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I just finished a stint as a mentor for the Texas Library Association’s TALL Texans leadership development program and I could not be any more excited about the future of Texas libraries and our profession in general. Seeing the participants grow their knowledge and explore their capacity for leadership was truly an amazing experience that is helping to steel me for what I will charitably call “tough times.” With TLA’s commitment to leadership training and the amazing early and mid-career professionals in our ranks, I know that Texas librarians and libraries will meet all challenges head-on and persevere in providing excellent services, resources, and spaces to Texans.

I mentioned TALL Texans and perhaps you already know a bit about that program for library professionals with five years or more of experience in the field. Did you know, however, that TLA runs an early-career leadership program known as Launch? Launch is designed for library employees with less than five years of experience in the field and gives participants an overview and basic understanding of leadership topics. The specific goals of Launch are to:

- Expand understanding on leadership topics: communication, teamwork, emotional intelligence, change management, equity, diversity and inclusion, and influence
- Collaborate with library professionals from all library types

I encourage you to investigate Launch for yourself or someone you know who wants to “test the waters” and gauge their interest in leadership training. Learn more about it and register for Launch 2022 (Feb. 13-14 in Austin).

Returning to the TALL Texan Leadership Development Institute, competition for admittance to this world-class program is fierce and admittance can truly set someone up for making great contributions to our profession. The bonds created between TALL participants can last a lifetime, with each class forming a strong cohort that can serve as a pool of colleagues who can be counted on for advice and support throughout a person’s career.

Directed since its inception by two-time ALA president and renowned library leader Maureen Sullivan, the TALL Texan program seeks to transform participants and unlock their full leadership potential so they can better serve their institution and profession. Specifically designed to provide a safe setting where participants can get out of their comfort zone, the program is maximally participative, bringing participants together in creative ways that helps them grow as leaders and as people.

Learn more about the TALL Texan program and watch for the 2022 application cycle to open soon.

By the way, did you know that the TALL acronym stands for Texas Accelerated Library Leaders?

We should all be proud of TLA’s outstanding slate of leadership development programs, but I want to encourage you to also consider the fact that TLA members exhibit leadership every day via their daily work and their participation in association activities. Regardless of one’s participation in TALL or Launch, librarian leadership is on display during every interaction with a student, parent, teacher, or member of the public. Our professional credibility and the goodwill we enjoy from all our constituents is burnished every day.

Further, service in TLA positions such as a standing committee member, chair, district officer, or conference program or local arrangement committee member is an outstanding way to serve and lead librarians in our state. It is not an exaggeration to say that every member of the Texas Library Association is a leader, regardless of who they are, where they work, or what tasks they perform.

TLA definitely equals leadership and that is why I am filled with optimism and hope for the future.

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Strength in Numbers:
PROTECTING THE FREEDOM TO READ

By Wendy Woodland

THE ASSAULT ON THE FREEDOM TO READ CONTINUES UNABATED. School and public libraries across Texas are facing unprecedented numbers of challenges and books are being removed from library shelves without going through established reconsideration processes. Librarians are under tremendous pressure, but as this story from CNN shows, Texas librarians are organizing and fighting back. Several TLA members launched a grassroots social media campaign, #FReadom, to support diverse books, and that has grown into a larger effort to energize and support teachers, librarians, and authors. You will find resources on the FReadom website, and can also follow the group on Twitter @FReadomFighters. A portion of the proceeds from sales of #FReadom merchandise benefits the TLA Whitten Intellectual Freedom Fund.

TLA is committed to fighting censorship and our work is focused in three areas:

MEDIA
TLA staff and members have been interviewed by CNN, NPR, Texas Tribune, School Library Journal, Austin-American Statesman, Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, the 19th and many other media outlets, sharing our viewpoint of the importance of the freedom to read.

The San Antonio Express News ran our op-ed piece (this is behind a paywall) responding to North East ISD’s decision to remove and review over 400 books from school libraries.

TOOLS AND RESOURCES
The TLA Intellectual Freedom Helpline is now available to assist librarians facing materials challenges or with questions about intellectual freedom issues. The Helpline is staffed by TLA volunteers who will share their expertise, resources, and support. The Helpline coordinators who assign the cases will make every effort to match individuals to volunteers with similar library experience.

More information and the link to request assistance is on the TLA Intellectual Freedom Tools & Resources webpage.

On January 25, a TLA Talks webinar on legal and policy issues related to materials challenges will be presented by Joy Baskin, director of legal services, Texas Association of School Boards; Deborah Caldwell-Stone, director, ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom; and Zachary Noblitt, assistant city attorney, City of Irving. Register here.

In late February, TLA is hosting a Freedom to Read Round Table, sponsored by Macmillan Children’s Publishing and Booklist. This panel for this national, virtual event will include a librarian, a parent, a legislator, a student, and an author. It will be a case study of how this issue is unfolding in Texas with a goal of providing an example of how communities around the country can have similar discussions.

ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH
TLA staff testified at the November 5 meeting of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), and staff and TLA members testified at the December TSLAC Libraries & Talking Book Program Committee meeting.

We met with representatives from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) and the Authors Guild and will continue to reach out to other organizations to investigate opportunities for collaboration.

Letters were sent to the Texas Education Agency, members of the House General Investigating Committee, and the Texas State Library & Archives Commission.

We have reached out to organizations including the Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of School Boards, Texas PTA, ACLU, Association of Texas Professional Educators, and the Media Coalition. Additionally, we are communicating with publishers, and leaders at Texas Schools of Information Science.

TLA will continue to draw upon the strength and knowledge of our members as we bring our efforts to defend and protect the freedom to read into 2022.
Preparing for Materials Challenges in Your School Library

By Becky Calzada and Carolyn Foote

WHAT IS THE CURRENT REALITY?
Headlines out of Texas this fall have been alarming. Any glance at recent hashtags (#CultureWars, #CRTinSchools, #HistoryWars, #AntiTrans, #FreeDom, etc.) shows library materials are being challenged at an unprecedented rate around the country. New legislation—SB 3 relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions—that became law in Texas in December 2021 impacts library collections and professional development for school staff directly. But lest we think this is new, censorship efforts recur cyclically.

DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?
It’s important to understand the cyclical nature of these challenges in order to be prepared and to understand the fight for students’ rights to read is an ongoing marathon for library professionals. The language in the recently passed legislation is very vague which leaves it wide open to interpretation and puts school libraries in very challenging positions. How do librarians or teachers avoid materials on race that might cause guilt or shame or avoid the content covered in the 1619 project? While legislators might not have intended the impact that it will have, parents and some legislators may (and are) using it to challenge or call into question a wide array of materials, as is evidenced by Representative Matt Krause’s list of more than 800 books that he released in October 2021.

WHAT AREAS OF LIBRARIANSHIP ARE IMPACTED?
These challenges impact everything from collection development and programs to displays and events. While
the current legislation is concerning, it’s an important reminder of the importance of purposeful collection development. Advance preparation is what makes a difference should any questions about purchases, displays or programming arise.

WHAT ARE PROACTIVE STEPS LIBRARIANS CAN TAKE?
First, educate yourself about your district selection and book challenge policies. The policy can typically be found on the school district’s school board page, under Instructional Materials or Instructional Resources headings (EF Local). It outlines the criteria for selecting materials, which typically includes selecting materials to appeal to a diverse range of readers and to offer information on a wide range of ideas. Understanding the policy is one of the most important things a librarian can do to be prepared.

Second, have the policies and procedures on hand. Printing out the selection policy and keeping it in a folder in the desk means it is handy in case of an urgent situation or a phone call. When feeling rattled, it’s easier than having to locate something online in a hurry. Most districts have a form for parents to complete if there is a complaint, which can be sent to a parent digitally; however, keeping a couple of printed copies also is a way to be prepared. If the librarian or principal has a conversation about a material and the parent is unsatisfied with remedies for their own child, then transparently offering the complaint form to the parent would be a next step.

Third, maintain awareness of any new state laws, and keep up with news that indicates how the legislation is unfolding in other school districts. What happens in one nearby district may soon spill over to those around it. Another aid in keeping up with titles being censored is subscribing to newsletters like the ALA’s Office of Intellectual Freedom newsletter, which tracks censorship cases across the country.

Fourth, create talking points to share with stakeholders or administrators to build understanding of the collection development work you do. Connecting your collection development work to district core values, mission and goals establishes alignment of how the library supports the instructional curriculum and reading wellness of all students. Finally, if there is equity, diversity or inclusion work your school district has in place, look for specific alignments of any collection development work you do. Pre-writing these rationales or talking points, prior to any challenge, demonstrates this is a well thought out library program.

WHAT CONSCIOUS COMMUNICATION SHOULD I CONSIDER?
As Brené Brown shares in Dare to Lead, “clear is kind, unclear is not kind.” When communicating with others, there are some things to keep in mind. Thank the parent or community member as a way to launch into a conversation. Listen carefully and be mindful of triggering terms. Remember Steven Covey’s dictate, “First seek to understand.” The goal should be to temper the conversation; rather than argue, share about what the librarians do, library goals, the purpose and role of the library for students. Don’t focus on what the complainant thinks or believes librarians do; instead pivot and reframe the conversation to fit your specific scenario. Don’t be afraid to ask clarifying questions; for example, asking “What do you mean when you say____?” or “Can you clarify?” This approach can go a long way in understanding any concerns brought forth. Remember to avoid expressing an opinion of any kind or affirming the complaint one way or another.

Be professional, maintain composure and listen carefully. It’s easy to feel defensive so it’s important to remember your role as a library professional is to answer questions and not take things personally. If a situation gets heated, redirect, ask a trusted administrator to join, or postpone the discussion for a later planned time. (In fact, it doesn’t hurt to practice what you could say if things get heated). If the complainant moves on to a reconsideration request, inform patrons about the process and let the process and policy guide what happens next, not emotions. In addition, before sending emails, have others review the language and tone of the message, or in doubt, communicate via phone or in person with other staff. If you find that your personal social media is getting targeted, consider changing social media settings - don’t engage in arguments on social media.

WHAT DO STAKEHOLDERS NEED TO KNOW?
Sometimes challenges arise or get out of control because the district staff that should know about selection policies aren’t aware of the policies and what they include. Consider which stakeholders in your community need to know about the district selection policies and guidelines. All library staff needs to be familiar with the policies. Beyond that, campus and district administrators need to know the policies and where they are located. Don’t assume they know the policies or where to find them - in a crisis, it’s important to be absolutely sure they already have a foundational understanding of these policies. Consider sending the policy out annually with a brief summary, perhaps during Banned Books Week in September, as a reminder. Don’t forget to share the policy with grade level leaders or subject area department chairs on your campus, so they know they can approach the librarian for help. It’s also worth training parent volunteers and campus secretarial staff on what to do if they receive a call or complaint (refer it directly to the librarian without commentary to the parent). Volunteers also need to have training on students’ right to privacy.

HOW CAN I PRACTICE RESPONDING TO A CHALLENGE?
One of the difficulties in challenges is that they catch library staff unaware. Advance preparation helps librarians

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respond from a professional vantage point and with more confidence. Practicing scenario challenges with the library team or with other librarians and colleagues gives librarians time to plan and consider what to say. Consider a wide variety of scenarios to practice - challenges to signage, challenges to a display or program, challenges to a book or eBook. Challenges may not be simple or cut and dried but being prepared with responses will help librarians better process potential situations. See the two sample scenarios below:

**Scenario #1**

An “All Are Welcome” poster in the library has been challenged by a parent. The principal has asked for it to be removed.

How do you plan to address this?

**Scenario #1: Talking Points**

- Contact District Librarian
- Write up rationale
  - Connect to district mission, goals
  - Review policy
- Meet with Principal & District Librarian
- If unresolved, go to next level

**Scenario #2**

Controversy over a topic (activism), has blown up on social media. A parent calls the librarian and asks for a list of any books on the topic of activism.

How do you plan to address this?

**Scenario #2 Talking Points**

- Thank the parent for reaching out
- Explain request is considered a Public Information Request (PIR)
- Offer link to the library catalog & a contact for PIR
- Follow up w/Library Supervisor & Principal
- Contact PIR regarding potential inquiry

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**TLA STATEMENTS OPPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON EDUCATION AND CENSORSHIP**

In August, the Texas Library Association released a statement opposing restrictions on education related to racism and history in response to the passage of SB 3.

The statement reads, in part, “Our members passionately believe that all citizens shall have the right to free inquiry and the right to form their own opinions. Censorship in any form is not only a threat to individual knowledge and growth, but to the foundation of our democracy. TLA is committed to supporting intellectual freedom. State and local efforts to censor information, curriculum, or other resources infringe on this important right. We strongly oppose efforts to restrict education related to racism and history.”

In October, TLA released a statement reaffirming that the freedom to read is a right and must be protected in response to Representative Krause’s investigation into more than 800 books held in school libraries.

It reads, in part, “The Texas Library Association (TLA) holds that the freedom to read is a human right, protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Freedom in selecting materials is a necessary safeguard to the freedom to read and shall be protected against irresponsible attempts by self-appointed censors to abridge it. Therefore, TLA opposes efforts that restrict the freedom to read through banning, removing, or other forms of restricting access to books or other materials.”

