified librarian to members of the ESC's Library Services Cooperative.

A typical day for the library service specialist begins like this: jump in the car, sip hot coffee, and prepare to serve patrons in a library setting - sometimes located 20-100 miles from the ESC. The district's name may change, but the feel of traveling the piney, tree-lined

roads of East Texas and the educational outcomes are the same. In the tradition of the traveling librarians of the 1930s, the regional librarian meets the needs of many individuals and communities by reinforcing the library staff who serve at the campus level.

Upon arrival at the campus, the specialist must check in at the front office. This is followed by a meet and greet with campus administrators or library staff. Once in the library, the specialist recaps the last visit, focuses on the goals of the present visit, and discusses any issues presented by library or school staff. Each day trip is designed around a desire to place books in children's hands and establish an efficient library environment.

Between serving children and educators with requests, the specialist may manage records, create displays, set up exhibits that support curriculum, share professional development opportunities, and update current library related activities. Some days include reshelving books, managing acquisitions, repairing, cataloging, and/or weeding selections at the location. Besides library-specific activities during the visit, calendars are created for upcoming visits, correspondence is shared, reports are

compiled to document data, and an ongoing presentation is edited to assist stakeholders in understanding the need for well-established libraries. At the end of the day, accomplishments are logged, requests are taken for topics to be researched before the next visit, visitor tags are returned to the office, and the traveling specialist ventures to homebase at the ESC.

With so many requests from so many libraries, the regional educational library specialist is never bored! The Region 6 Education Service Center serves 57 districts in 15 counties in south central/east Texas. Requests are varied due to the variety of campuses/schools that are served. The daily requests may be influenced by the campus population, age of the students, and/or variety of resources available. No matter the destination, it is an ongoing service to help schools offer the best resources and assistance to the school children of Texas. As Timothy Healy, former President of New York Public Library, stated, "The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff." Check to see what your ESC Region Librarian has to offer you and your local school district.

Kay Cook, MLS, is a library services specialist for the Region 6 Education Service Center.

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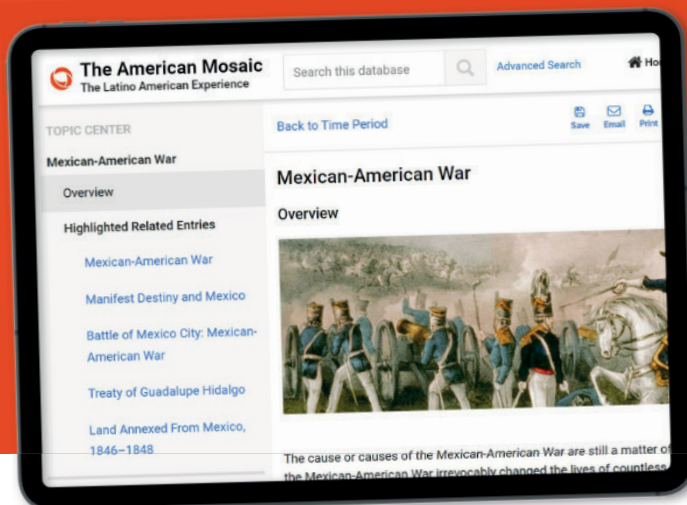


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Heroes Between the Stacks

By Debra Young Hatch

“Librarians save lives: by handing the right book, at the right time, to a kid in need.”

—Judy Blume

WHO ARE YOUR CHILDHOOD HEROES? YOUR LIST MAY BE LONG, SHORT OR SOMEWHERE

IN-BETWEEN. Regardless of the size of your list, more than likely in the white spaces between each name sit a few unsung heroes whose names you might not remember -- but who on a particular day gave you an all-important nudge in the right direction.

Those heroes sometimes remain in the recesses of your mind until a thought, a sound, a smell or even a place bring them and that childhood experience to the fore. And then suddenly there it is – that moment, that person, that image of someone who gave you what you needed at just the right moment.

For me, one of those heroes happens to be an elementary school librarian. As a young child, reading was a challenge for me and as a result books were often set aside in lieu of toys, games, puzzles or pets. Setting reading aside or avoiding reading altogether worked just fine in the short-term – as memorization came

easily – until the day it didn’t. It was the final day for our third-grade class to select a book from the library. The assignment was to read the book, write a book report and then present it to the class; quite a daunting task for a child struggling to read.

On the final day to choose a library book, I sat quietly in the furthest corner of the library – hiding between the stacks – not knowing what to do. Then seemingly out-of-nowhere, the librarian appeared. She quietly came over and sat down on the floor right next to me, wiped away the tears and listened as I shared my fears and inability to read well. As we sat there chatting, she gently helped me pick a book, then assured me we would read it together. We did, and I successfully wrote my first book report. Although reading remained a challenge until much later in life, it was that librarian who will always sit in one of the white spaces on my hero list.

The truth is librarians are among the greatest unsung heroes who go about their jobs – or perhaps more accurately



Debra Young Hatch

their mission – noiselessly impacting the lives of thousands of children every day between the stacks. Certainly, the list of their duties has shifted and expanded dramatically over the years, but the underpinnings of their mission remain constant: to inspire, educate, enlighten and encourage children on their journeys of learning and loving to read. No doubt each librarian has their own plan for accomplishing their mission; however, always present are five integral elements:

- Creating a culture of literacy – schoolwide



- Developing curiosity – a love of reading
- Inspiring social and emotional growth
- Encouraging creativity and imagination
- Educating and teaching technology skills

And within their overarching plans, school librarians are perpetually on the path of innovating and adapting to the times and making the most of

the dollars they are given – all for kids' sake. A prime example of adaptability, creativity and expertise in uncharted territory would be during the COVID-19 pandemic when libraries and librarians became shining beacons of education as they helped teachers, kids and parents navigate distance reading and learning in every way imaginable.

So cheers to all of the librarians – childhood heroes – who share their knowledge, expertise and kindness with kids between the stacks! We celebrate

you and all you do for the kids who walk through your doors every day. With that in mind, today consider pausing and taking a moment out of the “busyness” of life and thank a librarian for what they do for all of our children. They are giving an extraordinary gift for kids and for our communities as whole – not just for today or tomorrow; it’s a gift for life.

Debra Young Hatch is a children's author “Giraffes in My Closet”; you can learn more about her [here](#).

“It is an awfully sad misconception that librarians simply check books in and out. The library is the heart of a school, and without a librarian, it is but an empty shell.” —Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Texas Library Association Elects 2023–2024 Executive Board

TLA is pleased to announce the new members of our executive board. TLA's new executive board members, including incoming **President Gretchen Pruett**, Director of the New Braunfels Public Library, will take office at the close of the TLA 2023 Annual Conference in April in Austin.

Elizabeth Anne Martinez Howard, Director of the West Library, Texas Wesleyan University, is President-Elect.

Jill Bellomy, Lead Librarian, Highland Park Middle School, Highland Park ISD, was elected as Representative-at-Large (School.)

Valerie Prilop, Senior Librarian, MD Anderson Cancer Center, was elected as Representative-at-Large (Special).

Due to candidate withdrawal, the current Treasurer, **Dianna Morganti**, Science and Engineering Librarian and Instructional Associate Professor, Texas A&M University, will serve as Treasurer for 2023-2024 per Bylaws Article IV – Officers, Section 2 – Terms of Office.

Unit election results

The following are the unit election results from the TLA online election. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of the candidates.

- Children's Round Table Secretary/Treasurer: **Hannah Farmer**, Seguin PL, Youth Services Manager
- District 10—Alternate Councilor: **Christie Gudowski**, North East ISD, School Librarian
- District 10—Secretary: **Andrea Colwell**, Northside ISD, Librarian
- Young Adult Round Table—Chair-Elect: **Lorraine Roussin**, Northside ISD, Librarian
- Young Adult Round Table—Councilor: **Rose Brock**, Sam Houston State University, Associate Professor, Library Science
- Texas Association of School Librarians—Chair-Elect: **Elizabeth Gilbert**, Aldine ISD, Librarian
- Library Instruction Round Table—Chair-Elect: **Margaret Dawson**, TAMU-CT, Co-Head of Public Services
- Library Instruction Round Table—Alternate Councilor: **Linda Gray**, Blinn College, Library Director
- Public Library Division—Chair-Elect: **Rebecca Anderson**, Riter C Hulsey PL, Library Director

NEW TLA DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

TLA is delighted to announce that Julie Marshall, CAE, CMP, DES, is TLA's new Director of Education. Most recently, Julie was the Director of Meetings and Events at Strategic Association Management, where she led the planning and execution of conferences and events. [Full announcement.](#)

ROUND ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

[Round Rock Public Library](#) has a new state-of-the-art downtown library, located at 200 East Liberty Avenue. The new library is just a block north of the old library site at East Main and Sheppard.

The new three-story, 66,000-square-foot facility features a grand staircase, integrated movie screen, and public art, as well as a four-story, 289-space parking garage, an entry light fixture designed and installed by Nathan Warner, a world-renowned local lighting artist, an energy-efficient daylight harvesting system, and an outdoor children's area with a turf lawn and labyrinth.

The library also has areas for quiet work on the third floor, classrooms on the first floor, outdoor spaces on each level, study rooms on the second and third floors, dedicated children's story time rooms, early learning areas, and space for activities and crafts.

NEW FRISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY DELIGHTS COMMUNITY

The new Frisco Public Library is now open with three times the space, more computers and high-tech amenities, a larger learning playscape, a social staircase and a towering, skeletal model dinosaur centerpiece! The new library spans 158,068 square feet, compared to its previous facility of about 50,000 square feet. The Frisco Public Library is now the sixth largest library in Texas. Blackland Prairie inspired the architectural and interior design. From the native landscaping to interior carpet, colors, and Storytime 'starry night sky' lit ceiling - library décor, inside and out, is a nod to the Texas prairie.