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**WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?**

We have collected resources for more information on a Wakelet site, *Be Prepared: Intellectual Freedom Resources*. TLA has developed a list of resources that are posted on the Intellectual Freedom Resources page on txla.org. Additionally, you can contact the TLA Intellectual Freedom Helpline which is manned by volunteer librarians who are there to provide information, resources and support.

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Facing a materials challenge? Questions about the first amendment and intellectual freedom rights and issues in libraries?

THE TLA INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM HELPLINE IS HERE FOR YOU!

The TLA Intellectual Freedom Helpline connects librarians facing materials challenges or with questions about intellectual freedom issues to other Texas librarians who have volunteered to share their expertise, resources, and support.

Submit a request for assistance today!

www.txla.org/intellectual-freedom-tools
La Batalla de los Libros Premieres in the Rio Grande Valley

By Michele Chan Santos

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (PSJA) ISD, located in the Rio Grande Valley, is a bilingual district. For many years, PSJA ISD has held English-language Battle of the Books/Battle of the Bluebonnets competitions, where teams of students from across the district compete in tournaments that test their knowledge of books on that year’s lists. This school year, PSJA ISD launched its first-ever Spanish-language Battle of the Books (La Batalla de los Libros) which Nora Galvan, PSJA ISD Director of Library Services, said is the first of its kind in Texas, and possibly in the United States.
The English-language battles have been extremely successful over the past decade, involving thousands of students from across PSJA ISD. This success led PSJA Dual Language Enrichment Program Director Oliva Martinez to ask Galvan if there was a way to do a La Batalla de los Libros. Galvan had wanted to do a Spanish-language battle program for years but had been unable to because of a lack of funding. Happily, Martinez was able to provide funding for books to be used in the Spanish competition. Together, they found funding sources for additional materials needed to launch the Spanish program.

The English-language competition will take place in January 2022 and the Spanish-language event will take place in March 2022. In both competitions, students will answer questions about the selected books and receive points for each correct answer. Teams compete in a round robin format and the top teams battle each other in the championship round.

All 42 schools in PSJA ISD (25 elementary, eight middle and nine high schools) are participating in La Batalla de los Libros, Galvan said. Many students will read the books on the list and try out for their school’s teams, but only three will be selected to represent each campus, for a total of 153 student competitors. Galvan hopes to hold the tournament in person at PSJA Southwest Early College High School in Pharr, pandemic conditions permitting.

The event will feature a virtual visit from Jenny Torres Sanchez, the author of No somos de aquí (We Are Not From Here), one of the books on the competition list. Every participant in the district wide La Batalla de los Libros will receive a T-shirt, medal, and books.

Galvan is proud of her team of library media specialists for launching this new program. “Our librarians are empowered to take the lead in many of the library services programs, and they make them a great success,” Galvan said. “They are a proactive and phenomenal group.”

DEVELOPING A LIST OF TITLES IN SPANISH

To develop the Spanish-language book lists, Galvan selected three district librarians to lead committees for each competition level: elementary, middle, and high school. Denisse Ochoa is the high school chair, Narda Lugo is the middle school chair and Amy Benitez is the elementary school chair. The committees, which included Spanish teachers and parents of Spanish-speaking students, selected the books that would be read for the competition and are helping write questions. “The parents are excited to participate,” Galvan said. “They want their kids out there, they want their kids reading. We have the same goals in mind, educating our kids.”

Galvan said her favorite part of launching this new program is that it opens the Battle of the Books to any student at PSJA ISD, whether in Spanish or English. “I’ve always advocated for us to have equality for our students,” Galvan said. “It’s very, very rewarding for me. It’s for our students. Our students are the ones that are top priority in everything we do for our district.”

If you are interested in holding a Spanish-language Battle of the Books in your district or want to learn more, contact Nora Galvan.

Michele Chan Santos is the marketing specialist at the Texas Library Association.
Recently, a well-connected librarian commented, “Read Across Texas sounds amazing. But why is this the first time I’m hearing about a statewide reading program?”

Since we just launched our third biennial Read Across Texas, I didn’t have a good answer. Texas is a big state with a lot happening. How can anyone keep up with all the offerings? An incredible number of emails, tools, articles, and announcements cross a librarian’s desk every day.

We thought it would be helpful to offer a quick introduction and refresher on the Texas Center for the Book (TCFB), along with a list of resources.
Established in 1987, the Center seeks to stimulate public interest in books, reading, literacy and libraries, while celebrating the written word and literary heritage of Texas. Our commitment is to support every Texan as they develop an appreciation for books and the bridges they create. The TCFB builds partnerships with library professionals, educators, authors, publishers, and booksellers who provide support to our shared mission of promoting a love of literature throughout the Lone Star State.

One of 50 state centers affiliated with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, the Texas Center for the Book is under the direction of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) at the Lorenzo De Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin, Texas.

HERE ARE EIGHT TCFB RESOURCES:

1. **Read Across Texas**
   This statewide community read offers ready-made resources for libraries to host meaningful dialogues around a significant subject. The toolkits remain available for 2017’s The Veteran Experience, 2019’s Know Your Neighbor: Cultivating Communities of Compassion and 2021’s Recovery themes.

2. **Texas Great Read**
   Each year the TCFB chooses a title, varying in genre, to represent Texas at the National Book Festival. This year’s book, *Marfa for the Perplexed*, by the late Lonn Taylor is available for all Texans to read for free online via E-Read Texas, TSLAC’s e-book program.

3. **The Texas Center for the Book Literacy Award**
   For this annual award, a winning nonprofit organization receives a $2,000 cash award to assist in its future work promoting reading and combating illiteracy. Additionally, at least one honorable mention recipient receives $500. Libraries, although ineligible, are one of the most common sources of nominations for organizations in their community.

4. **Literary Landmarks**
   Literary Landmarks are special places located across the country that attract tourists, book lovers and history buffs to educate the public about important literary works and history. The TCFB sought to increase the number of landmarks in Texas, and four new Texas sites were approved in 2021 by United for Libraries. Now we are working to secure more funding to continue growing the number of Texas Literary Landmarks annually.

5. **#TXBookChat**
   This online series offers brief discussions and programs with authors, librarians, and literary professionals. These informal “coffee chats” last about 30 minutes and offer a quick look into different aspects of the state’s literary world. The #TXBookChat series seeks to bring together diverse voices and perspectives.

6. **Lone Star Día**
   April 30 marks the annual celebration of Children’s Day, Book Day. Libraries and schools across the country hold events to promote reading, literacy, and the power of sharing multicultural stories. In Texas, we celebrate this event as Lone Star Día and aim to offer book grants on even numbered years.

7. **Letters About Literature Texas**
   This reading and writing contest is for 4th-12th graders. Students are encouraged to write a letter to an author about how a book changed their life. Winners receive $100 and are honored at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference.

8. **Partnerships and You**
   We partner with libraries and organizations like the Texas Library Association, the Texas Book Festival, Lone Star Literary Life, The Writers’ League of Texas, and others to help support and grow the literary landscape in Texas. Additionally, we are grateful to the librarians who support our mission. You, yourself, might be a valuable resource. If you are interested in being a judge for Letters About Literature or being involved in the TCFB, please reach out.

These are a handful of the programs offered by the Texas Center for the Book; for more in-depth information on these programs and others, please visit our website.

To be sure you are on the our TCFB mailing list, please fill out this form or email TCFB.

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Austin Community College Launches Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Team

By Lynda Infante

Equity, diversity and inclusion work can often feel daunting. It’s an important topic, very relevant to where the library landscape is today, and in many aspects the work in this area is long overdue. Here is one way that we began to incorporate equity in the library at Austin Community College.
In the Fall of 2019, Austin Community College (ACC) Faculty Librarian Alexander Speetzen and I were appointed as co-leads of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) team for ACC Library Services. A few of the goals of the EDI team are:

- To support inclusion, equity, diversity, and student success.
- To promote and enhance faculty librarians and other library professionals’ expertise, as well as library resources and collections relating to inclusion, equity, and student success.
- To create opportunities that increase cultural awareness of our faculty librarians and other library professionals.

Alexander and I were both excited and passionate about EDI work, and knew we had a lot to catch up on to be effective within the department. Our main goal was to move the work of EDI from the theoretical to the practical. How could we go from talking about EDI to embedding it in our policies and practices? Our Dean of Library Services, Dr. Julie Todaro, was very supportive and enthusiastic about our efforts, and together we agreed that our first major endeavor would be creating a series of professional development courses tailored to the needs of our department.

There were a few considerations we had to address as we began the planning process. With a wealth of EDI training and workshops available, we felt that in the age of the webinar, it’s often hard to find or apply concrete action items from what we learn. Another important consideration was that we have varying levels of knowledge within the department. Many individuals had some knowledge, a few had more in-depth or extensive training. We had to create something that would be engaging for an audience with a diverse range of experience and backgrounds. There are also so many facets and intersections within EDI, it’s hard to know where to start. We decided to try to pare it down to the basics and called our course “Foundations of EDI in ACC Library Services”.

First, we focused on definitions. What do we mean when we use terms like equity, diversity, and inclusion? If we will be using these terms in our team’s name, across the college, and in our departmental policies, we all need to be on the same page as to what they mean. Although there might be slight variations of the terms on the web or in various trainings, we established what they mean for us in ACC Library Services and clarified ideas that may be tricky to those new to EDI, such as the difference between equality and equity. We were able to find openly licensed images online as well as YouTube videos that clearly and succinctly highlighted the concepts we were defining to add multiple ways of learning in each module.
Once we set the tone by defining the terms we were using, we showcased statistics of ACC and our department. We were able to take data from the ACC Factbook, which already reports on student and faculty demographics. As a Hispanic Serving Institution, Hispanic students account for 39% of our student population, only a few percentage points below the white student population of 41%.

We compared that to the faculty and staff demographics from the college as a whole, where it was evident that student demographics are not well reflected in the faculty makeup, especially in terms of Latinx representation, with 39% Hispanic students to 16% Hispanic full-time faculty and 11% adjunct faculty. To really focus on the library, we asked our human resources department for the Library Services demographic information and represented that in a graph form as well. We were able to measure the difference in demographics between library staff and librarians and compared both of those groups to the student population that we serve. We know representation has been lagging within the profession for a long time, and the first step towards change at our own institution is determining the disparities. We also compared our numbers to the last available ALA data and found that while we were doing better in terms of representation than the national average, we still had a long way to go to reflect our student population.

We then began to consider application of this statistical data into actionable steps. To determine our next course of action, we first needed to delve into better understanding of how reflecting our student population would lead to increased student success. We put our librarian skills to work and found data that showed:

1. Students of color have better academic outcomes when taught by faculty of color (Fairlie et al., 2014)
2. Students of color are more likely to identify with and approach library staff of the same ethnic and racial background (Daniel, 2013) (Vanscoy & Bright, 2013).
3. The presence of faculty and librarians of color at academic institutions can enhance the sense of belonging that students of color feel on campus (Booker, 2016, p. 218) (Munday et al., 2019),
4. The presence of librarians, faculty, and library staff of color at academic institutions can help to curb the phenomena of “stereotype threat” experienced by students of color (Katapol 2014, p. 3) (Munday et al. 2019).
For each of these points we offered citations and included further reading for those who may want to look into these concepts a little more.

The goal of the course was to provide library faculty and staff with actionable items to use in our day-to-day work. We provided critical questions to answer when providing customer service, references and tips that address culturally responsive teaching in information literacy instruction, considerations for incorporating EDI into displays, spaces and programming, and collection development and hiring practices. We also included a module on additional resources, starting with ACC, the greater Austin area, and national organizations.

We offer three hours of professional development credit for librarians and library staff who complete the training and pass a final assessment quiz with a score of at least 80%. Dean Todaro required completion of the course for all ACC Library faculty and staff members. We launched the course in Spring 2021 with an “ACC Library Services Equity Symposium” that was promoted across the college, with an address by EDI consultant Ozy Aloziem from Denver Public Library.

Among the key things that made our project successful was the support and collaboration we had with colleagues throughout the department. Shortly after we started working on the course, we were fortunate to add additional team members: ACC Faculty Librarians Renee Kuhles and Jorge López-McKnight, with support from hourly librarian Priscilla Donovan. Jorge and Renee contributed greatly to the research, text, citations, and quiz. We also worked with various other teams within the department such as the ACC LS Staff Development Team for assigning credit within the ACC system; Head Librarian Carrie Gits, who gave us advice regarding course creation in Google Sites; and Head Librarian Courtney Milnar who advised us on copyright concerns. We chose to use Google Sites for the course to make it easy for collaborative teamwork and editing purposes.

You can find our course online. The course was created for ACC Library faculty and staff so we cannot provide professional development credit for those outside the college, but we are happy to answer questions or offer suggestions if you would like to create something similar at your institution. The course was well received and we hope to expand and offer future courses in other aspects of EDI that we were unable to address in this course such as LGBTQIA+, neurodiversity, sexual harassment/Title IX, and more.

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As Texans learned during last year’s winter storm, floods can be devastating. When a library experiences a water disaster – whether from frozen pipes that burst, malfunctioning HVAC systems, heavy rain, or another cause – quick action can help mitigate the damage.