This 'adaptive reuse project' converted warehouse space, built in 1998 and once housed a rocket parts factory. After the aerospace company dissolved, the Frisco Community Development Corporation (FCDC) purchased the building in 2001. The FCDC donated the space to the library in 2019 - the same year voters approved \$62 million in bonds for the Frisco Public Library.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. JULIE TODARO ON HER RETIREMENT

Dr. Julie Todaro, Dean of Library Services at Austin Community College, retired after 40 years of service. She served as president of the [American Library Association](#) from 2016–2017. She previously served as president of the Association of College and Research Libraries from 2007–2008 and of the [Texas Library Association](#) from 2000–2001.

LIBRARY PROGRAM HELPS ADULT RESIDENTS EARN AN ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Ector County Library now offers a program called Excel Adult High School designed to help busy adults who have aged out of the education system obtain their high school diploma online with the convenience of a self-paced schedule. Local residents age 21 and up who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education, can apply online for an Excel Adult High School scholarship through Ector County Library. There is no cost to students for the program, but enrollment is limited and requires a library card. The program is called Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School. “The start of the new year is a perfect time to set a new life course and prepare for a brighter future. Earning a high school diploma is a key stepping-stone to achieving long-term goals,” said library director Howard C. Marks. “By offering Excel Adult High School, we’re empowering our residents to seek new opportunities and transform their lives.”

2023 TLA OFFICER GOVERNANCE TRAINING AND WORKSHOP

July 12–14, Austin

Ready to hone your skills as a TLA officer? TLA committee and unit officers (chairs, vice chairs and chairs-elect) should plan to attend the TLA Officer Governance Training and Workshop (formerly known as Annual Assembly) in order to prepare for their 2023–2024 roles.

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TOCKER FOUNDATION RURAL LIBRARIES WORKSHOPS—COLLECTING ALL VOICES

The Tocker Foundation has partnered with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Texas Library Association to offer nine one-day workshops for rural libraries focused on collection development and how to navigate the current challenging times libraries are facing.

The [workshops](#) are free to attend.

Dates and Locations:

- April 10: Amarillo
- April 27: Alpine
- May 2: Abilene
- May 5: Boerne

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In Memoriam

Mary D. Lankford passed away on February 6. She was the director of library services for the Texas Education Agency and received many awards, among them the Texas Library Association Distinguished Service Award. She was president of the Texas Library Association from 1975 to 1976 and chair of the Texas Association of School Librarians from 1973 to 1974. Lankford was named to the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences Hall of Fame in 1989.

She was the author of more than ten informational books for children including *Christmas USA*, *Christmas Around the World*, *Jacks Around the World* and *Birthdays Around the World*. She will be greatly missed.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL COLLECTIONS ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

The Texas Book Festival awards [grants](#) to support collection enhancement for Texas public libraries. Libraries across Texas can now apply for a 2023 grant to help expand their library collections and share the diversity and breadth of literature with their communities. These Texas Book Festival Collections Enhancement Grants are made possible by funds raised at the annual Festival and through TBF's generous donors. Since 1996, the organization has funded 1,169 grants totaling over \$3 million to 600+ libraries in every corner of the state. **Deadline is April 26.**

An aerial photograph of the Austin skyline, featuring numerous high-rise buildings, with a dense green forest in the foreground.

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2023 Keynote Speakers



GENERAL SESSION I

Gretchen Rubin

Thursday, April 20, 8:15–9:45 AM

[Gretchen Rubin](#) is one of today's most influential observers of happiness and human nature. She's the author of many books, including the blockbuster *New York Times* bestsellers *Outer Order*, *Inner Calm*; *The Four Tendencies*; *Better Than Before*; and *The Happiness Project*. Her books have sold more than 3.5 million copies worldwide, in more than thirty languages. She hosts the top-ranking, award-winning podcast "Happier with Gretchen Rubin."



GENERAL SESSION II

Angeline Bouley and Cynthia Leitich Smith

Friday, April 21, 4:15-5:30pm

Come hear from two renowned authors, **Angeline Bouley** and **Cynthia Leitich Smith**, in conversation with one another. As Indigenous authors in children's and YA literature, they have a unique perspective and we're honored to have them share their reflections with us.

Angeline Bouley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Angeline lives in southwest Michigan, but her home will always be on Sugar Island. *Firekeeper's Daughter* is her debut novel and was an instant #1 *New York Times* Bestseller. Her upcoming book is *Warrior Girl Unearthed* (MacMillan).

Cynthia Leitich Smith is the bestselling, acclaimed author of books for all ages, including *Rain Is Not My Indian Name*, *Indian Shoes*, *Jingle Dancer*, and *Hearts Unbroken*, which won the American Indian Library Association's Youth Literature Award; she is also the anthologist of *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids*. Cynthia is the author-curator of Heartdrum, a Native-focused imprint at HarperCollins Children's Books, and serves as the Katherine Paterson Inaugural Endowed Chair on the faculty of the MFA program in Writing for Children and Young Adults at Vermont College of Fine Arts. She is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and lives in Austin.

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GENERAL SESSION III

Deborah Roberts

Saturday, April 22, 11:00am-12:00pm

Deborah Roberts is the senior national affairs correspondent for *20/20*, *Nightline*, *Good Morning America*, and *World News Tonight with David Muir*. Roberts has also served as a substitute anchor for *Good Morning America*, *World News Weekend*, and *20/20*, as well as a guest co-host on *The View*. In her new book, [*Lessons Learned and Cherished: The Teacher Who Changed My Life*](#), Roberts has curated a collection of essays, letters, and musings from celebrity friends and colleagues that share how teachers changed them and helped them get to where they are today.



BLACK CAUCUS ROUND TABLE AUTHOR SESSION

Jerry Craft

Thursday, April 20, 10:00-12:15pm

Jerry Craft is the *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of the graphic novels *New Kid* and *Class Act*; and the upcoming book *School Trip*, the newest installment in the series. *New Kid* is the only book in history to win the John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature (2020); the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature (2019), and the Coretta Scott King Author Award for the most outstanding work by an African American writer (2020).



OPENING AWARDS AND AUTHOR SESSION

Jeff Shaara and LaToya Watkins

Thursday, April 20, 12:15-1:45pm

Jeff Shaara is the award-winning, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Publishers Weekly* bestselling author of seventeen novels, including *Rise to Rebellion* and *The Rising Tide*. Shaara was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, grew up in Tallahassee, Florida, and lives in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

LaToya Watkins's debut novel, *Perish*, was published to great acclaim in 2022. Her writing has appeared in *A Public Space*, *The Sun*, *McSweeney's*, and the *Kenyon Review*, among other places. She lives and teaches in a suburb of Dallas. She'll be discussing her upcoming book, *Holler, Child*.

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TEXAS BLUEBONNET AWARD AUTHOR SESSION

Devin Scillian and Tim Bowers

Friday, April 21, 11:45-1:30pm

The winner of the 2023 Texas Bluebonnet Award is *Memoirs of a Tortoise*, written by **Devin Scillian** and illustrated by **Tim Bowers**. Hundreds of librarians attend the annual TBA lunch, where elementary students from across Texas present the award to the winning author and illustrator.



LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Art Markman

Friday, April 21, 8:00-10:00 AM

In this two-hour ticketed program, attendees will learn how to be an effective change agent and how to manage workplace stress, from **Art Markman, PhD**. Known for his radio show/podcast *Two Guys on Your Head*, and for his books, including *Smart Change: Five Tools to Create New and Sustainable Habits in Yourself and Others* and *Bring Your Brain to Work: Using Cognitive Science to Get a Job, Do it Well, and Advance Your Career*, Dr. Markman is a professor of psychology at UT-Austin, where he is also vice provost of academic affairs.

TLA After Hours

TLA After Hours on Wednesday evening features a variety of fun activities, including Nerf Wars, Battledecks, Library Olympics and a two-hour Dueling Pianos performance featuring hits from the 80s to today. Library Pub Trivia and a book fair for grown-ups will be featured.

The Ultimate Children's Illustrator Sketch-Off brings together seven children's illustrators for a fun, Pictionary-style game that's always popular with attendees.

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EXHIBIT HALL OPEN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 — FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Be sure to make time to visit the exciting TLA 2023 Exhibit Hall! Hundreds of exhibiting companies will showcase the newest books, products, and services for the library profession. Authors will be signing books in the Authors Area.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
3:45 – 6:00 PM
Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Exhibits Open

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Last Day for Exhibits

The Exhibits Grand Opening will kick off the show on Wednesday, April 19, from 3:45 pm – 6 pm. Exhibit Hall hours on Thursday, April 20 are 10 am to 5 pm and on Friday April 21 from 8 am to 4 pm.

The bustling TLA 2023 exhibit hall will feature more than 400 companies, with 42 appearing there for the first time. Exhibitors include publishers; book jobbers; book fairs; architects; automation, furniture, and STEAM product vendors; service agencies; nonprofits; and many others.

More than 200 authors will be signing in the authors area and in exhibit booths. In addition, attendees will be educated and entertained in exhibitor showcases.

New this year: a Small Exhibitor Pavilion showcasing nonprofits, entertainers/storytellers, and authors and small publishers.

Poster Sessions will be Thursday, April 20 from 11 AM to 1 PM in Exhibit Hall 1.