We are academic librarians who recently experienced water damage in our library. In fall 2018, The Waters Library Special Collections and University Archives at Texas A&M University – Commerce experienced both a water line breakage and HVAC failure simultaneously (at the time, Michael was working with Preston at Texas A&M-Commerce as the assistant archivist). We are sharing our experiences in the hopes that it can help others prevent a similar situation or handle it effectively if it does happen.

**Preston Livingston:** I had previous experience in disaster relief in a library and know the potential damage that can occur to materials in an inoperative environment. I still remember the day of the incident, Michael called me and asked if I would come to the Archives about a water leak and advise on what should be done. I had no idea what I was about to walk in on. When entering the Archives collection, I immediately took notice of the severe high relative humidity in the air and the water leak from the ceiling; at that moment I knew moving fast and making library management and the University Safety Department aware of the severity of the situation was paramount.

**Michael Barera:** I had a theoretical background in disaster response thanks to my master’s degree program at the University of Michigan School of Information, but I had not encountered any significant environmental problem in practice before this water disaster.
What I had learned in graduate school was helpful in responding to this disaster, but the first challenge was to stay calm and not panic when I discovered the leak and what had already become a significant water disaster. At the time of the disaster, the Archives were short-staffed and had recently lost institutional knowledge due to staff turnover, which adversely impacted its readiness for an environmental disaster. It is my hope that librarians and archivists in similar situations, whether they are facing staff shortages, loss of institutional knowledge, or other challenges, can use the practical suggestions in this article to prepare for and mitigate the effects of water disasters. As we learned the hard way, these disasters truly can, and do, happen to anyone.

**PREVENTION**

The first step in preparing for and, ideally, preventing a water disaster in academic library archives is understanding the nature and location of water-based threats in those archives. These threats can include water pipes, air conditioning equipment, and water-based fire suppression systems. Knowing the location of each of these potential threats is key, and ideally this is knowledge possessed by the archival staff that is passed along to new employees during times of staff turnover. If this knowledge is lost, however, the next best option is to inquire about the location of these water-based threats from the library’s or institution’s facilities department. In either case, it is also important for the library or the institution to have prior arrangements for disaster relief, often in the form of a contract with a disaster-relief contractor such as Balfour or Cotton.

Once the locations of water-based threats in the archives are known, then any shelving directly beneath such threats should remain unused or simply removed from the danger zones. Similarly, no materials in the archives should be stored on the floor, as these may become vulnerable during a water disaster. This will depend on how serious such a disaster is and how water pools or runs through the archives in the event of a disaster, but floor storage is simply not a risk worth taking.

**PROGRAM TO MONITOR HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE LEVELS**

It is imperative that a library has a monitoring system to constantly check temperature and humidity. Either of these variables can cause mold growth if not in acceptable ranges. A hygrometer can measure both the temperature and humidity levels in a building and help ensure proper levels for both. In a library or archives environment, at a minimum relative humidity needs to be 55 percent or less, and temperature should be around 72° F. Ideal conditions vary, with one commonly held standard recommending keeping the temperature at 65° F and the relative humidity at 35 percent. One archives we have personally visited maintains its temperature at 60° F and relative humidity at about 38 percent. If relative humidity exceeds 60 percent, mold can start to grow on materials, especially porous ones. If this happens, archives and library staff should begin actively searching for mold growth. In our personal experience, monitoring systems for temperature and humidity in an archive can range from $300 to $900,000. The lower figure covers the cost of a single professional-grade, hand-held hygrometer, while the higher figure represents the total cost of a monitoring system with sensors in the ceiling that tracks both humidity and temperature that then transmits that information to a control panel. Either of these methods is effective when properly implemented and monitored.

**HVAC MAINTENANCE**

The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system used in an archives environment needs to be maintained to effectively control the environment. In most cases, the cause of mold growth is under-performing HVAC systems. Lack of cleaning, resulting in accumulated dust on library materials, is the next most common cause of mold growth. Librarians need to reach out to facilities management and explain why equipment management is important and how doing so on a timely basis is necessary to protect library collections. Any HVAC equipment failure that occurs needs to be addressed promptly because proper temperature and humidity levels must be restored in less than 48 hours to prevent widespread mold growth.

**QUICK RESPONSE**

In fall 2018, The Waters Library Special Collections and University Archives at Texas A&M University – Commerce experienced both a water line breakage and HVAC failure simultaneously, contributing to excessive temperature and humidity levels. Due to prior experience in similar situations, the immediate response was to inform
library management of the situation and request a prompt phone call to the University Safety department to dispatch a disaster relief contractor for assistance. The only way the university was able to receive an immediate response from the contractor was due to prior arrangements. The contractor, understanding the severity of the situation, had a relief crew arrive on site that very same day with about 12 commercial-grade portable dehumidifiers and portable HVAC units. When that much equipment is brought in for service, the building must be able to support the additional electrical supply needed to run it all. In our case, we had an electrician advise us as to which wall plugs to use in order to avoid overloading electrical circuits and prevent tripping breakers at the electrical panel. However, breakers were nonetheless tripped due to overload, although we were still able to bring humidity and temperature to appropriate levels. Failure to respond to such situations immediately can result in severe mold accumulation and permanent damage to archival materials.

**WATER-DAMAGED MATERIALS**

In the immediate aftermath of a water disaster, or even while the disaster is still occurring, the first priority is to remove all directly impacted or possibly impacted materials from the site of the disaster. For a leak from the ceiling, as in this case, this means removing any and all materials directly under the leak or within range of any liquid conceivably splattering. For a situation with standing or running water on the floor impacting materials that are stored directly on the floor, this simply means moving the materials off the floor. In all cases, wet or potentially threatened materials should then be moved to a space in or adjacent to the archives that has enough space, no direct threat from water, and (ideally) less relative humidity than in the space where the water disaster occurred or is occurring.

After the directly affected materials are removed from danger, the next step is to triage them and take appropriate action for each group. The first group of triaged materials are those that are completely undamaged. For these materials, they should be set aside in a dry, secure space while staying in their original (dry and undamaged) enclosures. The second group are the mildly to moderately damaged materials, which in a water disaster typically mean materials that are moist or somewhat wet, but not completely soaked. These materials should be laid out in a dry, secure space to allow them to air dry safely. Finding enough space for air drying may be a challenge, and space outside of the archives (perhaps elsewhere in the library) may need to be used. Finally, the third group are the heavily damaged materials, those that are truly soaked with water. These should be set aside for freeze drying done by the disaster-relief contractor, as they are so wet that they risk being damaged by being laid out for air drying or even moving them any more than necessary.

**ASSESS THE DISASTER AND IMPROVE PROCEDURES**

The entire cost of this disaster response at A&M-Commerce was $12,758.97, spread over a five-day recovery period. The bulk of this consisted of paying for equipment ($6,442.00), labor ($2,515.26), Phoenix 200 refrigerant units ($1,125.00), and freeze drying for heavily water-damaged documents ($1,000.00). Lesser but still consequential costs included small tools charges ($647.87 total), tube-shaped archival map enclosures for maps whose original enclosures were destroyed in the disaster ($446.53), miscellaneous charges ($289.31), truck rental costs ($245.00 total), and fans ($48.00).

**REGULARLY MONITOR HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE LEVELS**

From an archival perspective, assessing and improving disaster response procedures are essentially cyclical, with lessons learned (sometimes the hard way, in an actual water disaster) then being integrated into the archives’ prevention and preparation efforts against potential future water disasters. Most importantly, a water disaster will either confirm previously known institutional knowledge about the location of water-based threats in an archive or provide new knowledge. It is essential to incorporate any newly learned knowledge and make sure that no materials are stored in areas that the water disaster revealed to be vulnerable. Water disasters also serve as a reminder to ensure that no collections are stored on the floor, as well as potentially provide information about how water runs or pools in the archives, which will help illustrate the areas most vulnerable to standing or running water.

It is also important to review procedures for supervising disaster recovery. In our experience, the dehumidifiers drained the moisture pulled out of the air into 55-gallon containers. Depending on the level of relative humidity, these containers may need to be emptied every 12 hours or even less to prevent overflow. Furthermore, the very nature of this type of disaster recovery creates confusion among employees and management at the beginning of the project. It is crucial to confirm with library management, facilities, and the disaster-relief contractor that proper supervision for the recovery effort is provided both after hours and on days the library is closed.

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Ways to Up Your Library’s Social Media Game

Three pros share tips and mistakes to avoid when expanding your library’s social media outreach.

By Michele Chan Santos

Reaching your library community effectively through social media is crucial but also challenging. We consulted three experts, all of whom have won a TLA Branding Iron Award for their social media campaigns. Many thanks to Karina Quilantan-Garza, Library Media Specialist at Jaime Escalante Middle School, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD; Jennifer Lusk, Children’s Programming Specialist for Grand Prairie Public Libraries; and Joshua Sylve, Director of Marketing and Communications, University of North Texas Libraries, for sharing their wisdom with us. Here are their tips on improving your library’s social media outreach.

Create a brand for your library.
What is something your library is really good at, something that makes it unique? “Capitalize on what you are known for, such as incorporating your school mascot and colors,” Quilantan-Garza said.

Be strategic with your posts. Have a plan.
“You don’t want people inundated with information,” Lusk said. For public libraries, make sure all your branches are represented; the same goes for programs for different age groups. There should be posts about book clubs for adults and teens, for example, in addition to posts about toddler story time.

Show the diversity of the expertise that your libraries hold.
“We show, not just the librarians and their expertise, but also the staff and the great research our students are doing,” Sylve said. “While we are stewards of the space and the collection, they belong to everyone. We emphasize, it’s your library.”
04
Don’t treat personal pages and professional pages in the same manner.

“If you read something in the news and it makes you feel a certain way, that feeling is probably for your personal page and not your professional one,” Sylve said. And your personal pages should always be separate from your library’s social media pages.

05
Use video to showcase other departments in your city.

Lusk did a video series called “Beyond the Book” where she interviewed other city employees and filmed various city departments at work. These demonstrate that the library is part of the larger community and are a great way to get to know other city employees.

06
Designate a student or staff member to take pictures at library events.

When you’re running the event, there’s often not time to take photographs. This is a good chance for school library student ambassadors to learn about taking good photos and modeling digital citizenship. It is also a great way to get other library employees involved with the event.

07
Make sure you have photo releases.

At Quilantan-Garza’s school, parents sign photo releases at the beginning of the year. The principal keeps a list of the (small number) of students who don’t have permission to have their photo taken and the staff keeps this on hand when photographing events. At UNT, the staff have a simple form they keep handy for students to sign when they are photographed. At Grand Prairie, a sign in the children’s area informs patrons that the library routinely takes photos and video for promotional purposes.

08
Honor students’ wishes when it comes to posting a photo.

Quilantan-Garza always asks her middle school students if it’s OK if she posts the photo she took of them. If the answer is no (even if the parents give their permission) she honors that refusal. “I know that they are teenagers and if it’s not cool with them, I don’t post it.”
Use apps and programs that will make your life easier.
Quilantan-Garza loves Canva and PicCollage which allow you to create images easily and make attractive collages with a minimum of effort. Sylve swears by Sprout Social which monitors your followers and shares your posts when a majority of them are online (you can also schedule posts to go out at a certain time). Many libraries also use Hootsuite to schedule posts.

Once you’ve made those relationships on social media, follow up in real life.
“Once you’ve met your families via Zoom or online, next they come in person to a program at the library and it’s really up to us to maintain those relationships,” Lusk said. “That’s my favorite part of the job, getting to know the families.”

Tag your stakeholders.
There’s no better way to advocate for your library than showing your stakeholders — whether that’s the school district, City Council, mayor or university leadership — what’s going on at your library. Quilantan-Garza’s library Instagram account is so well-known that when the severe winter storm hit early in 2021, many people turned to her for school closure updates.

For libraries with multiple programs and branches, consider a social media workgroup.
At UNT, the library social media workgroup, made up of representatives of the various library departments, meets once a month. Each library department receives 10 slots on the monthly social media calendar, Sylve said. The workgroup members provide the content for the posts and the secretary for the group schedules all the posts on Sprout Social, ensuring everyone has equal publicity about their events and making sure the posts have a consistent tone.

Be honest and sensitive to the day’s events.
“Everyone in my department is encouraged to read the newspaper and the campus newsletters, so they know what’s going on, and are aware of any controversies, debates, or issues they should be sensitive to,” Sylve said.

Proofread, proofread, proofread.
Make sure your posts use correct spelling and that you doublecheck your hashtags before posting, Lusk said.

Speak to the individuals that are on campus right now.
“We can go outside and ask ten students, what do you love about the library? And come inside and share those things on social media,” Sylve said. “The most sincere application of social media ties back to real people and real programs.”

Left to Right: Jennifer Lusk, Joshua Sylve, Karina Quilantan-Garza
SPARK: Sharing, Partnering and Reaching for Knowledge

AN INNOVATIVE ACADEMIC, PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

By Christy Reynolds

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC, ACADEMIC, AND SCHOOL LIBRARIANS created a collaborative program to support educational and literacy goals for all students in the Tomball community. Tomball ISD, Lone Star College- Tomball, and Harris County Public Library/LSC-Tomball Community Library combined forces in early April 2021 to establish SPARK (Sharing, Partnering and Reaching for Knowledge), a four-part collaborative effort to bring accessible literacy and resources to students in their community.