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Advantage Archives.....2500

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ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom 2709

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Albert Whitman & Company..... 1231

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Anti-Defamation League..... 2415

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BattleQuestions.com 1235 <https://www.battlequestions.com>

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Bayou City Press 1543 <https://bayoucitypress.com/>

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Collection Perfection 1534

<https://www.literacyfortexas.com/librarians>

Collection Perfection provides collection development services to support and enhance school literacy spaces! Our team of certified media library specialists and consultants provide time-saving services to alleviate the more laborious tasks of librarianship like weeding, genrefying, reclassifying Dewey, labeling and barcoding, dynamic shelving and MORE! Time is essential and today's librarian wears more hats than ever. "No librarian has enough time, space, or budget to ignore the need to weed."

Consortium 2627

<https://www.cbsd.com/>

Consortium™, a brand of Ingram Publisher Services® which is part of Ingram Content Group LLC, distributes high quality books to the world, including fiction, non-fiction, popular culture, politics, children's/parenting, poetry, and art/photography titles.

Copyright & Creativity 1041

<https://copyrightandcreativity.org/>

Free K-12 resources for teaching about copyright and fair use

Cover One 2108

<https://www.coverone.net>

Repair books in-house within minutes! Small desktop system repairs books and has them back in circulation within the hour. Hardbacks and paperbacks as well as textbooks can be repaired quickly for pennies with the Cover One system. Stop by our booth for some free chocolate while you watch a 30-second demo of how our system works!

Crabtree Publishing Company 1313

<https://www.crabtreebooks.com>

Crabtree Publishing Company is dedicated to producing high-quality books and educational products for K-9+. Over the last THREE seasons Crabtree has introduced EIGHT new imprints. They include early and emergent non-fiction readers, Hi/Lo, picture books, beginning to fluent fiction readers, and chapter books. Crabtree has also expanded into new formats, such as Read-Along eBooks and publishes in several languages, including Spanish, French and Haitian-Creole.

CRAFT & HOBBY 2603

<https://www.craftandhobby.com/>

Discover what inspires you. Unlock your creative potential with the largest resource of video-on-demand learning in the craft and hobby space. Learn at your own pace with step-by-step tutorials in 20 different creative interests.

Creativebug..... 2606

<https://www.creativebug.com>

Libraries hold a special place in our hearts at Creativebug. We'd like to thank you for providing access and a place to connect to technology, programs, ideas, classes and community. We're so excited and grateful to be a part of your library's resources!

Cultural Surroundings 1137

<https://www.culturalsurroundings.com>

Library furniture and shelving consultation, supply and installation.

Data Axle Reference Solutions..... 2214

<https://www.data-axle.com/what-we-do/reference-solutions/>

Reference Solutions is the leading provider in business and consumer research. Offering a full-service platform, Reference Solutions helps users create marketing plans, conduct competitive analysis, raise funds, and locate people.

Delaney Educational..... 1314

<https://deebooks.com/>

Delaney Educational had been serving school districts and public libraries for over 20 years and are committed to providing high-quality PreK- 12 books and literacy materials with exceptional service. We partner with thousands of publishers to provide fiction and nonfiction in both print and digital formats.

Demco..... 1613

<https://www.demco.com>

Libraries everywhere are exploring new ways to inspire readers by changing up how materials are displayed and organized. Whether you are eyeing library-wide genrefication or focusing on just a few areas like children's literature or non-fiction, this booth will help you get started.

Demco's Book Doctor 2215

<https://www.demco.com>

Visit this literary OR and watch a book doctor triage demos of all the book repairs you've been curious about. You'll see great ideas for protecting books and learn tips for tried-and-true repair techniques.

Dexterity / K-LOVE Books..... 1735

<https://dexteritybooks.com/>

Dexterity is an IBPA award-winning indie publisher based in Nashville, TN. We describe ourselves as "Book People with Startup Hustle," and our team, including the Dexterity Collective

of eighty-plus book publishing professionals, believes in the power of books to make a difference.

Disney Publishing Worldwide 1926

<https://www.disneybooks.com>

Disney Publishing Worldwide publishes award-winning books for all ages in print, eBooks, and audio books. Imprints include: Disney Hyperion, Disney Press, Disney Lucasfilm Press, Marvel Press, Rick Riordan Presents, and Hyperion Avenue. DPW also includes imprints from National Geographic, including National Geographic Kids and Under the Stars.

DK..... 2430

<https://www.dk.com>

We believe in the power of discovery. That's why we create books for everyone that explore ideas and nurture curiosity about the world we live in. From first words to the Big Bang, from the wonders of nature to city adventures, you will find expert knowledge, hours of fun, and endless inspiration in the pages of our books.

Dynamic Authors Group..... 2313

<https://www.TheAuthorAdventure.com>

Non-Fiction, Fiction and Children's Books

EBSCO Information Services..... 1619

EBSCO

<https://www.ebsco.com>

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) is the preeminent provider of online research content and search technologies serving academic, school and public libraries around the world. From research, acquisition management, subscription services to discovery and analytics, EBSCO provides institutions with access to content and resources to serve the information and workflow needs of their users and organizations. EBSCO also supports the development of FOLIO, an open source library services platform, and provides institutions interested in leveraging the open source technology with hosting and service support.

Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

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<https://www.eerdmans.com/youngreaders>

We seek to engage young minds with words and pictures that inform and delight, inspire and entertain.

Enchanted Lion Books 1930

<https://enchantedlion.com/>

Enchanted Lion Books is an independent publisher based in Brooklyn, New York. We publish illustrated books from around the world, convinced by the power of cultural exchange to inspire curiosity, awareness, and wonder in children everywhere. We love books, well-told stories, and illustrations that open up the visual world and deepen a child's sense of story.

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EnvisionWare.....2602

<https://www.envisionware.com>

EnvisionWare delivers world-class computer and financial management software, RFID circulation, security and inventory systems, Automated Materials Handling solutions, professional consulting services dedicated to the efficient delivery of exceptional service to library patrons and the 24-Hour Library.

Eva Pohler Books..... 2016

<https://www.evapohler.com>

Eva Pohler is a USA Today bestselling author of over thirty novels in multiple genres, including supernatural mysteries, thrillers, and young adult fantasy based on Greek mythology. Her stories have been described as “addictive” and “sure to thrill”.

Factcite/Lincoln Library Press, Inc. 2109

<https://thelincolnlibrary.com/>

Award-winning subscription databases that students LOVE to use, featuring biographies of TEKS notable people and much more!

Fathom Reads2209

<https://www.fathomreads.com>

Fathom Reads is an interactive, read-along platform designed to supplement and support core learning in a variety of languages with differentiated instruction. The assistive reading technology helps beginning and struggling readers in English as well as English Learners and World Language Learners. #dual-language #multilingual #coresubjectsupport

FE Technologies..... 1136

<https://www.fetechgroup.com>

FE Technologies is known not only for its innovative product line, but also for its commitment to providing RFID to enhance the library user experience and freeing up library staff time to provide customer service and high quality services. With over ten years' experience installing RFID systems into libraries of all types and hundreds of installations under our belt, we are well-positioned to give your libraries excellent support and service.

Federal Trade Commission 2100

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov>

The Federal Trade Commission, the nation's oldest consumer protection agency, has free resources to help you respond to questions about consumer issues like managing money and credit, dealing with debt, or avoiding scams and identity theft. We have a curated list of print, online, audio & video content you can use in programming, and information for specific populations. Staff will show you resources for older adults, Spanish-speakers and people with challenges reading English.

Feeding Minds Press2306

<https://www.feedingmindspress.com/>

Kids are hungry for information about where their food comes from and Feeding Minds

Press is ready to fill their plates with delicious books all about food, farming, and gardening. Our titles help answer the questions: How does food grow? Where does it go? How can I grow my own food? Tuck into our tasty titles and feed your mind!

Filmocracy.....2300

<https://filmocracy.com>

Filmocracy is a streaming platform that gives first look access to exclusive films from festivals around the world. We support the undiscovered artists who are trailblazing independent cinema. Discover new films, network with the industry, and experience the independent spirit of Filmocracy.

Flyaway Books2335

<https://www.flyawaybooks.com>

Flyaway Books publishes children's picture books focusing on themes such as kindness, compassion, diversity, self-esteem, inclusivity, and care for the world.

Follett.....1519

<https://www.folletlearning.com>

Follett is proud to advocate for librarians as leaders, ensuring the library is an integral part of a future-ready world. By connecting students with the perfect resources and partnering with teachers, Follett helps place the library at the center of learning. There's a reason more than 10,000 educators use Titlewave every day. It's the leading collection development tool, with the power to search and analyze an entire library.

Foreword Reviews.....2408

<https://www.forewordreviews.com>

Founded in 1998, Foreword Magazine, Inc. is an independent media company totally devoted to covering the indie book publishing industry. From multi-imprint independent publishers, to micro presses, university presses, and author-owned publishers, the universe of indie publishing is vast and widely underserved.

FutureMakers2533

<https://kidsmakethingsbetter.com/>

We design and support STEAM experiences anywhere learning and innovation takes place.

Gale, A Cengage Company 1513

<https://www.gale.com>

Gale, part of Cengage Group, partners with educators and librarians to connect learners and researchers to essential content through accessible

technology. For close to 70 years, we have collaborated with academic institutions, schools, and public libraries globally to deliver state-of-the-art resources and improve learning outcomes. As a trusted publisher and aggregator of information, Gale helps learners push past traditional research boundaries,

excel in their careers, and unlock the power and joy of learning.

Gareth Stevens/Enslow Publishers . 1417

<https://www.garethstevens.com>, www.enslow.com

Gareth Stevens/Enslow Publishing creates high-quality educational fiction and nonfiction books and ebooks for children and young adults. Over the years, Enslow's award-winning titles have been recognized by organizations such as the American Library Association, the National Council for the Social Studies, and the Society of School Librarians International. West 44 Books, the hi-low middle grade and young adult fiction imprint of Enslow Publishing, is an exciting platform for new, authentic voices.

Garrett Book Company 1634

<https://www.garrettbooks.com/>

Garrett Book Company, a third-generation female-owned business, has been supporting the library market since 1956. We sell PK-12 nonfiction and fiction titles for use in school and public libraries. All of our books have reinforced library bindings. 95%+ fulfillment rate with no backorders.

Gravitas Publications Inc.1740

<https://gravitaspublishations.com/>

Gravitas Publications Inc. provides science education materials, including textbooks, workbooks, teacher's guides, and STEM programs. A range of solutions, such as the Real Science-4-Kids (RS4K) Exploring the Building Blocks of Science Series, Focus On Series, and Elementary Reader Series, are designed to enhance students' understanding of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Geology, and Astronomy. RATATAZ science kits utilize established learning theories.

Grey House Publishing & Salem Press

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<https://www.greyhouse.com>

Grey House Publishing and Salem Press are publishers of literary, historical, scientific, and health-related reference. Their products are available in print and online, worldwide.

Groundwood 2633

<https://houseofanansi.com/>

Groundwood is known for award-winning books that reflect the experiences of children both in North America and around the world. We are inspired by the belief that children's books can be important and necessary without sacrificing warmth, beauty, playfulness and humor.

Gumdrop Books..... 1213

<https://www.gumdropbooks.com>

Gumdrop Books offers a huge selection of PreK-college level books, at great prices with discounts up to 70%, free MARC records, free shipping, compete library services including shelf-ready processing, 96% fulfillment rate,

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single purchase order, flexible payment terms, in-house customer service and knowledgeable sales representatives. Exceptional Service, Unconditionally Guaranteed.

Hachette Book Group 2027

<https://www.hbglibrary.com/>

Hachette Book Group (HBG) is a leading US trade publisher. In one year, HBG publishes approximately 1,600+ adult books, 350 books for young readers, and 700 audiobook titles. HBG's Publishers include Grand Central Publishing, Little, Brown and Company, Orbit, Hachette Nashville, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Avalon, Basic Books, Hachette Books, PublicAffairs, Running Press/BDL, Hachette Audio, and Workman Publishing Co."

Half Price Books 2103

<https://www.hpb.com>

Half Price Books is the largest family-owned new and used bookstore chain, with stores in 17 states. HPB is a proud supporter of educators, frequently donating books to schools and offers a 10% discount year-round. For more information, visit www.hpb.com

Hamilton Buhl 2703

<https://www.hamiltonbuhl.com/>

HamiltonBuhl is a leader in the design and manufacture of electronics and presentation equipment for education and industry. From our humble beginnings in 1933 as Hamilton Electronics to our 2011 merger with Buhl Industries, HamiltonBuhl has grown as an innovator. We bring well over 100 years of combined history and experience to meet the challenges of learners and educators during a time of rapidly advancing technology.

hand2mind 2106

<https://www.hand2mind.com>

Supplemental hands-on solutions for Grades PreK-8 for Math, STEM/Science, Literacy and SEL, along with creating quality custom solutions to address your students' unique needs.

HarperCollins Children's Books 1727

<https://www.harpercollinschildrens.com>

HarperCollins Children's Books is one of the leading publishers of children's books, home to many of the classics of children's literature. Imprints include Balzer + Bray, Greenwillow Books, HarperAlley, HarperTeen, Heartdrum, Katherine Tegen Books, Quill Tree, and Walden Pond Press. HarperCollins Children's Books is a division of HarperCollins Publishers.

H-E-B Read 3 1813



<https://www.heb.com/static-page/Read-3-Help-Grow-Young-Minds>

Read 3 Initiative - a program that focuses on

educating parents and caregivers on the need to read to children a minimum of three times per week. Through in-store marketing activities, community outreach and access to free and affordable books, the goal of H-E-B's Read 3 Program is to ensure that all children have an opportunity to begin their school experience with an equal opportunity to succeed.

Holiday House / Peachtree / Pixel+Ink.... 2026

<https://www.holidayhouse.com>

Holiday House publishes children's and young adult trade books in hardcover, paperback, and e-book formats. New imprints include Margaret Ferguson Books and Neal Porter Books. Our sister company, Pixel+Ink, publishes series books for ages 3-13. Visit HolidayHouse.com and PixelandInkBooks.com for resources for our award-winning I Like to Read series for beginning readers, plus free, downloadable educator's guides, reading group guides, and activities for our new books.

Housman Institute LLC 2336

<https://www.housmaninstitute.com>

Founded by Dr. Donna Housman, Housman Institute is an early childhood organization that seeks to provide research-based, high-quality, preventive training, curriculum, and tools to set up our youngest learners with the building blocks of emotional intelligence, laying the foundation for enhanced well-being, academic excellence, mental health and success for life.

HTP/Inkyard 1731

<https://www.harlequinforlibraries.com>

Inkyard Press brings fresh visions of popular themes to young adult readers across a variety of genres—from contemporary and mainstream to genre fiction, including horror, fantasy, mystery, romance and thriller. With an exciting selection of stories from diverse voices, including established authors and emerging talent, Inkyard Press is the home of exhilarating and thought-provoking YA fiction.

Image Comics 2334

<https://www.imagecomics.com>

Image Comics is a comic book and graphic novel publisher founded in 1992 by a collective of bestselling artists. Image has gone on to become the third largest comics publisher in the United States. Image currently has six individuals on the Board of Directors: Robert Kirkman, Erik Larsen, Todd McFarlane, Marc Silvestri, Jim Valentino, and Eric Stephenson. Image publishes comics and graphic novels in nearly every genre, sub-genre, and style imaginable.

Imagination Playground 1434

<https://www.imaginationplayground.com>

Imagination Playground is a breakthrough portable playground designed to encourage child-directed unstructured free play. Unlike

traditional hardscape playgrounds, the award-winning Blue Blocks are a low cost, easy to clean, waterproof foam play system that can be used both indoors or out on a variety of surfaces. Handcrafted in the USA with a focus on loose parts, the durable blocks allow children to design their own course of play. Each set comes with an industry leading 5-year warranty.

Indeco 2318

<https://www.indecosales.com/library/>

Contemporary space offerings to include mixed materials, Oak, Maple, and Laminate library & media center furniture; 20-year warranty; complimentary layout & design service. We have been servicing the K-12 educational market for more than 50 years and have the quality products, competitive prices and market experience that is needed to service today's school districts. Please let us show you how we can be a valuable partner on your next project!

Independent Publishers Group 2135

<https://www.ipgbook.com>

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India For Everyone 2208

<https://www.indiaforeveryone.org>

India For Everyone assists public libraries in adding well-circulating new and popular materials from India. We offer books for adults, children and movies in all Indian languages including Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu etc.* Serving public libraries across the US and Canada since 2005 * MARC Records included with each title at no extra charge * Customized complimentary selection lists offered * Based in California

Infobase 2114

https://www.infobase.com/?utm_campaign=TxLA23

Infobase is the esteemed provider of the Infobase Media Cloud and the Infobase Learning Cloud, which deliver award-winning multimedia reference content, online tools and technology, and professional development and training solutions to the school, academic, and public library communities.

Ingram Library Services (ILS) 2527

<https://www.ingramcontent.com/libraries>

Ingram Library Services delivers innovative systems, expertise, and precise assistance in developing and maintaining your library's collection. Ingram helps librarians through

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our vast title selection, easy-to-use search and ordering tools, collection analytics, and customized cataloguing and processing. We offer expert collection development services from MLS-degreed librarians who use Ingram's inventory of content to help position your library for the future. We know librarians are busy, and Ingram is here to help you spend less time at your desk and more time with your community.

Innovative Interfaces, Inc. 1808 <https://www.iii.com>

Innovative, a Clarivate company, provides leading technology solutions and services that empower libraries and enrich their users worldwide. Innovative offers a comprehensive portfolio of library automation products, serving academic, public, national, corporate and special libraries and consortia. Headquartered in Chandler, Arizona, Innovative serves thousands of libraries in 66 countries.

Insignia Software 1900 <https://www.insigniasoftware.com>

Insignia Library System is a true centralized library automation system with integrated modules for Cataloguing, Circulation, Searching, Patron Management, Reports, Acquisitions, and a Discovery Layer for patrons to search, reserve, and manage their accounts online. Insignia is unique in the market as it offers a web-based system that has the power and feel of a desktop application, allowing you to open multiple windows at the same time.

Jump! 1412 <https://www.jumplibrary.com/>

Founded in 2012, Jump! is dedicated to improving early literacy and to instilling a lifelong love of learning in young readers. Our PreK-5 curriculum-aligned children's books combine vibrant colors, captivating design, high-interest topics, and carefully leveled text to draw readers into the subject and encourage reading success. Whether a child is learning to read or reading to learn, Jump! has the perfect books for your emerging and newly fluent readers!

Junior Library Guild/Media Source.. 2119



<https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com>

A completely customizable collection-development service based 100% on your preferences, your readers' interests, and your library's budget. Unlike other book services, JLG titles are curated by our renowned editorial team, who reads and reviews thousands of manuscript submissions each year prior to publication, in order to choose award-worthy books for our members.

Kat Kronenberg 1637 <https://www.katkronenberg.com>

A Live Big Trilogy - Mythological Fables About Our Hearts Of Stars! Learn The Trilogy's Three Secrets that the Animals discovered! Light the stars in your heart & live big too!