This innovative idea began with an existing partnership, a creative initiative called Tomball Community Art Showcase (TCAS) where the artwork of Tomball ISD students was displayed on rotation at the LSC Tomball Community Library. Director of the LSC-Tomball Community Library, Janna Hoglund says, “We wanted to extend the partnership with Tomball ISD directly between the libraries. Our public and academic libraries have a very close relationship with the school libraries, and we wanted to create something great and share our resources.”

Soon the librarians were engaged in a conversation about extending online resources between the teachers, instructors, and librarians across Tomball ISD’s 23 different campuses. Hoglund met with Diane Tidwell, the director of Digital Learning for Tomball ISD, who coordinates the work of all librarians within the school district.

The next step was to gather feedback from librarians to determine support for the potential partnership. There was a lot of excitement among librarians at the idea of being able to share resources across the academic, public, and school libraries. In late April 2021, all the librarians in Tomball ISD met online with the LSC Community Library staff and started sharing and drafting ideas for ways they could work together.

“COVID brought us so many negative things, but in every cloud, there is a silver lining. We found a huge benefit in this because after being away from people and not being engaged so much in person, lacking action, prompted us to build this partnership and everybody was so excited to do things online - we just wanted action. I think this came from some time of inactivity into the perfect stream of energy,” Hoglund said.

Three major concepts came from the meeting: accessibility; innovation and creativity; and collaboration and communication. First, the public library has more extensive resources than the school libraries and librarians wanted to provide convenient, expanded access to other libraries in their community. Secondly, they wanted to incorporate new ideas, services and attend each other’s events to promote new creative initiatives between the groups. And finally, there was a need for a streamlined form of communication- leading to a working group created to continue the work and to sharpen the scope of the project.

Out of these three concepts emerged four major areas to be addressed: library cards, resource sharing, library learning
corners and program collaboration and communication. The librarians wanted their organizations to integrate seamlessly and offer two levels of service, individual and classroom or campus wide. The idea was to have a synergy of education from public to school to college emphasizing the message It’s never too early to start college!

In June 2021, the project’s benefits, timeline, and marketing strategy were accepted by executive leadership from each organization and the phrase “Sharing, Partnering and Reaching for Knowledge” was brought forth by Dr. Leon Natt, Lone Star College Tomball President. And SP ARK was officially established.

The mission phrase that motivated all three institutions became, “We are on the pathway to knowledge and destination excellence to achieve extraordinary experiences,” a combination of elements of Harris County Public Library, Tomball ISD and Lone Star College’s mission statements.

“One head is good – three heads are better. I have an amazing team that I’m blessed with. I have an amazing community. I have amazing partners and we work together!” Hoglund said.

The library card, now known as a SP ARK card, was the first step in the project. A SP ARK card would be delivered to every Tomball ISD student, allowing them access to books and resources at the Lone Star College and Harris County Public Library. Students would be able to check out a book from the public library through the school library system and the books would be delivered to the school for them to bring home.

Logistics were a challenge. Head of Children Services Department at LSC-Tomball Community Library, Kimberly Clutter says, “The general idea and goals of the partnership were the easy part. Figuring out all the logistics for creating the accounts, handing out the cards, setting up the website, training staff at the library and the schools – all of that took a lot of discussions, brainstorming and trial and error.”

Every card has the SP ARK logo, and all were sponsored by the college. Justin Warnasch, Tomball ISD director of digital communications designed the logo. The logo and card are a great marketing tool for Lone Star College-Tomball Community Library, Hoglund said, since every single student and teacher in Tomball ISD had a card with the message, “It’s never too early to prepare for college!”

Amber Seely, Harris County Public Library (HCPL) division director, Collections and Technical Services; and System Circulation Manager Fred Schumacher tackled the logistics of coordinating the barcodes on the cards and the book delivery system. The college purchased 30,000 cards for Tomball ISD, and each had a unique barcode tied to the student’s ID number and campus.
Harris County Public Library is excited to be partnering with Tomball ISD and LSC-Tomball to issue library cards and bring library books and digital materials to every Tomball ISD student and teacher," Seely said.

Librarians received the cards in August and started distribution in October 2021. To the librarians’ delight, it’s become popular in Tomball ISD schools for students to wear the SPARK card on their lanyards.

Laurie Taylor, librarian at Lakewood Elementary, says, “My students’ eyes light up when they find out that their school library of 10,000 books has expanded to hundreds of thousands of books. Even our youngest students are thrilled and excited. And at Lakewood a couple of teachers have already checked out books for their classrooms and for personal reading.”

HCPL has seen increased foot traffic in the library as students are utilizing resources such as robotics technology, 3D printers and other innovative tools. HCPL staff was contacted by one elementary school that wanted to bring an entire grade level to the library to become familiar with the public library.

“One of the programs we’re most excited about is bringing advanced technology into the classroom with visits and demonstrations from our Tomball Innovation Lab. Technology literacy is more important than ever, and we’re looking forward to helping spark creativity and innovation in young adults by making 3D printing, virtual reality, and robotics technology more accessible. The Tomball Innovation Lab is the perfect place for young adults to learn, explore, and create, and we’re excited to bring inspiring hands-on learning directly to Tomball ISD classrooms,” said HCPL Assistant Branch Manager Jay Smith.

The next step in SPARK is to introduce Learning Corners, a physical area in a school library, that will house a creative rotating and customizable selection of resources, including books, audio visual materials and library promotion materials. In each space, there will be a QR code with quick links to teach and entertain the students. It’s Hoglund’s hope that the gap of information between what students are expected to know in college and what they leave high school with will be bridged with resources from the Learning Corners.

In a time when full access to books is under the pressure of censorship, this project is more important than ever, Hoglund said. The community of Tomball is uniting to put books in students’ hands and to normalize the idea of learning in a library from Pre-K to college. Hoglund stresses that none of this would have been possible for a single library. Everyone involved showed great courage to take one idea and launch it forward quickly to create this exciting new SPARK! “Tomball: Hometown with a Heart” is the town motto, and that heart can be seen in this collaborative effort to support educational and literacy goals for all students in the Tomball community.

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Moving Texas Forward

DIGITAL LEARNING AND OPEN EDUCATION INITIATIVES OF THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

By Michelle Singh and Kylah Torre

The disruption to higher education caused by the COVID-19 pandemic spotlighted the vital importance of digital learning for Texas institutions and students. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) recognized that strengthening current practices and supporting innovation was imperative as we entered a new normal for teaching, learning, and student success.

In November 2020, THECB launched the Division of Digital Learning (DDL). Its mission is to provide leadership and advocacy for digital learning in higher education and promote, sustain, and advance a quality digital learner experience to position Texas as a world leader, resulting in globally competitive, digitally proficient citizens.

THECB appointed Dr. Michelle Singh as Assistant Commissioner of the DDL. Dr. Singh came to THECB from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, where she had served as Associate Vice President of Teaching & Learning Technologies since 2018. Over her 20-year tenure in higher education, Dr. Singh held positions as Chairperson of the Board for the Texas Distance Learning Association, member of the United States Distance Learning Association Board, Chair of the Texas A&M University System Council for Academic Technology and Innovative Education and Chair of the THECB Learning Technology Advisory Committee.

Under Dr. Singh’s leadership, the DDL aims to raise awareness of best practices in digital learning, build capacity of institutions to achieve and innovate in that space, and recognize digital excellence across the state. The DDL is currently developing a digital learning clearinghouse (DLTX), a comprehensive digital learning resource, program, and service site to facilitate community connections and knowledge sharing to move toward those goals. Over the past year, the DDL has also built on existing THECB open educational resource (OER) programs including grants, professional learning, and the OERTX repository, and expanded the agency’s portfolio of digital learning initiatives with a special focus on post-pandemic research.

CONNECTING COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARED RESOURCES

OERTX Repository is a public digital library of OER for higher education, but more than that it is a place for collaboration, sharing, creation, and adaptation. Since it was launched in fall 2020, the site has attracted over 106,000 users across all continents. The site holds over 8,000 curated resources and 1,500 items that have been created with the embedded authoring tool. OERTX allows for users to build groups for discussion and curation of materials, to create and co-author OER, and to remix materials. All educational resources on the site are openly licensed and free to all.

The Texas Legislature has appropriated funding for building and maintaining OERTX, and for OER grants, which were awarded to individual faculty members who created and/or curated OER for core curriculum courses. In 2020, the agency also received $175 million in federal Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding, a portion of which went to additional grants to aid faculty
at Texas institutions in developing OER and redesigning courses to have zero textbook costs. GEER grantees are supported by three Technical Assistance Partners – institutions with expertise in OER creation and effective pedagogy – Dallas College, the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin, and OpenStax at Rice University. All materials developed with THECB grants will be available at no cost in the OERTX Repository.

In 2020, THECB and OERTX were recognized for Outstanding Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Distance Learning by the Texas Distance Learning Association (TxDLA) and in 2021, the DDL won an Innovation Award from the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) for OERTX and other OER efforts.

RESEARCHING THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC
Use and adoption of OER is expanding in Texas, as is evident in the recently released 2021 OER landscape survey report. The first OER landscape survey was conducted in 2019 as a partnership between THECB, the Digital Higher Education Consortium of Texas (DigiTex) and the Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education (ISKME). The survey found that over half of Texas institutions had OER programs or were moving in that direction. The 2019 survey report identified institutional best practices for OER work, including designating positions to manage OER programs, allocating resources for faculty training, and collecting data on the impact of OER use. The 2021 survey was administered by the same organizations this past spring and shows how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected OER policies and programs. Survey analysis indicates a growing commitment to OER across Texas, with successful institutions taking a system-wide approach, including engaging multiple offices and roles across campuses, developing partnerships with external institutions and organizations, and collecting data to inform future policies and programs.

THECB’s Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC) administers a survey biannually that examines the broader landscape of digital learning at Texas institutions. The most recent survey (report forthcoming) saw that institutions responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by utilizing ingenuity, technological resources, and increased digital learning support. The most common areas of increased support were digital access to student services, faculty training and assistance, expansion of digital learning resources, and increasing numbers of IT support staff.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFERINGS
Based on research and input from institutional partners, the DDL determined a need in Texas for OER and digital learning trainings. In June 2021, THECB launched the first OER Core Elements Academy in partnership with ISKME. Participants went through intensive training on finding, curating, evaluating, and authoring and remixing OER. Over 60 faculty, librarians, and digital learning staff actively participated in the inaugural academy. The success of the first Academy inspired THECB to launch a second cohort in fall 2021, with another 60 participants, which will be complete in December. Individuals who successfully complete the Academies are awarded a certificate. Future Academies are planned for those with intermediate and advanced knowledge of OER, as well as a train-the-trainer academy for those who want to serve as a resource at their institutions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
THECB, DigiTex, and the Texas Digital Library (TDL) organized the first Open Texas conference in March 2021. The virtual event was free, and convened librarians, faculty, administrators, and other open education practitioners and advocates across Texas and beyond. The conference was hosted by Houston Community College and the University of Houston-Downtown. Over 1,000 people registered for the event, which included a keynote from Dr. DeRionne Pollard, current president of Nevada State College, as well as presenters from across the country, and a panel of Texas students. The next (virtual) Open Texas conference is scheduled for Sept. 21-23, 2022.

In advance of the next Open Texas conference, THECB is partnering with OpenStax to offer two days of OER workshops, collaborative creation, and expert guidance, Feb. 17-18, 2022. This event, based on previous Creator Fests hosted by OpenStax, will be Texas-focused and offer spaces for participants to think about OER development, tackle peer review, and learn from Texas OER stars.

MOVING FORWARD WITH DIGITAL LEARNING
Texas is at the forefront of digital learning and OER and THECB is working to support and scale best practices. The DDL is currently working to build the DLTX Clearinghouse, which will be a central hub for resources, events, and communities for digital learning in Texas. DLTX will allow stakeholders to educate, learn, drive change, advocate, innovate, and lead in the digital learning space. It will be a resource for all of Texas higher education as we move forward in an increasingly digital world.

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MANY OF THE TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION’S (TLA) MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS KNOW THE JOURNEY THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN ON FOR THE LAST 20 MONTHS; the devastating cancellation of two in-person conferences and the financial impact of those cancellations, significant business, and operational adaptations, sweeping societal changes that impacted what our members needed and depended on from the organization and many enormous technological improvements – some of which are still underway.

Across this huge sea of change TLA has fared well, due to the steadfast guidance and foresight of the Executive Board and association leadership of committed unit officers, hundreds of volunteers, and the staff team.

As we emerge from these massive challenges and opportunities it’s now time to return to continuation of a project that would have begun in mid-2019, the refresh of an association Strategic Plan. High-functioning associations and non-profit organizations routinely engage in Strategic Planning every 3-5 years to ensure continuity of purpose, relevancy to member needs and continued growth and evaluation to support an industry. TLA’s current Strategic Plan took the organization through the end of 2019 and was a project high on our list of goals in January of 2020. We all know what happened in the following months, but I am pleased to share that over the last few months work has begun and we plan to engage member stakeholders in added conversations this Spring and share the final plan over the course of the TLA Annual Conference in April of 2022.