Kendra Scott Jewelry 2700 <https://www.kendrascott.com>

Kendra Scott is a leading fashion accessories brand inspired by the personal experiences, travel, and sense of community of its founder and designer, Kendra Scott. Kendra Scott is best known for its kaleidoscope of fashion jewelry accessories as well as the customizable Color Bar experience, and in recent years has expanded into the categories of fine jewelry, sterling silver, home decor, and beauty.

KEVA Planks Education..... 2107 <https://www.KEVAplanks.com>

Top ranked activity for library makerspaces. Identical wood blocks that stack with surprising stability and instantly make any library interactive. Easy lessons and activities to make stories come alive and support any subject. Quick compelling activities to make stories come alive and support any subject. Quick compelling activities for every age and skill level. STEAM without storage hassles.

Komatsu Architecture 2820 <https://www.komatsu-inc.com>

Komatsu Architecture provides integrated library planning and specialized library interiors, equipment, and furnishings combined with an architectural solution that is a result of teamwork with library staff to serve a community's needs and to reflect your desired image - it is your library!

Latinx Kidlit Book Festival 1343 <https://www.latinxkidlitbookfestival.com>

The Latinx Kidlit Book Festival is a FREE virtual celebration of Latinx KidLit authors, illustrators, and books for all students, educators and book lovers around the globe.

Learn About Sharks 1641 <https://www.learnaboutsharks.com>

Hi I'm Matt "The Shark Guy" and I teach elementary-aged children about sharks through the use of my personal photos, videos, and life experience as a shark nerd. I have published my first book titled "Learn About Sharks: The Great White Shark" and plan to continue that as a series. My presentations focus on shark science and conservation. I make sharks come to life for kids and help them grow their love for these animals!

Lectorum Publications, Inc 2526 <https://lectorum.com/>

Leading Spanish language book distributor in the U.S. One-stop shopping for all your Spanish/Bilingual language needs. Children, young adult, adult fiction/nonfiction, and

reference (dictionaries, encyclopedias, and atlases). Ask about our collection development plan.

Lerner Publishing Group 1826 <https://www.lernerbooks.com>

Lerner Publishing Group creates high-quality fiction and nonfiction for children and young adults. Founded in 1959, Lerner is one of the nation's largest independent children's book publishers with fourteen imprints and divisions: Lerner Publications, Darby Creek, Twenty-First Century Books, Zest Books, Lerner Digital, and Lerner Publisher Services.

Letter Lounge 2615 <https://www.letterlounge.net>

We offer repurposed books.

Library Comic 2309 <https://www.librarycomic.com>

We are the creators of Library Comic and offer lots of bookish T-shirts and merchandise.

Library Ideas, LLC 1335 <https://www.libraryideas.com/>

Library Ideas, LLC is a global media company focused on libraries and schools. Our product suite includes: Freegal Music, VOX Books, iVOX, IR (Immersive Reality) Books, the Online Book Club, Freading ebooks and Rocket Languages.

Library Interiors of Texas 1819



<https://www.libraryinteriorsoftexas.com>

Library Interiors of Texas (LI-TX) offer a cooperative approach to all aspects of furnishing a library, from needs assessment, through design, procurement of exclusive products, project management, book and furniture moves, to installation and after sales care. Architects, designers and library professionals can be assured that they will be presented with the finest furnishing choices, delivered on time, within budget, and with continuing service.

LibrarySkills, Inc. 2737 <https://www.libraryskills.com/>

Library signage specialist. A large range of signs to go in our shelf markers, mini shelf markers and shelf divider stands. Fiction, Non Fiction, Biography, Everybody, Easy and genre.

Lightbox Learning..... 1435 <https://www.openlightbox.com>

Weigl Publishers Inc. brings education to life by creating inspired learning resources that engage the minds of young readers. Dedicated to publishing nonfiction that captivates and enriches young imaginations, Weigl books

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are filled with eye-catching visuals and well-researched, trustworthy content.

Literati..... 1516
<https://www.literati.com/bookfairs>
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Little Bee Books 2330
<https://www.littlebeebooks.com>
 Little Bee Books is an independent, boutique publisher founded in 2014 and based out of New York City. We specialize in progressive and inclusive books for children of all ages. We believe in publishing with purpose, and our mission is to create books that reflect the world as it truly is. Our Five Pillars of Publishing furthers that mission and encourages the activism that we seek to support through the pages of our books.

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers 2226
<https://www.lbyr.com>
 Little, Brown Books for Young Readers publishes a diverse, carefully curated list of the finest books for young readers of all ages and backgrounds. Our mission is to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Mackin Educational Resources 2018



<https://www.mackin.com>
 Since 1983, Mackin has provided library and classroom materials for grades PK-12. Known the world over for exemplary service and a stringent attention to detail, Mackin has access to more than 18,000 publishers and a collection of more than 3.5 million print and 3 million digital titles. Additionally, Mackin features a robust selection of audiobooks, databases, and video resources available through the free, multiple-award-winning, digital resource management system, MackinVIA.

Macmillan Adult 2130
<https://www.macmillanlibrary.com>
 Adult trade titles in hardcover and paperback from publishers Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Henry Holt, St. Martin's Press, Griffin, Tor/Forge, Celadon, Flatiron, and Minotaur. YA from Wednesday Books + Flatiron Books YA.

Macmillan Children's Publishing Group 2126
<https://www.mackidsschoolandlibrary.com/>
 Macmillan Children's Publishing Group publishes award-winning trade books for grades PreK-12. Imprints include Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR, Feiwel & Friends, First Second Books, Henry Holt BFYR, Neon Squid, Roaring Brook Press, Square Fish and Priddy Books.

Magazine Subscription Service Agency 2212
<https://www.magazinesubservagy.com>

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Magic Wagon..... 1526
<https://abdobooks.com>
 These hand-crafted titles magically blend imagination and information with award-winning original illustrations and story lines.

Manor ISD 1214
<https://www.manorisd.net>
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Maverick Books, Inc. 1935
<https://www.hankthecowdog.com>
 We offer Hank the Cowdog books, CDs, t-shirts, plush, posters, board game, backpack, cards, and Riley McDaniels books.

Media Flex - OPALS - CERF 2619
<https://www.mediaflex.net>
 OPALS Open-source Automated Library System is a powerful cooperatively developed, Web-based, open source program. This alternative technology provides Internet access to information databases, library collections and digital archives. The "total cost of ownership" of this standards-based, Web-based, feature rich software is demonstrably and undeniably sustainable.

MeeScan Inc. 2721
<https://www.meescan.com>
 Meescan is an innovative, subscription-based self-checkout solution that is flexible enough to meet the needs of libraries of all kinds and sizes. Patrons can use the Meescan app for self-checkout on their personal devices or on small Meescan kiosks in the library.

Merge..... 1537
<https://mergeedu.com/>
 Merge EDU is a hands-on digital learning platform that helps students learn science and STEM with 3D objects and simulations they can touch, hold and interact with. Bringing AR into your school with Merge EDU will deepen student engagement in science and STEM, help

students understand complex concepts more effectively, give them first-hand experience with technology that will shape their future, and teachers will be experts in no time with easy-to-follow guides and curriculum-aligned activities.

Midwest Tape / hoopla Digital..... 2501
<https://www.midwesttapes.com>
 For the past 30 years, Midwest Tape has grown steadily by always listening to our library customers. Making sure we deliver the service libraries need with the physical and digital media that their patrons want. Our exclusive focus on serving public libraries, along with a commitment to continual innovation, is what led to the creation of Dreamscape, the publishing arm of Midwest Tape, as well as hoopla, the company's digital media service.

Mitinet Library Services 1218
<https://www.mitinet.com>
 A clean, efficient MARC record database improves circulation, saves time and makes the most of your most valuable asset, your library collection. Mitinet is the virtual library staff of your dreams. Tell us what you need to create and maintain your MARC record database and we do it, quickly, accurately and for the best possible price.

Mugo Web 2412
<https://www.mugo.ca/Libraries>
 Mugo Web is a company of full-stack developers who specialize in building simple, beautiful, and easy-to-use websites.

myLIBRO 2614
<https://www.mylibro.com>
 myLIBRO is a full-service mobile application with connection to most ILS', program calendars, digital audio & eBooks, self-check features and more. myLIBRO allows patrons to access the library like never before - from one mobile solution.

MYS Education 2101
<https://MYSEdu.org>
 MYS provides state-of-the-art mental health education through books, videos, curriculum, and workshops that combine neuroscience, business tools, counseling methods, coaching and spirit in one package. MYS teaches what is right about you, helping you see your authentic, whole self. Providing education and coaching services to community, by providing: workshops for veterans and their families; training professionals in social services; services to individuals, families, high needs schools, first responders, libraries and more."

Nancy Manet, Author 1229
<https://www.nancymanet.com/>
 Nancy is a singer-songwriter and first-time author. When Nancy first had children, she thought her kids should be like perfectly-potted tulips. Instead, her daughter was more like

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a wildflower. Nancy had a choice. She could listen to her daughter and expand as a parent or force her rigid belief system onto her child. Nancy chose to expand and now embraces the diverse world through a different lens - one that is inclusive and accepting. Her hope is that others will embrace love, listen to their children, and expand.

National Museum of the Pacific War2507

<https://www.PacificWarMuseum.org>
Education Outreach programs offered by the museum. These can be on-site, off-site or virtual.

National University2702

<https://www.NationalUniversity>
We're proud to be a veteran-founded, San Diego-based nonprofit. Since 1971, our mission has been to provide accessible, achievable, higher education to adult learners. Today, we educate students from across the U.S. and around the globe, with over 200,000 alumni worldwide. We customize education plans that include adaptive instruction, holistic student support, and competency-based credentialing. At NU, you'll be better positioned to stay on track and accomplish your specific academic goals.

Newsbank, Inc.2207

<https://www.newsbank.com>
NewsBank is a premier information provider of reliable, vetted and safe primary sources. Our diverse global perspectives challenge and develop critical thinking skills and promote innovation. The resources improve students' information literacy and connect learning to real world events and issues. Stop by our booth to learn how our resources are designed to support curriculum at all grade levels.

Nobrow Press/Flying Eye Books2131

<https://www.nobrow.net>
Nobrow and Flying Eye Books are home to the finest work from illustrators all over the world. From graphic novels to children's picture books and unique objects d'art, we've always been on the frontiers of publishing expertly printed art with compelling stories you won't find anywhere else. We believe that nothing compares to the thrill of holding a beautiful book in your hands and watching a story come to life in front of your eyes, and we work to make sure that every story looks amazing!

North Star Editions2030

<https://www.northstareditions.com>
North Star Editions publishes fiction and nonfiction that inspires, informs, and entertains. Featuring four imprints: Flux, YA fiction, Jolly Fish Press, middle grade fiction, Focus Readers, high-interest nonfiction for readers in grades 2-7, and Press Box Books, sports nonfiction for all ages.

OCLC2007

<https://www.oclc.org>
OCLC is built on the power of collaboration and innovation. Our technology products, original research, and community programs empower libraries to better serve their communities.

OverDrive - Digital Library Reserve 2219

<https://company.overdrive.com/>
OverDrive provides the industry's largest catalog of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, video and other content. Award-winning apps and services include the Libby library reading app, the Sora student reading app, Kanopy, the leading video streaming app for libraries and colleges, and TeachingBooks.net, which offers one of the largest catalogs of supplemental materials to enhance literacy outcomes.

Owlkids2632

<https://www.owlkids.com/>
Owlkids Books is an award-winning independent publisher of books for young readers from ages 0 to 14. We are based in Toronto, Canada, and distributed in the United States by Publishers Group West. We publish board books, picture books, non-fiction, fiction, and graphic novels.

Oxford University Press1437

<https://global.oup.com>
Oxford University Press is a leading innovator in online academic research, publishing innovative academic products, reference works, and over 450 leading journals. Visit our booth to learn about our digital advancement efforts in the past few years, discover our newest online resources, and more.

Page Street Publishing1741

<https://www.pagestreetpublishing.com/>
Page Street Kids is the children's division of Page Street Publishing. Page Street Kids publishes art-led narrative picture books, picture book biographies, visually driven concept books, and selectively distinct board books by new talent. The mission of the Page Street Young Adult list is to focus on finding and developing talent, who create believable and diverse characters, while telling stories that connect with teens by reflecting the intricacies and challenges they face in their modern world.

Partners for Rural Impact..... 2613

<https://partnersrural.org/rural-library/>
The Rural Library Network is a free forum for rural libraries and practitioners and friends of libraries that are committed to move cradle to career, 0-24 youth, educational outcomes. The mission is that all rural students succeed. The Rural Library Network is a forum to: "Engage and support rural libraries and practitioners. "Build community and shared learning among members. "Drive funding and resources to members.

Peace and Joy Lifestyle1441

<https://www.peacejoylifestyle.com/>
Inspire Stones are perfect for inspiration, marketing, gifts and more!

Penguin Random House - Grupo Editorial USA2432

<http://www.bookinspanishforschools.com/>
We are a subsidiary of Penguin Random House, with offices in Miami, and we exclusively publish books in Spanish. In this catalog, you will find original works in Spanish by Latin American and Spanish authors. Additionally, we are proud to offer a selection of renowned Hispanic authors in the US as well as a curated list of translations of award-winning and bestselling authors and series. We can help you prepare Classroom Libraries and curated collections from our huge catalog. All of our editors are native Spanish speakers, with extensive knowledge of the US School market.

Penguin Young Reader2426

www.PenguinClassroom.com
Penguin Young Readers is a global leader in children's publishing with preeminent imprints such as Dial Books, Dutton Children's Books, Penguin Workshop, Philomel, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, Razorbill, Viking Books for Young Readers, Flamingo Books, Nancy Paulsen Books, and Kokila. Visit PenguinClassroom.com for free discussion guides, virtual author appearance information, and more!

Perma-Bound Books1719



<https://www.perma-bound.com>

An industry leader, Perma-Bound Books is a division of Hertzberg-New Method Inc., a family-owned business in Jacksonville, Ill. For more than 66 years, we've been a leader in the library binding and educational services industry. We provide durable library-bound books, ebooks, and teaching materials to thousands of Pre-K-12 schools and libraries throughout North America, Latin America, and Asia.

PGAL1919

<https://www.pgal.com>
Legacy. Design. Service. Founded in 1946, PGAL is an international design firm specializing in architecture, interiors, engineering, and planning for a diverse portfolio of public and private sector clients. Renowned for outstanding client service and attention to detail, we balance innovative, responsive design solutions with a pragmatic, cost-conscious approach. This client-centered philosophy has earned PGAL repeat business and lasting relationships for more than 76 years.

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Pinata Books2528

<https://artepublicopress.com/pinata-books/>
Arte Público Press' imprint for children and young adults, Piñata Books, is dedicated to the publication of books that authentically portray themes, characters, and customs unique to US Hispanic culture. Books published under the imprint serve as a bridge from home to school to support family literacy and elementary school education.

PLAN Partners Library Action Network 2415

<https://libaction.net/>
The PLAN Partners Library Action Network is dedicated to strengthening public libraries. We serve 193 libraries in 105 Texas counties with consulting help, in-person continuing education, vendor discounts, grant assistance, and networking.

Playaway Pre-Loaded Products by Findaway 1803

<https://shop.playaway.com/>
Playaway pre-loaded audiobooks, learning apps, videos, read-alongs, and sing-alongs give libraries everything they need to promote literacy, bridge the digital divide, and make technology accessible to everyone. No Wi-Fi, no downloads, no separate device needed. All Playaway products are ready-to-use right off the shelf.

Policy Map.....2000

<https://www.policymap.com>
PolicyMap brings sophisticated data, mapping, and analytics to public libraries, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations across the country. No specialized GIS knowledge or training is needed. Our mission is to make data accessible and actionable for librarians, social workers, and community advocates.

Pop!..... 1526

<https://abdobooks.com>
Introductory nonfiction pops into 4D reality with these fun, colorful titles. Each book is embedded with unique QR codes for further online learning.

Precision Micrographics and Imaging, Inc. 2812

<https://www.precisionmicrographics.net>
Microfilm Scanner Sales, Document Scanner Sales, ECM Software We can digitize just about anything for you!

PressReader 2607

<https://about.pressreader.com/>
PressReader provides library patrons and students with unlimited access to a broad array of premium content including 7,000 of the world's top newspapers and magazines from 120 countries covering 60 languages online and in an app. Instant translation between 20 languages opens the world to everyone. A unique news feed of trending articles with an option to set interests, plus popular discovery

and engagement features, make PressReader a beloved library resource.

PRH Library Marketing 2431

<https://penguinrandomhouselibrary.com/>
The mission of the Penguin Random House Library Marketing Department is to put great books and audiobooks into the hands of librarians before they are published, as well as to provide resources to assist with Readers Advisory, event programming, and Book Club planning. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram, and Issuu, @PRHLibrary.

Progressive Rising Phoenix Press, LLC1931

<https://www.progressiverisingphoenix.com/>
Progressive Rising Phoenix Press is an independent publishing company offering award-winning titles in multiple genres. We avoid cookie-cutter stories and characters by publishing diverse titles and genres.

ProQuest 1806

<https://about.proquest.com>
ProQuest is a trusted partner to people and organizations across the spectrum of research and learning. Committed to collaboration, it applies its expertise on research roles, content requirements and workflows to create information solutions that inspire endless possibilities for productivity and success.

Publisher Group West2629

<https://www.pgww.com/about>
Publishers Group West™ (PGW), a brand of Ingram Publisher Services® which is part of Ingram Content Group LLC, is a respected book sales and distribution company, representing over 100 independent client publishers. PGW sets the standard for integrated, full-service distribution.

Publisher Spotlight2034

<https://www.publishersspotlight.com/>
Publisher Spotlight is your discovery spot for children's books, audiobooks, graphic novels and more from publishers around the country and around the world. Featured publishers include Lee & Low, Papercutz, Dreamscape, Live Oak Media, Magination Press, Manga Classics, Oasis Audio, Nosy Crow, Pajama Press, and Diamond Book Distributors.

Publishers Weekly2307

<https://www.PublishersWeekly.com>
Now celebrating its 150th anniversary, Publishers Weekly is the international news platform of the book publishing industry serving publishers, librarians, booksellers and more. Publishers Weekly's extensive coverage of library and books includes Preview for Librarians and School & Library Spotlight newsletters. Both are designed to provide a wealth of resources for public and school libraries.

Rainbow Book Company1227

<https://www.rainbowbookcompany.com/>
Rainbow Book Company is a one-stop shop for the best in PreK to YA fiction and non-fiction print and digital materials. Our full-service company specializes in providing your library with a diverse array of titles, from state award lists to bilingual and Spanish language books. With hands on sales staff, MARC record uploads, free shipping and free shelf-ready processing. You'll find everything you need at the end of our rainbow!

Random House Children's Books ... 2427

<https://www.rhcbooks.com/RandomHouse>
Children's Books publishes quality books - hardcovers to paperbacks, preschool through young adult, encompassing fifteen imprints. Visit us online at RHTeachersLibrarians.com, connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Pinterest.