In October 2021, the TLA Executive Board (EB) gathered to discuss the current position of the organization and opportunities for the future. Equipped with insight gained during their pre-retreat work, input from various membership surveys and feedback from unit officers and key stakeholders, the EB approached the strategy retreat having identified the following key opportunities: leadership development; leveraging technology to continue offering quality professional development; clarification and prioritization of TLA’s efforts for stronger representation on legislative activities; and, partnerships for added influence, reach and impact of promoting libraries and solidifying local relationships.

TLA is in a solid position to envision its future and is in a valuable position to solidify itself as the primary convener for networking, professional development, advocacy, and resources sought after by those seeking to advance their own practices and/or the profession as a whole. As TLA’s future evolves, leaders will use its new strategic plan to remain aligned when deciding between competing priorities, partnership opportunities and determining what should receive TLAs attention, financial and resource investment.

The participants began the session by describing individual visions of TLA as a thriving, successful organization three years from now. Many key areas of alignment

TLA Embarks on Strategic Planning: 2022 – 2025

By Shirley Robinson
rose to the surface such as an inclusive community that welcomes and celebrates a variety of perspectives and insights; a diverse and enthusiastic membership; an organization providing a robust selection of high caliber professional development and the go-to resource for representing the collective voice of the industry across the State of Texas.

The EB reviewed the current vision and mission statements and concluded new versions should be crafted to align with the vision of the future organization; these new statements will be refined further and piloted with key stakeholders over the next few months. An association's vision demonstrates the desired future state – it's where you're going. The mission tells HOW you'll get there. Generally, a vision and mission are steadfast and time-honored, however, in times of historic change they also need to evolve to help an organization continue to move forward.

Ultimately, the EB will finalize 4 – 5 strategic priority areas to serve as the primary areas of focus for TLA in the coming three years. Staff and leadership will author goals that will serve as definitions of success for each area and those will cascade down to annual goals and an operational plan for staff and volunteer leadership across all units – districts, divisions, round tables and committees.

This work is not the end, but rather the beginning of a new pathway to shape TLA and our work together for the profession in Texas. Stay tuned for more communications, website updates and articles and opportunities for collaboration to be shared over the coming months to connect members and leadership with these conversations about the future of TLA. Now is the time to define our value and resources for many generations of librarians and library workers to come.

Shirley Robinson, CAE, is the Executive Director of the Texas Library Association.
Renew Your Membership by January 31

One of the Texas Library Association’s greatest strengths is the wisdom and experience of its members. From networking in person at our annual conference, to seeking advice and information in our members-only online network, TLA Engage, TLA members find strength in community. Renew today!

JOIN BY JANUARY 31 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN TLA ELECTIONS

In 2022, members will elect a president-elect and a representative-at-large to serve on the Executive Board. TLA elections will open on February 16 and close March 16, 2022. Your participation in the election process is critical as these leaders will help set the course for the association for the coming year. Join today.

MEET THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

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President-Elect
Rhea Lawson, Executive Director, Houston Public Library
Gretchen Pruitt, Director, New Braunfels Public Library

Representative-at-Large (School)
Nora Galvan, Director of Library Services, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
Melissa Rippy, Director of Libraries & Instructional Materials, Pasadena ISD

Learn more about these candidates at www.txla.org/tla-candidates.

TLA AWARDS DEADLINE JANUARY 31

Honoring excellence in, and contributions to, the library profession, TLA’s awards celebrate individuals and organizations which inspire us all. From leadership, lifetime achievement, and library service, to advocacy, outstanding projects and innovative partnerships, the awards showcase the best of the profession. Nominate a deserving librarian today!

TLA’s scholarships support library education and encourage future librarians. Applicants must be Texas residents and current TLA members. Apply today!

TEXAS BLUEBONNET AWARD VOTING EXTENDED TO FEB. 12

Voting for the Texas Bluebonnet Award will take place January 4 – February 12, 2022. If you have not registered your school yet, you can register here. Here is the current list and a guide to voting.

TLA Grants

The Jeanette & Jim Larson Grant, and Woll Memorial Fund support collection development. Learn more and apply today!

BRANDING IRON AWARD DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15

TLA’s Branding Iron Awards honor the inspiring and creative marketing efforts of all types of libraries with awards presented in several categories, and one overall Best of Show winner. Share your best work with us!

TOCKER FOUNDATION TLA CONFERENCE TRAVEL STIPEND

The Tocker Foundation is pleased to provide travel stipends for staff at rural libraries to attend the TLA’s annual conference. Library staff in towns of 12,000 or less qualify to apply for this grant. First-time attendees are given priority in this grant selection. The application deadline is January 20. Apply early to plan for a full experience at the conference.

UNIT AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & STIPENDS

Many of TLA’s divisions, districts and round tables present awards to recognize outstanding achievement by librarians of all types, scholarships to support those pursuing an MLS degree, and stipends to help offset the cost of registering for the TLA Annual Conference. Learn more.
TLA Talks: Legal & Policy Issues Related to Materials Challenges

**JANUARY 25**
3:30 – 4:30 PM
Free for TLA members, $25 nonmember

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Important Deadlines

FEB 01
Registration rates increase

APR 01
- Registration rates increase
- Ticketed event purchase deadline
- Mail-in registration postmark deadline

APR 21
Registration closes at midnight*

*ON-SITE REGISTRATION NOT AVAILABLE FOR TLA 2022
Dear TLA members,

On behalf of the Program Committee, our Executive Board, the TLA staff and everyone who has worked so hard to make this conference a reality, I am honored to share the TLA 2022 Annual Conference Program with you.

TLA 2022 aims to promote the health of librarians and libraries by equipping attendees with the tools needed to recover from uncertainty, rebalance their lives, and reconnect with their colleagues and the communities they serve.

When we chose this theme of recover, rebalance, reconnect, we had no idea how pertinent it would be – not only in terms of librarians’ physical, mental, and emotional health related to the ongoing pandemic, but now also in terms of the attacks on intellectual freedom and the freedom to read that are dominating headlines in Texas.

As a service professional, I know you are inclined to take care of others — your students, your faculty, and your library users — before yourself. You help people every day and they are better off because you add value to their education, experience, and lives. However, none of that goodness is possible if you don’t stop every so often and help yourself.

One of the best ways we can care for ourselves and give our self-esteem and energy a boost is by attending conference. There’s no better way to energize your career and skillset than by gathering with your peers to reflect, encourage each other, and celebrate the joy that comes with seeing old and new friends in person.

We promise you will find many ideas to implement in your own library and with your own career. Enjoy!

Daniel Burgard  
TLA President 2021–2022
Featured Speakers

KWAME ALEXANDER is a poet, educator, publisher, and New York Times bestselling author of 35 books, including Swing, Becoming Muhammad Ali, co-authored with James Patterson, Booked, which was longlisted for the National Book Award, Rebound, which was shortlisted for prestigious UK Carnegie Medal, the Caldecott Medal and Newbery Honor-winning picture book, The Undefeated, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, and his Newbery medal-winning middle grade novel, The Crossover. A regular contributor to NPR’s Morning Edition, Kwame is the recipient of numerous awards, including The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, The Coretta Scott King Author Honor, three NAACP Image Award Nominations, and the 2017 Inaugural Pat Conroy Legacy Award. In 2018, he founded the publishing imprint VERSIFY, and opened the Barbara E. Alexander Memorial Library and Health Clinic in Ghana, as a part of LEAP for Ghana, an international literacy program he co-founded.

KATHERINE APPLEGATE is the Newbery Medal-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author of numerous books for young readers, including The One and Only Ivan, the Endling series, Crenshaw, Wishtree, the Roscoe Riley Rules chapter books series, and the Animorphs series. She lives with her husband, who writes as the author Michael Grant, and their children in California. Author, illustrator, and filmmaker VASHTI HARRISON is the illustrator of the New York Times bestselling book Hair Love and the author and illustrator of Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History. She has a background in cinematography and screenwriting and a love for storytelling. She earned her BA from the University of Virginia with a double major in Media Studies and Studio Art with concentrations in Film and Cinematography. She received her MFA in Film and Video from CalArts where she rekindled a love for drawing and painting. Now, utilizing both skill sets, she is passionate about crafting beautiful stories in both the film and kidlit worlds.

JERRY HAWKINS is the Executive Director of Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (DTRHT), part of a national 14-place initiative by The W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Dallas TRHT’s mission is to create a radically inclusive city by addressing race and racism through narrative change, relationship building, and equitable policies and practices. Jerry is also a co-founder of The Imagining Freedom Institute (The IF Institute), a national research-based leadership group that helps organizations and institutions understand the historical context to contemporary issues of place, race, and racism. Jerry was formerly the Project Director of Bachman Lake Together for The Dallas Foundation and Zero To Five Funders Collaborative, an early childhood collective impact initiative in Dallas, and Director of Children’s Services at the Wilkinson Center in East Dallas/Southeast Dallas.

JENNIFER HORNE is the Business, Economics, and Government Information Librarian at the University of Kentucky. In this role, she supports the schools of business, public policy and administration, and diplomacy. She also serves as the library’s forward-facing contact for government information. Prior to joining the University of Kentucky, she spent more than twenty years in public policy research and legislative affairs for organizations that represent state and local officials, including the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. She earned her Master’s in Information Science from the University of Tennessee, a Master’s in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University, and a Bachelor’s degree in politics and Spanish from Washington & Lee University.

AISHA JOHNSON, Assistant Professor/MLS Program Director for the School of Library and Information Sciences at North Carolina Central University is a revelator of Southern library history. She is committed to archival research, the production of minority librarians and archivists for cultural preservation and redefining the scholar. Johnson stands on a soapbox for unveiling the history of underrepresented communities. She has focused much of her research on the development of literacy in the African American community and philanthropic efforts to develop public libraries in the South. Her advocacy for librarianship and archives is not only conveyed in her research, but also her professional career. In 2020, she was dubbed Distinguished Alumni of Florida State University’s College of Communication and Information, School of Information. In 2021, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History recognized her work and impact with the Freedom Scholar Award.
Featured Speakers

GLORIA MERAZ is the Director and State Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. She is the first person of color and first Hispanic woman to serve as State Librarian of Texas since the position was created in 1909. Previously, Meraz was the Assistant State Librarian at TSLAC, and before that, she served for 17 years as the Director of Communications for the Texas Library Association. Meraz, a native of El Paso, holds a bachelor’s degree in Museum Studies from Baylor University and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin.

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CHRIS PRYOR is the Interim Associate University Librarian for Health and Specialized Libraries and the Interim Director of the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library at the University of Missouri. Chris initially joined the University of Missouri Libraries as the Library Engagement and Missouri Coordinator for the Network of the National Library of Medicine. She has worked in a variety of roles and types of libraries throughout her career including academic, public, special, and consortium and has experience in the areas of training, management, outreach, advocacy, and public service. Chris currently serves as President of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) which is a Division of ALA.

ANDREA RUSSELL graduated from The University of Oklahoma in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts, Letters and a Minor in Spanish. She received her J.D. from The University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2011. Prior to attending law school, she spent several months abroad working as a Language and Culture Assistant in a primary school in southern Spain. Andrea’s primary area of practice is municipal law with an emphasis on public information and open government issues. She currently serves as city attorney for the City of Paradise, as general counsel for the Arlington Entertainment Area Management District, and as municipal court prosecutor for the City of Southlake.

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Health & Safety Protocol

The Texas Library Association (TLA), alongside Visit Fort Worth, 13 partnering hotels, the Fort Worth Convention Center (FWCC), and our hard-working Program and Local Arrangements Committees are excited to bring our Texas library community together for the first time in two years next April!

Your safety and health are our top priority for this in-person event. As recommendations and guidelines evolve over the next months, TLA will closely watch and follow the most current CDC guidance for public health measures.

The TLA Executive Board has approved the following to protect your health and provide peace of mind:

- **TLA will require proof of full* vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 test (administered within 72 hours of attendance) of all registered attendees; sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, TLA staff and speakers.**

- TLA plans to utilize a free, simple, secure, and HIPAA-compliant third-party vendor, to clear ALL attendees in advance of the conference.

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- Conference capacity may be capped to ensure safe physical distancing in response to current levels of health factors present in the state and in Fort Worth after the first of the year.

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- In addition to the above protocols, the team at the Fort Worth Convention Center is also committed to your health, safety, and well-being. The FWCC is officially [Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) STAR Certified](https://www.gbac.org), a third-party outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation for facilities that helps instill an additional layer of confidence.

Our TLA community has come together many times over the last year and a half while facing a huge number of obstacles and we can successfully do in April as well. We appreciate your support and understanding as we do what is necessary to move our profession and librarianship in Texas forward. Watch for more information and event details to follow in the coming weeks as we navigate planning for your safe attendance in Fort Worth. We are truly excited about the 2022 conference and look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth!