Read-a-thon 1318

<https://www.read-a-thon.com>
Raise all the money your library needs by focusing on reading for two weeks. School libraries have raised as much as \$80,000 with the program at www.read-a-thon.com and there's no cost to get started.

Reader Zone2406

<https://www.readerzone.com>
We help libraries host high-engagement reading programs for patrons of all ages. Reader Zone is a web-based platform that makes it simple for librarians to build reading programs and easy for patrons to join and participate with reading programs through a beautiful mobile app.

Recollect 2201

<https://www.recollectcms.com/>
Discover how Recollect makes collection management easy.

Red Comet Press LLC..... 1930

<https://www.redcometpress.com>
Red Comet Press is an independent children's publisher based in Brooklyn, NY, with a focus on illustrated storytelling. Red Comet publishes books in translation from contributors hailing from France, Italy, Germany, Togo, Algeria, and Ukraine. The Press also originates books with new and established creators from countries such as the UK, Ireland, and the United States.

Renaissance Learning..... 1906

<https://www.renaissance.com>
Renaissance is a global leader in assessment, reading, math, and early literacy solutions for pre-K-12 schools and districts. We are committed to providing educators with resources to help students build a strong foundation for success. Our portfolio includes solutions for assessment, practice, data-driven insights, and teacher-facilitated instructional delivery.

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Reycraft Books1734

<https://www.reycraftbooks.com>

Reycraft Books is a collection of authentic stories that build knowledge, perspective, and connection. These engaging picture books, transitional chapter books, middle grade books, and graphic novels feature talent of both award-winning and up-and-coming authors and illustrators, with a focus on those from underrepresented communities. These are books children will want to read again and again - providing them with mirrors, windows, and sliding doors to the world.

Romeo Music..... 2701

<https://romeomusic.net/>

We at Romeo Music are excited as always to be your source for the latest and greatest in educational technology. We are a small, 100% woman-owned educational technology company based in Lewisville, TX. We specialize in anything that plugs in - including integration of educational technology into media centers, labs, and classrooms.

Rosen/Power Kids/Cavendish Square/ Greenhaven.....1827

<https://www.rosenpublishing.com>

The Rosen Publishing Group resources offer award-winning K-12 content featuring Teen Health & Wellness, the very timely Spotlight on Global Issues interactive eBooks, and much more. Greenhaven and KidHaven Publishing deliver unique perspectives that allow learners to discuss opposing viewpoints, current controversies, and global issues. Cavendish Square is committed to the changing needs of students, featuring the best-selling Cultures of the World series and CSQ Digital.

Santillana/Vista Higher Learning ...2530

<https://www.loqualeo.com/us/>

Santillana/Vista Higher Learning, is the leading language-learning publisher in the US market for higher education, with a strong presence in the secondary education market. Together we're now the only PreK-20 specialized world language publisher in the U.S., offering schools an even wider range of language solutions. Santillana is a leading educational publisher in the Spanish-speaking world with offices in 20 countries. Santillana has been doing business in the US for almost 50 years.

ScannX.....2303

<https://www.scannx.com/>

ScannX, the leading developer of cutting-edge, cloud-based document and book digitization solutions for libraries and institutions of all sizes. Our state-of-the-art technology is designed to meet all your digitization needs, from self-service patron/student scanning stations, to archiving and document preservation, document delivery, interlibrary loan, and course reserves.

Schlager Group / Milestone Documents

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<https://www.schlagergroup.com>

Schlager Group / Milestone Documents is an award-winning publisher of primary source references for high school, academic, and public libraries.

Scholastic, Inc. 2327

<https://www.scholastic.com>

Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company, has a corporate mission supported through all of its divisions of helping children around the world to read and learn. Recognizing that literacy is the cornerstone of a child's intellectual, personal, and cultural growth, for nearly 90 years Scholastic has created quality products and services that educate, entertain, and motivate children and are designed to help enlarge their understanding of the world around them.

School Library Journal..... 2634

<https://www.slj.com/>

School Library Journal is the premiere publication for librarians and information specialists who work with children and teens. A source of quality journalism and reviews for more than 60 years, SLJ produces award-winning features and news coverage on: literacy, best practices, technology, education policy and other issues of interest to the school library and greater educator community.

School Life..... 2012

<https://www.schoollife.com>

Increase Independent Reading with TLA Reading List Brag Tags®. Full Color Double Sided Brag Tags Enhance any Reading Program. We manufacture our Brag Tags in Houston Texas, along with Custom Bookmarks, and other Custom Wearable Incentives that Motivate and Inspire Reading.

Sebco Books..... 1418

<https://www.SebcoBooks.com>

Sebco Books has dedicated itself to providing schools and libraries with the finest books, eBooks and audio books available. We believe our responsibility is to make our customers' job as easy as possible by helping to save time, money and work. Please check out our website at www.SebcoBooks.com for more information.

SenSource, Inc. 2200

<https://sensourceinc.com/>

SenSource People Counters are trusted by more than 1,200 libraries across America to monitor patron traffic and occupancy. Knowing the details of your facility's usage enhances justification for funding and expansion, as well as provides necessary traffic pattern data for efficient staffing and operations. SenSource specializes in providing the best-fit solutions for the unique needs of libraries big and small.

From basic traffic reporting to fully integrated business solutions, we have what you need.

Sequoia Kids Media 2308

<https://www.sequoiakidsmedia.com>

At Sequoia Kids Media, we create print and digital content with favorite characters, new ideas, and engaging graphics that help kids learn and grow.

Shadow Mountain Publishing 2006

<https://www.edelweiss.>

[plus/#catalogID=4759471&page=1](https://www.edelweiss.plus/#catalogID=4759471&page=1)

General trade publishing. Our children's and YA titles are clean content, meaning no violence, no drugs, no sex, no foul language, but our protagonists don't live in a utopian world of goodness; they face all the realistic challenges of the world.

Shushbooth 2413

<https://www.shushbooth.com/>

SHUSHBOOTH takes a Retro idea into the Modern World. The concept of an isolated place to talk on the phone without being heard and removing the noisy world around us started with the advent of the Phone Booth. Now we are even more mobile. Business is faster. Jumping into a private area immediately to take a call, Zoom meeting, or Teams event is paramount for business and for learning.

Simon & Schuster, Inc. 2227

<https://www.simonandschuster.net>

Simon & Schuster is a global leader in the field of general interest publishing, dedicated to providing the best in fiction and nonfiction for consumers of all ages, across all printed, electronic, and audio formats. For more information visit, www.simonandschuster.net.

SirsiDynix 2115

<https://www.sirsidynix.com>

SirsiDynix, together with libraries, helps communities thrive by connecting people with resources that educate and inspire. Through library management technology and search and discovery tools, libraries using SirsiDynix technology bring relevant resources and the power of knowledge to their users.

Small Library Resource Center..... 2415

<https://tocker.org/>

A wealth of resources for public, rural libraries.

Smart Horizons Career Online High School 2513

<https://www.shcoe.org>

Career Online High School is part of Smart Horizons Career Online Education, the world's first accredited online school district. We partner with 2,000+ library locations that offer their patrons scholarships to complete their high school diploma as part of the library's adult education program.

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Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators 1934

<https://www.scbwi.org>

The Texas chapters of the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators are dedicated to helping all children's book creators develop the best books they can while advancing their careers.

Sourcebooks, Inc. 2235

<https://read.sourcebooks.com/librarians-and-educators>

We are an independent, woman-owned publisher bound together by the idea that Books. Change. Lives.

Southwest Solutions Group, Inc. 2112

<https://www.southwestsolutions.com>

We design and install high-density mobile shelving, collaborative furniture, offsite high bay archive shelves, solutions for displaying and storing books, art, oversize items, archival boxes, multimedia, specializing in moving fully-loaded stacks of shelving.

Spotlight 1526

https://abdoBooks.com/products/search_results?search%5Bproduct_formats_brand_equals%5D=Spotlight&search%5Btype_in%5D=Assembly

Popular fiction comes to life in our Spotlight titles! These exclusive favorites are all reinforced and library-bound for a lifetime of adventure.

St. David's Foundation..... 2415

<https://stdaidsfoundation.org/>

A vibrant and inclusive community in which every individual can flourish and reach their full potential.

StackMap 1902

<https://www.stackmap.io>

StackMap is an indoor mapping web application for your library. We've assisted libraries all over the world with the following:

- Providing users with a map and written directions directly to their desired item right from your library's catalog or discovery layer.
- Allowing your users to see which computers are available at a given time while also highlighting any specialty software and hardware.
- Helping your users see where rooms and places of interest are located in a facility."

Steinberg Hart..... 1436

<https://www.steinberghart.com/>

Our libraries result from a common goal: to create memorable spaces that delight the senses, enrich communities, and encourage people to come together. We work with library systems across the country to develop architectural and interior design, strategic planning, facilities master planning, visioning, programming, and community and stakeholder engagement to re-imagine the 21st century

library and foster innovative educational impact for the future!

StickTogether Products LLC 1801

<https://www.letsticktogether.com>

StickTogether offers inclusive group activities for all ages and abilities: passive; community-building; stress-free; inviting and engaging. We offer 4 products: Sticker Posters (paint by pixels but with stickers); Pixel Art; Virtual Stickerboards; Puzzle Face - one puzzle, 300 pieces. Use the SAME 300 pieces to make any face, then take it apart to make another face.

Stop Falling Productions..... 1636

<https://www.stopfalling.com>

We specialize in wearable products for librarians, reading teachers, elementary teachers, and reading enthusiasts.

Swank K-12 Streaming 1237

<https://www.swank.com/k-12-streaming/>

Swank K-12 Streaming offers access to 30,000 movies and documentaries for academic use at K-12 schools through our easy, safe, and legal streaming platform. Teachers can show movies in the classroom or assign for homework, without the hassle of DVD equipment or blocked personal streaming accounts.

TeachingBooks 2230

<https://www.TeachingBooks.net>

Bring books to life for your readers. Discover new connections to your favorite authors. Use TeachingBooks and Book Connections to find engaging resources for children's and young adult titles. TeachingBooks and Book Connections are proud to be accessible statewide as part of TexQuest and TexShare.

Texas Book Festival 2415

<https://www.texasbookfestival.org/>

Founded in 1995 by Laura Bush (a former librarian and then First Lady of Texas), Mary Margaret Farabee, and a dedicated group of volunteers, the TBF set out to honor Texas authors, promote the joys of reading, and benefit the state's public libraries. The first Festival took place in November 1996 and has grown into one of the nation's premier annual literary events, featuring 275+ authors of the year's best books and drawing 50,000 book lovers of all ages.

Texas Folklore Society 2202

<https://www.TexasFolkloreSociety.org>

Since 1916, we have collected and published folklore of Texas and the Southwest. Our books cover a variety of topics of interest. Members receive the annual publication with their paid membership and have the opportunity to submit their papers for publication.

Texas Health and Human Services . 2415

<https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/state-agencies-services/texas-health-and-human-services-commission>

Mental health wellness and training resources, particularly for rural communities.

Texas SmartBuy/Tx Comptroller of Public Accounts 2102

<https://www.TxSmartBuy.com>

A Texas SmartBuy Membership offers a cooperative purchasing partnership with the Comptroller's office to purchase products/ services from competitively bid and awarded State of Texas contracts on TxSmartBuy.com. We offer over 1.6 million items available for purchase including popular items such as furniture, office supplies, paper goods, uniforms, audio/visual supplies, HVAC, safety items and more! Enjoy benefits including purchase card discounts/rebates, and state employee travel rates.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission 1707

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov>

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has been serving the people of Texas for more than a century. Since 1909, when the state founded the agency, we have been supporting the reading, learning, and historical preservation needs of Texas and its people.

Texas Tuition Promise Fund 1342

<https://www.texas tuition promise fund.com>

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is the state's prepaid college tuition plan and allows families to lock in today's prices for tomorrow's undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions.

Texas Woman's University - SLIS.... 1909

<https://www.twu.edu/slisl>

The School of Library and Information Studies prepares students for leadership roles in the information professions, including careers in librarianship and as information specialists in a variety of roles in private and public agencies. The school offers graduate programs including Master of Library Science, Master of Arts in Library Science, Dual Library/Health Studies Degree, School Librarian Certification, and Certificate of Evidence-Based Health Science Librarianship.

TexQuest Support Center ESC-20... 2013

<https://www.texquest.net>

Education Service Center, Region 20 serves as the TexQuest Support Center (texquest.net). TexQuest provides statewide access to quality research resources for K-12 public and open-enrollment charter schools in Texas.

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The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund 1640

<https://www.sammydogbooks.com>

The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund books were created to be enjoyed by people (and dogs!) of all ages. Each hardback book comes with a dust jacket. Jonathan and Sammy sign each book you order. They are happy to personalize your copy, as well: just send us a message indicating order number, book title, and the name of the person to whom you would like it dedicated.

The Child's World, Inc. 1430

<https://childsworld.com>

The Child's World brings a world of educational titles to young readers in school and public libraries everywhere, since 1968. Our award-winning content supports early childhood initiatives including phonic literacy and social emotional learning, as well as high-interest subjects and state standards in language arts, STEM, history, social studies, and character education. We publish library bound hardcover and eBook titles for infant to 8th grade reading.

The Creative Company 1427

<https://www.thecreativecompany.us>

Across four generations of family participation, we remain an independent publisher committed to crafting internationally sought-after picture books and superb core-material nonfiction for readers of all ages. Pick up a Creative book, and your eyes and fingers will recognize the difference. High standards, high quality, high reward.

The Crowley Company.....2003

<https://www.thecrowleycompany.com>

Today's libraries require scanners for patrons and for preservation. As manufacturer, service bureau and multi-vendor reseller, The Crowley Company is able to fully satisfy any digitization need through our extensive array of equipment, software and services. Whether you're looking for a quick and easy research scanner or need to produce high-quality archival images, Crowley has the efficient and intuitive scanning solutions to fit the job.

The Magik Theatre..... 1440

<https://www.magiktheatre.org>

Our touring troupe has brought fun, lively, and educational performances to festivals, summer camps, libraries, schools, and private parties all over Texas. Current shows on the roster include Jack and the Beanstalk, The Ugly Duckling, Kingdom of Texas, and Dr. Krashundbang. Don't miss your chance to book an unforgettable adventure that comes to you. The Magik Theatre, Where Stories Come to Life!

The Penworthy Company, LLC 1812

<https://www.penworthy.com>

We proudly offer Penworthy Prebound Books with no back orders, free shipping, and free

shelf ready processing - for grades preK-6, with laminated covers and reinforced, side-sewn binding. We also carry our exclusive line of STEAM to GO tote bags with books and interactive STEAM resources to create safe and innovative learning environments.

The Princeton Review | Tutor.com ... 1901

<https://www.tutor.com/>

Get ready, Texas! Tutor.com makes serving your community easier. Our unique 1-to-1 learning and information solutions will have the librarians, customers, students and schools raving! Now serving grades K-12, College Intro and Adult Learners! With over 1800 client libraries, 4 million sessions served and over 8 years of serving libraries, we must be doing something right!

The Quarto Group 1835

<https://www.quarto.com>

The Quarto Group creates a wide variety of books and intellectual property products for global distribution, with a mission to inspire life's experiences. Produced in many formats for adults, children and the whole family, our products are visually appealing, information-rich and stimulating.

The RoadRunner Press 1937

<https://www.TheRoadRunnerPress.com>

The RoadRunner Press is known for thoughtful books for young and old alike, with characters you won't soon forget. Our books and authors reflect our world in all its diversity, including First Nation tales both historic and contemporary and voices from the American West. We believe in literacy as well as visual literacy, so much attention is paid to the physical book as well as the story that it carries.

The Van Show..... 2637

<https://library.austintexas.gov/youth/literature-live/van>

Have you ever wanted to see a blue monster talk to your favorite author? Us too! Learn about the people and ideas behind your favorite books. Check out Van's interviews with today's most influential authors on our website. Van will be interviewing authors during TLA 2023. Stop by to say hi!

Thriftbooks 2403

<https://www.thriftbooks.com/>

ThriftBooks is the largest online used bookseller in the world. Our Library Program allows libraries to repurpose books they no longer want or need on their shelves. Libraries send us books, make money, and create space for new material. ThriftBooks receives good quality, used books, lists them for sale, and finds new readers worldwide, extending the life of books. We put quality, affordable books into the hands of those who love to read.

TLA Black Caucus Round Table 2708

txla.org/blackcaucus-roundtable

Promote partnerships between librarians of African American descent, and librarians serving the African American community.

TLA District 4 2706

<https://www.txla.org/district4>

Serving South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley.

TLA SCLRT 2415

txla.org/sm-community-libraries

SCLRT addresses the needs of directors, staff, and Board Members of libraries serving small communities across the state of Texas.

TLA Texas Authors & Illustrators RT 1936

<https://www.txla.org/tx-authors-roundtable>

The Texas Authors and Illustrators Round Table (TAIRT) fosters a relationship between Texas authors and illustrators, and Texas librarians.

TLC/Tech Logic 1601

<https://www.tlcdelivers.com>

The Library Corporation (TLC) is a minority-owned library software company known for its ILS platforms, data services, and unparalleled customer support. Under the same ownership, Tech Logic provides RFID and self-service solutions that work with the library's ILS to streamline workflows for library staff and patrons.

Tocker Foundation 2415

TOCKER
FOUNDATION

<https://tocker.org/>

A wealth of resources for public, rural libraries

Today's Business Solutions 1807

<https://www.tbsit360.com>

TBS providers of high-tech library solutions; enhancing patrons experience with computer reservation, SaaS mobile printing, print management, scan stations, Fees/Fines Payment with PCI Compliant Credit/Debit Card solutions.

Transparent Language, Inc. 2609

<https://www.transparent.com/libraries>

For over 14 years, Transparent Language, Inc. has provided cost-effective, self-paced online language resources to thousands of libraries worldwide through Transparent Language Online with exciting features, including over 120 languages, extensive English materials, engaging learning activities, and an immersive, animated children's language program.

TSLAC Broadband and Technology Skills 2407

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/tech/topics/broadband>

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TSLAC Resource Sharing..... 2113

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Resource Sharing programs at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission offer support to all Texas libraries, regardless of size, geographic location, or financial status. Visit us to find out more about our programs, including the TexShare Databases, statewide interlibrary loan, the TexShare reciprocal borrowing card, the TExpress statewide courier program, and the E-Read Texas e-book lending program for eligible public libraries.

Tundra Book Group..... 2435

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/imprints/tundra-books>

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Tyndale House Publishers 2326

<https://www.tyndalebooksellers.com>

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<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship>

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Union Square & Company..... 2134

<https://www.unionsquareandco.com>

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<https://www.informationscience.unt.edu>

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Upstart 1713

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WB Manufacturing..... 1113

<https://www.wibenchmfg.com>

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World Book, Inc. 2535

<https://www.worldbook.com>

World Book Online. Children's Nonfiction. Encyclopedias

Writer's League of Texas 2415

<https://writersleague.org/home/>

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<https://www.wtcox.com>

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