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Master List (Ticketed) ......................... 12:00 - 3:00 PM
18th Annual Poetry Round Up ............... 12:15 - 11:15 PM
Speaking Truth: Nonfiction Books for Children .................................................. 12:15 - 11:15 PM
Texas’ Own National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature ......................... 12:15 - 11:15 PM
To Be Continued ... Series and Sequels in YA Lit .............................................. 12:15 - 11:15 PM
More Than Speech Bubbles: Middle Grade Graphic Novels That Wow ................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Tough Stuff: Honoring the Reality of Children’s Lived Experiences .................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Weaving Elements of Folktales, Legends, Myths, and Tall Tales into Stories ....... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
2x2 Reading List Showcase featuring Vaithi Harrison ....................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Magic and Adventure in Middle Grades ............................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Proudly Announcing ... YA Debut Authors ....................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Verify the Facts: Nonfiction in YA Lit ............................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Your Public Library Presents: Chef Scotty Scott of Cook Drank Eat ................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Book Buzzed ................................. 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, April 26
A Caldecott Conversation .................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Books Matter: Diversifying Your Collection .................................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Picture This: New Releases in Picture Books ...................................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Supporting Early Childhood Mental Health Through Literature ....................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Top Texas Topaz Picks ......................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Finding Hope in the Middle ..................... 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

CHILDREN’S LITERATURE

Monday, April 25
Speed Dating the Texas Bluebonnet Award
Master List (Ticketed) ......................... 12:00 - 3:00 PM
18th Annual Poetry Round Up ............... 12:15 - 11:15 PM
Speaking Truth: Nonfiction Books for Children .................................................. 12:15 - 11:15 PM
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Verify the Facts: Nonfiction in YA Lit ............................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
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Picture This: New Releases in Picture Books ...................................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Supporting Early Childhood Mental Health Through Literature ....................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Top Texas Topaz Picks ......................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Finding Hope in the Middle ..................... 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

DIVERSE LITERATURE

Monday, April 25
To Be Continued ... Series and Sequels in YA Lit .............................................. 12:15 - 1:15 PM
Tough Stuff: Honoring the Reality of Children’s Lived Experiences .................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
¡Aulisio! Spanish Language Collection Development ............................................. 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Proudly Announcing ... YA Debut Authors ....................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Verify the Facts: Nonfiction in YA Lit ............................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Your Public Library Presents: Chef Scotty Scott of Cook Drank Eat ................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM

Tuesday, April 26
Books Matter: Diversifying Your Collection .................................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Thrillers, Suspense, Horror ................. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Texas Authors and Illustrators Speed Dating ..................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Blindfolded: An Hour of Picture Books in Verse ................................................. 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, April 27
Integrating Multilingualism into Storytime ...................................................... 8:30 - 9:30 AM
The Language of Music in YA Lit ................................................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Texas’s Own National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature ......................... 12:15 - 11:15 PM
More Than Speech Bubbles: Middle Grade Graphic Novels That Wow ................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Tough Stuff: Honoring the Reality of Children’s Lived Experiences .................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Weaving Elements of Folktales, Legends, Myths, and Tall Tales into Stories ....... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
2x2 Reading List Showcase featuring Vaithi Harrison ....................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Magic and Adventure in Middle Grades ............................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
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Verify the Facts: Nonfiction in YA Lit ............................................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Your Public Library Presents: Chef Scotty Scott of Cook Drank Eat ................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Book Buzzed ................................. 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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Books Matter: Diversifying Your Collection .................................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Picture This: New Releases in Picture Books ...................................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Supporting Early Childhood Mental Health Through Literature ....................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Top Texas Topaz Picks ......................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Finding Hope in the Middle ..................... 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

LITERAL LITERATURE
**PROGRAMS BY TRACK**

**GRAPHIC NOVELS IN YA LIT**
- **Thursday, April 28**
  - Using the Texas Bluebonnet Books as Portals to Inclusion 8:30 - 9:30 AM
  - Fun in the Sun! YA Summer Book Releases 9:45 - 10:45 AM

**READER LISTS**
- **Monday, April 25**
  - 2x2 Reading List Showcase featuring Vashti Harrison 2:45 - 3:45 PM
  - Book Buzzed 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**THRILLERS, SENSE, AND HORROR!**
- **Tuesday, April 26**
  - Graphic Novels as a Literary Tool 10:00 - 11:00 AM
  - Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List Showcase 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
  - Old into New: Remixed Classics 1:30 - 2:30 PM
  - Author Panel for Spirit of Texas (SPOT) Reading Program 3:00 - 4:00 PM
  - Nonfiction Gems for Kids & Teens from Texas Topaz 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**
- New Books from Tayshas 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- Lone Star Middle School Reading List 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Every Word Counts: YA Novels in Verse 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- Project LIT Community: Empowering Students as Readers, Writers, and Leaders 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- Texas Tea Meet & Greet (Ticketed) 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- Graphic Novels in YA Lit 2:45 - 3:45 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**
- Maverick Reading List 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- Fun in the Sun! YA Summer Book Releases 9:45 - 10:45 AM

**MANAGEMENT**

**ADDITION**
- **Monday, April 25**
  - Census 2020: Impact for Texas 1:30 - 2:30 PM
  - Supporting Employees in Crisis 1:30 - 2:30 PM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**
- Telehealth and Libraries 10:00 - 11:00 AM
- Do it for the Team: Difficult Conversations 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- Get Their Attention! Presenting Texas Public Library Data to Stakeholders 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- Overcome Your Advocacy Anxiety 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**
- New Public Director Breakfast Meetup 7:00 - 8:00 AM
- Building Trust and Reducing Anxiety in Your Staff 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- What’s In it for Me? Library Directors and TMLDA 2:45 - 3:45 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**
- Creating a Safe and Nurturing Environment in Your School Library 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- Building a New Consortium 101 9:45 - 10:45 AM

**ASSESSMENT**
- **Tuesday, April 26**
  - Re-centering on the SACSCOC Standards 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- A Roadmap for your Library’s Future 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- Visualizing Our Value: Reconnecting with Our Stakeholders 9:45 - 10:45 AM

**BUILDINGS & FACILITIES**
- **Monday, April 25**
  - A Toast to Library Pioneer Gertrude Howard Mason 7:00 - 8:00 AM
  - Go It Alone 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- **Thursday, April 28**
  - Building a New Consortium 101 9:45 - 10:45 AM
  - A Roadmap for your Library’s Future 3:00 - 4:00 PM
  - Visualizing Our Value: Reconnecting with Our Stakeholders 9:45 - 10:45 AM

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**
- **Monday, April 25**
  - Guided Tour in the Exhibit Hall 2:45 - 3:45 PM
- **Tuesday, April 26**
  - How to Spot College Students in Crisis 10:00 - 11:00 AM
  - Library Go Augmented Reality Library Tour in Your Pocket 1:30 - 2:30 PM
  - Answering Legal Reference Questions 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- **Wednesday, April 27**
  - Sensory Inclusion at the Library 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**FINANCES**
- **Tuesday, April 26**
  - Show Me the Money: Budget Planning in a Public Library 10:00 - 11:00 AM
  - Beyond the Book Sale 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
  - Behind the Scenes of a Tribal Library 1:30 - 2:30 PM

**LEADERSHIP & CHANGE**
- **Monday, April 26**
  - A Toast to Library Pioneer Gertrude Howard Mason (Ticketed) 1:00 - 4:00 PM
  - Speed Mentoring for Managers 1:30 - 2:30 PM
  - Supporting Employees in Crisis 1:30 - 2:30 PM
  - ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom - Annual Update on Trends in Censorship and Challenges 2:45 - 3:45 PM
  - Build Meaningful School Relationships Through Mentoring 2:45 - 3:45 PM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**
- Copyright Law: An Update 10:00 - 11:00 AM
- Explore TLA Leadership Training 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Connecting with Your School Community: Proactive Discussions 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- Lean Into Library Leadership 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- Radical Change: Transitioning to a Digital Library 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- A Roadmap for your Library’s Future 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**
- Satellite Libraries in Schools 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- Lessons Learned: Planning for the Future 10:00 - 11:00 AM
- Surprise! You’re In Charge 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Building Trust and Reducing Anxiety in Your Staff 1:30 - 2:30 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**
- What’s In it for Me? Library Directors and TMLDA 2:45 - 3:45 PM
- CREATING A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- BUILDING A NEW CONSORTIUM 101 9:45 - 10:45 AM

**MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA**
- **Tuesday, April 26**
  - Has Your School Library Lost that Lovin’ Feelin’? 10:00 - 11:00 AM
  - Navigating the Library Ecosystem 10:00 - 11:00 AM
  - Beyond the Book Sale 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
  - Get Their Attention! Presenting Texas Public Library Data to Stakeholders 1:30 - 2:30 PM
  - Reconnect with Relevance and Results: Library Marketing and Communications 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**
- Get Graphic! Creating Visuals for Your Library 10:00 - 11:00 AM
- Maximizing Your Social Media to Connect and Advocate 2:45 - 3:45 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**
- Content Party: Get More Bang for Your Virtual Buck 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- Engaging your Community to a Community Led Future 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- Hearts and Thumbs Up: Leading with Social Media 9:45 - 10:45 AM

**PARTNERSHIPS**
- **Monday, April 25**
  - Choose Love and Change the Culture: A SEL Collaboration Between Librarians and School Counselors 12:15 - 1:15 PM
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Partnering with your Principal to Support the School Vision..................1:30 - 2:30 PM
Backstage Pass to Amplify 817. Fort Worth Library’s Music Streaming Service 8:00 - 9:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 26**

Public Library and School District-Level Partnerships ......................11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Grow Stronger Together! .................................................3:00 - 4:00 PM
Jam Session! Music Programs and Services ........................................2:00 - 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 27**

Library vs. Parks & Rec Cage Match ...........................................8:30 - 9:30 AM
Creating and advocating for Equity in STEM .......................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Combating Summer Slide: A Data-Based Summer Reading Solution .................1:30 - 2:30 PM
Creating Inquiry Lessons and Units with Classroom Teachers .................1:30 - 2:30 PM
Reinvigorating, Retaining, and Recruiting Library Supporters .................1:30 - 2:30 PM

**Thursday, April 28**

Engaging your Community to a Community Led Future .........................8:30 - 9:30 AM
On the Road Again: Mobile Outreach ...........................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Building a New Consortium 101 .............................................9:45 - 10:45 AM
Creating Collaborations Across the Secondary Campus .........................9:45 - 10:45 AM

**PERSONNEL**

**Monday, April 25**

Fostering Wellness in the Library Workplace .....................................12:00 - 3:00 PM
Integrating Support Staff in Library Programming ..................................12:15 - 1:15 PM

**Tuesday, April 26**

First Amendment Rights in Public Libraries .....................................11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Do it for the Team: Difficult Conversations ....................................1:30 - 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 27**

Wellness Works! .........................................................................8:30 - 9:30 AM
Building Trust and Reducing Anxiety in Your Staff .................................1:30 - 2:30 PM

**PROFESSIONAL ISSUES**

**DIVERSITY & SOCIAL CHANGE**

**Monday, April 25**

Diversity Evaluation and Vendor Communication: The Effect on Collections and Vendor Relationships .................................12:15 - 1:15 PM
Census 2020: Impact for Texas ..................................................1:30 - 2:30 PM
Let’s Play Banned Books Jeopardy & Charades ..................................8:00 - 9:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 26**

The African American Struggle for Library Equality .......................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Black Caucus Round Table Author Session: Bryant Terry in Conversation with Kwame Alexander (Ticketed) .........................10:00 - 12:15 PM
Silver Pride: Serving the Senior Members of the LGBTQ+ Community .........11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Tackling Your Children’s Collection Diversity Audit .........................11:30 - 12:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 27**

Building Community Relationships for LGBTQIA Patrons .................8:30 - 9:30 AM
Reclaiming Student Stories through TikTok in your Elementary Program ........10:00 - 11:00 AM
A Time for Racial Healing: Addressing Personal Biases in Public Libraries ........11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**INTELLIGENT FREEDOM**

**Monday, April 25**

ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom - Annual Update on Trends in Censorship and Challenges 2:45 - 3:45 PM

**Tuesday, April 26**

First Amendment Rights in Public Libraries .....................................11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 27**

Fighting Challenges and Protecting the Right to Read ............................9:45 - 10:45 AM

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**Monday, April 25**

Addressing Imposter Phenomenon Among Scholarly Communication Librarians ........................................................................2:45 - 3:45 PM

**Tuesday, April 26**

Copyright Law: An Update ...................................................10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, April 27**

Micro-credentialing Overview for Academic and Special Libraries ........8:30 - 9:30 AM

**LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY**

**Monday, April 25**

Productive Partners in Uncivil Times .............................................9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Partnersing with your Principal to Support the School Vision ..................11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Supporting Employees in Crisis ................................................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Using Data to Evaluate and Promote the School Library Program .............11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Tuesday, April 26**

Navigating the Library Ecosystem .............................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Connecting with Your School Community: Proactive Discussions ..........10:30 - 11:30 AM
Get Their Attention! Presenting Texas Public Library Data to Stakeholders ................................................................11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lean Into Library Leadership .........................................................11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Overcome Your Advocacy Anxiety ..................................................3:00 - 4:00 PM
TLA Membership 101 .....................................................................3:00 - 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 27**

A School Librarian’s Path to Leadership .............................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Journey to the Center of Your School ................................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Lessons Learned: Planning for the Future .........................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Using Your Personal Power ...............................................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
DEI: Not a Trend but A Practice ......................................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Fighting Challenges and Protecting the Right to Read .............................10:30 - 12:30 PM
Reinvigorating, Retaining, and Recruiting Library Supporters ..................10:30 - 12:30 PM
Unlikely Collaborations in Your School ..............................................10:30 - 12:30 PM
Maximizing Your Social Media to Connect and Advocate ....................2:45 - 3:45 PM
What’s In it for Me? Library Directors and TMLDA .................................2:45 - 3:45 PM
Black Caucus Round Table Reception .............................................5:30 - 6:30 PM

**Thursday, April 28**

Becoming a YouTube Librarian! ......................................................8:30 - 9:30 AM

**TRENDS & FORECASTING**

**Monday, April 25**

Introduction to Legal Resources for the Non-Law Librarians .................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Census 2020: Impact for Texas ..................................................1:30 - 2:30 PM

**Tuesday, April 26**

Information Management Chrysalis: The Archivists to Records Manager Metamorphosis .................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Veganbrary: Plant-based Culture Programming at your Library ...............10:00 - 11:00 AM
Getting Started with Data Visualization and Data Management .............11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Reconnect with Relevance and Results: Library Marketing and Communications ..3:00 - 4:00 PM
Saving Zelda: Video Game Archival Information ..................................3:00 - 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 27**

Satellite Libraries in Schools ...................................................8:30 - 9:30 AM
Wellness Works! .........................................................................8:30 - 9:30 AM
When CREW Doesn’t Cut It ..................................................11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**TECHNOLOGY**

**APPLIED TECHNOLOGY**

**Tuesday, April 26**

Digital Citizenship for Librarians ................................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Top Tech Tools for Students ..................................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Develop Your Own Digital Humanities Research Institute ....................11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Top Five Apps and Websites for School Libraries .........................11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
So, You Want a Makerspace...Now What? ....................................2:45 - 3:45 PM

**Thursday, April 28**

Next-Level Virtual Programs for All Ages ........................................8:30 - 9:30 AM
Visualizing Our Value: Reconnecting with Our Stakeholders ................9:45 - 10:45 AM

**DATA CURATION & MANAGEMENT**

**Monday, April 25**

Fuzzy Lookup: A Free Excel Tool to Connect and Combine Data ............10:00 - 11:00 AM
Using Data to Evaluate and Promote the School Library Program .............10:00 - 11:00 AM
What’s Your Story? Using Data to Promote Your School Library .........8:30 - 9:30 AM
Community Health Connections in Rural Texas ..................................9:45 - 10:45 AM
Hearts and Thumbs Up: Leading with Social Media .............................9:45 - 10:45 AM
Using the Texas School Library Standards to Expand your Leadership 9:45 - 10:45 AM
Visualizing Our Value: Reconnecting with Our Stakeholders ...............9:45 - 10:45 AM

**Wednesday, April 27**

The Future of the K-12 Digital Portfolio ........................................10:00 - 11:00 AM
Public Health Hunger Games: What is the Role of Libraries? ..........11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
What’s Your Story? Using Data to Promote Your School Library .............8:30 - 9:30 AM
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY
Monday, April 25
Get into Gaming: Public Libraries and E-sports ........................................ 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Tuesday, April 26
Telehealth and Libraries ................................................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Using Analytics to Advocate for Social Media in Your Library .............. 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 27
Micro-credentialing Overview for Academic and Special Libraries .......... 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Getting the Most out of E-Read Texas .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Reclaiming Student Stories through TikTok in your Elementary Program .... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Solving the Equation: Accessibility for STEM .................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Thursday, April 28
Tech Academy Experiences ......................................................... 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Lights, Camera, Action: Video Production in the Library ...................... 9:45 - 10:45 AM

NETWORKS & HARDWARE
Monday, April 25
No Library Left Offline: Funding High Speed Internet ......................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Tuesday, April 26
Thinking of Changing Your Integrated Library System? ....................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Device Distribution: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly ...................... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
Tuesday, April 26
Put A Badge On It! ................................................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Tools for SED and ELL Students: All in Your TexQuest Toolbox ............. 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 27
The Future of the K-12 Digital Portfolio .......................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Powerful Partners Spark Student Creativity with TexQuest ................. 2:45 - 3:45 PM
SYSTEMS
Tuesday, April 26
Thinking of Changing Your Integrated Library System? ....................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
WEBSITES & UX
Tuesday, April 26
Using Analytics to Advocate for Social Media in Your Library .............. 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 27
Solving the Equation: Accessibility for STEM .................................... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Thursday, April 28
Tech Academy Experiences ......................................................... 8:30 - 9:30 AM

USER SERVICES

CORE SERVICES
Monday, April 25
Productive Partners in Uncivil Times ............................................... 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Texas Public Libraries and Statewide Interlibrary Loan ...................... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
No Library Left Offline: Funding High Speed Internet ......................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Tuesday, April 26
Jam Session: Music Programs and Services .................................. 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 27
State-Level Legislative Research Demystified .................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Innovative Approaches to Improving Refugee Integration.................. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Thursday, April 28
Next-Level Virtual Programs for All Ages ........................................ 8:30 - 9:30 AM

CREATION & FABRICATION
Monday, April 25
Integrating Support Staff in Library Programming ............................. 12:15 - 1:15 PM
Making More with Teens .............................................................. 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Tuesday, April 26
Junk Drawer Puppetry: DIY Puppets Using Everyday Items from Your Junk Drawer ... 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Start Circulating Maker Kits in Your Academic Library ...................... 11:30 - 12:30 PM
Wednesday, April 27
Amazin’ Creations: Augmented Reality Critter Creation Tutorial ............. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Creation + Content + Partnership = Engagement! ............................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
So, You Want a Makerspace…Now What? ....................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM

LITERACY
Monday, April 25
Book Vending Machines are a Golden Opportunity to Promote Literacy .... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Tuesday, April 26
Finding Hope in the Middle ......................................................... 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Help Students Become the Hero of their Story ................................ 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Lexie, and Sight Words, and AR, Oh My! ....................................... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Teaching Nonfiction So Content Will Stick ...................................... 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 27
Micro-credentialing Overview for Academic and Special Libraries ........ 8:30 - 9:30 AM
School of Mock: How to Engage and Inspire Readers with a Mock Calculus Program ... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Texas Bluebonnet Award Author Session (Ticketed) ............................ 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM
Around the Americas in 45 Minutes ............................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Combating Summer Slide: A Data-Based Summer Reading Solution ...... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Continuing the Curiosity: Taking the Nonfiction Reader from Picture Books Onward .... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Creating Inquiry Lessons and Units with Classroom Teachers ............. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
100 Years of Newbery: A Conversation with Winning Authors ............ 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Here Comes Kindergarten ................................................................ 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Language and Literacy Through Storytelling ................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
The Power of Literacy: Engaging Young African American Readers ........ 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Thursday, April 28
Celebrate Books with Letters About Literature Writers and Katherine Applegate .................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Texas Youth Creators Award Ceremony .......................................... 9:30 - 10:30 AM
Creative Collaborations Across the Secondary Campus ...................... 9:45 - 10:45 AM

REFERENCE SERVICES
Monday, April 25
Introduction to Legal Resources for the Non-Law Librarians ................. 12:00 - 3:00 PM
The 1950 Census is Now Available ................................................ 12:15 - 1:15 PM
Tuesday, April 26
Getting Started with Data Visualization and Data Management ............ 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Help Students Become the Hero of their Story ................................ 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Answering Legal Reference Questions ........................................... 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 27
State-Level Legislative Research Demystified .................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
How to SIFT Through the CRAAP .............................................. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Public Health Hunger Games: What is the Role of Libraries? .............. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Integrating AVID Strategies into Library Instruction ......................... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Development and Growth of the FamilySearch Digital Library ............. 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Helping Students Find the Best Biomedical Evidence ........................ 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Thursday, April 28
Free Websites for Family History Researchers .................................. 9:45 - 10:45 AM

SERVICES FOR ADULTS
Monday, April 25
Productive Partners in Uncivil Times ............................................... 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Let’s Play Banned Books Jeopardy & Charades ................................ 8:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, April 26
Silver Pride: Serving the Senior Members of the LGBTQ+ Community .... 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Device Distribution: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly ...................... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Wednesday, April 27
Amazin’ Creations: Augmented Reality Critter Creation Tutorial .......... 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Community Support and Recovery for Public Library Patrons .......... 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Public Health Hunger Games: What is the Role of Libraries? .............. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Adult Book Pairings for Programming ............................................. 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Extend Your Educational Programming .......................................... 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Thursday, April 28
Lights, Camera, Action: Video Production in the Library ...................... 9:45 - 10:45 AM
Read and Discuss (RAD) Texas ..................................................... 9:45 - 10:45 AM

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS
Monday, April 25
Choose Love and Change the Culture: A SEL Collaboration Between Librarians and School Counselors .......................... 12:15 - 11:45 PM
Book Vending Machines are a Golden Opportunity to Promote Literacy .................................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Unexpected Opportunity: Rebuilding the Children’s Collection after Natural Disaster .................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Making More with Teens ................................................................ 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Let’s Play Banned Books Jeopardy & Charades ................................ 8:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, April 26
Junk Drawer Puppetry: DIY Puppets Using Everyday Items from Your Junk Drawer ... 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Turn Earth Day to Earth Year: Developing Active Eco-Stewards ........ 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Creating a Library Where Students Feel Safe, Seen, and Valued .......... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Digital Citizenship for Librarians .................................................... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Help Students Become the Hero of their Story ................................ 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Lexie, and Sight Words, and AR, Oh My! ....................................... 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Library Go! Augmented Reality Library Tour in Your Pocket .............. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Grow Stronger Together! ................................................................ 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Non-Traditional Programming to Build Community ......................... 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Tools for SPED and ELL Students: All in Your TexQuest Toolbox .............................................. 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, April 27
Design Thinking in the School Library .............................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Going It Alone .............................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Integrating Multilingualism into Storytime .............................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
TAG! You’re It: Running a Teen Advisory Group .............................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Amazin’ Creations: Augmented Reality Critter Creation Tutorial .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Creation + Content + Partnership = Engagement! .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Pre-K in the Library: More Than Just Story Time .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
School of Mock: How to Engage and Inspire Readers with a Mock Caldecott Program .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Socially Conscious Conversations in the Elementary Library .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
The Future of the K-12 Digital Portfolio .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
What’s New with Texas Young Adult and Middle Grade Authors .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Programming 101for the High School Library .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Stop the Decline by Nine: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Combating Summer Slide: A Data-Based Summer Reading Solution .............................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Creating Inquiry Lessons and Units with Classroom Teachers .............................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Project Lit: Community: Empowering Students as Readers, Writers, and Leaders .............................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Extend Your Educational Programming .............................................. 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Here Comes Kindergarten .............................................. 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Language and Literacy Through Storytelling .............................................. 2:45 - 3:45 PM
Powerful Partners Spark Student Creativity with TexQuest .............................................. 2:45 - 3:45 PM

Thursday, April 28
Creating a Safe and Nurturing Environment in Your School Library .............................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Razzle Dazzle: How to Wow Young Visitors on Their Library Field Trip .............................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Creative Collaborations Across the Secondary Campus .............................................. 9:45 - 10:45 AM
Lights, Camera, Action: Video Production in the Library .............................................. 9:45 - 10:45 AM

SERVICES FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS
Tuesday, April 26
How to Spot College Students in Crisis .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
The African American Struggle for Library Equality .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Wednesday, April 27
Building Community Relationships for LGBTQIA Patrons .............................................. 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Pre-K in the Library: More Than Just Story Time .............................................. 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Sensory Inclusion at the Library .............................................. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Around the Americas in 45 Minutes .............................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM

TRANSLITERACY & INSTRUCTION
Wednesday, April 27
How to SIFT Through the CRAAP .............................................. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Integrating AVID Strategies into Library Instruction .............................................. 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Need To Register & Pay For Multiple Individuals?

LESS THAN 10 INDIVIDUALS
Complete a conference registration form for each individual and email to Christy Reynolds. She will issue an invoice. Once the invoice has been paid in full, the individuals will be registered for conference and receive their confirmation email.

10 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS
Download this spreadsheet and enter complete information for each individual. Email the completed spreadsheet to Christy Reynolds. She will issue an invoice. Once the invoice has been paid in full, the individuals will be registered for conference and receive their confirmation email.

PURCHASE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. INDIVIDUAL TLA MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS MUST PAY ONLINE OR VIA CHECK. QUESTIONS? EMAIL CHRI STY REYNOLDS AT TLA.
Exhibiting Companies

As of December 15, 2021

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3branch
720 Design
A.B. Bargas & Associates, LLC
ABC-CLIO/Libraries Unlimited
ABC-CLIO Solutions
ABC-CLIO/Greenwood
ABDO/ABDO Digital/ABDO Kids
ABDO Publishing/ABDO Zoom
ABRAMS The Art of Books
Agati
Albatros Media
Albert Whitman & Company
Alexandria Library Automation
Algonquin Young Readers/Workman
Allermuir
American Library Association
Amicus
Amigos Library Services
Andrews McMeel Publishing
Anti-Defamation League
Apple Pie Publishing
Arcadia
Artcobell
Arte Público Press
Astra Books for Young Readers
Austin Creative Alliance
Author Bridget Heos
Authors and More
AWE Learning
Baker & Taylor
BattleQuestions.com
Bearport Publishing
Bellwether Learning
Bellwether Media
Bernhardt
Biblionix
bibliotheca
Biblo Xpo
Bilingual Storyteller, Sue Young
Black Rabbit Books
Blackstone Library
Blair Publishing
Bloom’s
Bloomsbury Children’s Books
Book Systems, Inc.
Bookstaves
Bound To Stay Bound Books
Boyd’s Mills Press
Brainfuse
Brainstorm
Bridget Heos, Author
Britannica Books
Britannica Digital Learning
Brodart Company
Brown Books Publishing Group
Bullfrog Books
ByWater Solutions LLC
Calkins Creek
Candlewick Press
Capstone
Carolrhoda Books
Carolrhoda Lab
Cavendish Square
Center for Internet Security
CERF - Curriculum Education Resource Finder
Charlesbridge
Cherry Lake Publishing/Sleeping Bear Press
Children Bilingual Books
Children’s Plus, Inc.
Child’s Play
Child’s World, The Chronicle Books
Cicada Books
Claire Lynn Designs
COI - College of Information, University of North Texas
Colibri System
Copyright & Creativity Cover One
Crabtree Books
Crabtree Publishing Company
The Creative Company
The Crowley Company
Cultural Surroundings
Darby Creek
Dauphin
Davis
Delaney Education Enterprises, Inc.
Demco
Dexterity Books
Diamond Book Distributors
Discovery Education
Discovery Maker
Disney Publishing Worldwide
Dreamstar Publications
Driving on the Right Side of the Road
EBSCO Information Services
Eerdmans Books for Young Readers
ediciones Lerner
Enslow Publishers, Inc.
EnvisionWare
EPIC Press
ERG International
Estey Shelving
Eustis Chair, LLC
FactCite
Facts On File
Fabled Films Press
FE Technologies
FG Library
Films On Demand
Findaway
Flyaway Books
Follett School Solutions
Freshcoast Furniture
Gale, A Cengage Company
Garrett Book Company
GOBI Library Solutions
Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative
Graphic Universe
Greenhaven
Grey House Publishing & Salem Press
Gumdrop Books
H.W. Wilson
Hachette Book Group
Half Price Books
hand2mind
Hank the Cowdog
Harlequin
HarperCollins Children’s Books
HarperCollins Publishers
Haskell Education
H-E-B Read 3: Grow Young Minds, Read 3 Times a Week
Heos, Bridget, Author
Hightower
Holiday House / Peachtree / PixelHnk
hoopla Digital
The Horn Book
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Clarion Books
HPFI
Imagination Playground
Indeco Sales
Independent Publishers Group (IPG)
Infobase
Ingram Library Services (ILS)
Innovative Interfaces, Inc.
Jump!
Junior Library Guild
Kellye and Kelly Komatsu Architecture
LAB RESOURCES, INC.
LaptopsAnytime
Large Print Press
Learn360
LearningExpress
Lectorum Publications, Inc.
Leland
LENA
Lerner Digital
Lerner Publisher Services
Lerner Publishing Group
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LIAT
Libraries Unlimited
Library COMIC
Library Design Systems
Library Ideas, LLC
Library Interiors of Texas
Library Journal
Library Movers USA
Lightbox Learning
little bee books
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
Little Island Books
Li-TX Library Moves

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Monday, April 25 Preconferences

CPE#P101: SBEC 5.0, TSLAC 5.0
Productive Partners in Uncivil Times (Ticketed event)
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
How can libraries be partners for strengthening community life? This interactive workshop explores how libraries of all sizes can use deliberative democratic practices to bring people together around divisive issues like voting, immigration, and health care. Participants will experience a deliberative forum, learn moderating basics, and develop their own action plans. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Joni Doherty, Melinda Gilmore, and Ellen Knutson, Kettering Foundation; Nicole Robinson, Houston Public Library; David Siders, Cincinnati and Hamilton County Library (OH); and Lissa Staley, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library (KS)
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

CPE#P151: SBEC 3.0, TSLAC 3.0
Digital Preservation Demystified (Ticketed Event)
12:00 - 3:00 PM
Do you worry about ensuring sustainable, long-term access to your digital collections, but don’t know where to start? Learn about digital preservation and discuss policy, strategy, and action - the three pathways to ensure access to digital content over time. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Courtney Mumma, Texas Digital Library
DIGITAL LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE

CPE#P152: SBEC 3.0, TSLAC 3.0
Fostering Wellness in the Library Workspace (Ticketed Event)
12:00 - 3:00 PM
Explore the features of a healthy workplace, including physical, mental, and emotional aspects. Medical librarians will share the evidence on benefits of having a healthy working environment and why it matters. We will explore changes at the library and individual level to improve workplace health and wellness. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Bobbi Newman, Network of the National Library of Medicine, Region 6, University of Iowa; Jennifer Ortiz, University of North Texas Health Science Center, Network of the National Library of Medicine; Margie Sheppard, Network of the National Library of Medicine, Region 3, University of Kansas Medical Center.
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CPE#P153: SBEC 3.0, TSLAC 3.0
Introduction to Legal Resources for the Non-Law Librarian (Ticketed Event)
12:00 - 3:00 PM
Explore federal and state government statutes, regulations, and cases and how they interconnect. With most current, trustworthy legal sources freely available online, attendees will learn where they can point researchers to find their own answers without librarians crossing the line of unlicensed practice of law. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Karen Dibble, Dallas County Law Library; Edward Hart, University of North Texas - Dallas College of Law; and Amy Small, Texas State Law Library
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

#P154
TLA New Officer Orientation
12:00 - 3:00 PM
All new and returning TLA District, Division and Round Table officers are invited to this orientation which will cover unit budgeting, program planning, event planning, elections, awards and stipends, and more. In addition, a guest instructor will lead a session on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion specific to associations that are working toward change through intentional leadership efforts.
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CPE#P155: SBEC 3.0
Speed Dating the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List (Ticketed Event)
12:00 - 3:00 PM
Authors and illustrators on the 2022-2023 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List will share their experiences and inspirations, while committee members present best practices and book-specific resources to promote a lifelong love of reading. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
TEXAS BLUEBONNET AWARD COMMITTEE

#O167
A Toast to Library Pioneer Gertrude Howard Mason (Ticketed Event)
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Join us at the Fort Worth Public Library Central Branch for a reception celebrating Texas Library Champion, Gertrude Howard Mason, the first Black professional librarian to join TLA. Learn about this icon of Texas librarianship, see this historic library, and network with colleagues. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Martha Coleman, Wiley College
RETIRED LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE

Ticketed Events
Tickets for preconferences and all other ticketed events must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Monday, April 25 Programs & Events

All sessions are open to all attendees, unless otherwise noted.

CPE#156: SBEC 1.0
18th Annual Poetry Round Up
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Join us for the annual poetry round-up and hear poets read their work, join in reading and performing poems, and hear the latest poetry for kids. Experience the pleasures in the spoken word and the power of poetry.
Leslie Bulion, Peachtree Publishers; Carrie Fountain, Candlewick; Van G. Garret, Clarion Books; Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, Sterling Children's Books; Amy Ludwig VanDerwater, Wordsong/Astra BFYR; Sylvia Vardell, Texas Woman's University; and Janet Wong, Pumelo Books
CHILDREN'S ROUND TABLE AND TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#157: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Academic Librarians and the Tenure Process
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Understanding that each institution has specific tenure guidelines, academic librarians will give a general overview on creating a CV; what, how, and where to publish; and discuss the pros and cons of tenure and promotion.
Marquel Anteola, Texas Wesleyan University; Innocent Awasom, Texas Tech University; Erin Owens, Sam Houston State University; Caitlin Rookey, Texas Wesleyan University; and Jennifer Wilhelm, Texas A&M University
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CPE#158: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Choose Love and Change the Culture: A SEL Collaboration Between Librarians and School Counselors
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is essential to a child’s education. Discover how one school district utilizes the free “Choose Love at School” program to teach SEL skills infused with character education and mindfulness. Learn how librarians can impact the school culture by integrating SEL components within programming.
Aleshia Fleming, Meaghan Hafer, Shae Owens, and Ann Teel, Hillaboro ISD
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#159: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Diversity Evaluation and Vendor Communication: The Effect on Collections and Vendor Relationships
12:15 - 1:15 PM
The University of North Texas Health Science Center evaluated their policies and collections for diversity, equity, and inclusion. UNTHSC began including DEI collection criteria as a purchasing impact factor. Learn about the process, conversations, and results of vendor communication on collections and relationships.
Elizabeth Speer, University of North Texas Health Science Center
ACQUISITIONS AND COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT ROUND TABLE.

#160
First Conference Jitters? Learn the Ropes of the TLA conference
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Is this your first time? Learn how to get the most out of your TLA 2022 conference experience.
Pamela Arevalo-Thompson, Judson ISD; Jennifer Eckert, Northside ISD; Maggie Hernandez, Antonian College Prep, High School; and Martha Rossi, ESC 20
NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE.

CPE#161: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Integrating Support Staff in Library Programming
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Planning successful programs can benefit from the involvement of library staff at all levels. Make your programming endeavors all-inclusive by having support staff contribute to the creation, marketing, and implementation efforts. Tap into the resources of your staff and guide them to contribute to the program development teams.
Ashby Ferguson and James Ponder, Tarrant County College; and Mollie Myers, Euless Public Library
LIBRARY SUPPORT STAFF ROUND TABLE AND TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#162: SBEC 1.0
Speaking Truth: Nonfiction Books for Children
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Children are natural knowledge-seekers and connecting them to engaging nonfiction titles is an art and a science. These talented authors will introduce you to the latest high-quality and timely nonfiction books your collection needs.
Derrick Barnes, Workman Publishing; Deborah Hopkinson, Touch The Past Books;
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CPE#163: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Texas’ Own National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Abilene, Texas is the storybook capital of the world, home to the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature (NCCL) and hosts thousands at the annual Children’s Art and Literary Festival. Learn about the resources that NCCL provides to librarians and how you can be part of the excitement.

CPE#164: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
TexShare and TexQuest Updates
12:15 - 1:15 PM
New services are coming your way! Learn what electronic resources will be included in the 2022-2023 TexShare and TexQuest electronic resources programs and get an update on other resource sharing programs, such as E-Read Texas.

CPE#165: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
The 1950 Census is Now Available
12:15 - 1:15 PM
How can the 1950 Federal Population Census help your patrons? Discover how to access and use this newly released data, make comparisons to previous censuses, and learn appropriate research methodologies.

CPE#166: SBEC 1.0
To Be Continued...Series and Sequels in YA Lit
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Writing a book series or a sequel can be incredibly challenging but can also generate a devoted fan base. Authors will detail the intricacies of writing continuations for a young adult audience.

CPE#167: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Partnering with your Principal to Support the School Vision
1:30 - 2:30 PM
The partnership between school leadership and the campus librarian has the potential to powerfully affect the culture of a school. A principal and a librarian will share how they’ve forged a strong partnership that positively impacts their school, and how you can do the same on your campus.

CPE#168: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Book Vending Machines are a Golden Opportunity to Promote Literacy
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Once upon a time, three librarians used book vending machines to create a positive, engaging community celebration centered around books and the joy of self-selection. Learn how they funded the purchase of their machines and books and leave with useful resources.

CPE#169: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Census 2020: Impact for Texas
1:30 - 2:30 PM
The outcome of the US census influences representation in government, federal and state funding allocations, education, even private sector business decisions. This session will explore how the population of Texas measured up in the 2020 census and predictions for what these trends mean for Texas’ future.

CPE#170: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Fuzzy Lookup: A Free Excel Tool to Connect and Combine Data
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Need to merge data across Excel spreadsheets to gather data for a deeper analysis of your collection? Learn tips and tricks in this demo about the free add-in to Excel called Fuzzy Lookup that can help make your job easier. This tool can be universally utilized.

CPE#171: SBEC 1.0
More Than Speech Bubbles: Middle Grade Graphic Novels That Wow
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Writers and illustrators unite! Together, these superhero panelists combine words and art that excite even the most reluctant reader with their visual storytelling. Children will run faster than a speeding bullet to check out these books from your library.

CPE#172: SBEC 1.0
Speed Mentoring for Managers
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Management isn’t easy, but you aren’t alone. Meet other public and academic library managers, collaborate, ask questions, and form connections to help when questions arise in the future.

CPE#173: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Supporting Employees in Crisis
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Over the past two years, library employees faced unprecedented challenges to their mental and physical health. The pandemic brought with it an increase in mental health issues, including anxiety and depression. In this session, supervisors will learn what to do and what not to do when supporting employees in crisis.

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CPE#175: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Texas Public Libraries and Statewide Interlibrary Loan
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Hear an update on the statewide interlibrary loan program for Texas public libraries and learn best practices for using the service locally.

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CPE#177: SBEC 1.0  
**Tough Stuff: Honoring the Reality of Children’s Lived Experiences**  
1:30 - 2:30 PM  
Now more than ever, children need their individual perspective and lived experiences validated. Give them opportunities to recognize themselves and others with these brave middle grade novels, written by authors who aren’t afraid to make sure all children feel seen and represented on the shelves of their library.  
Ernesto Cisneros, HarperCollins; Alexandra Diaz, Simon & Schuster; Amina Luqman-Dawson, LBYR; Nicole Melley, Algonquin Young Readers; and Aida Salazar, Penguin Young Readers  
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#178: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**Unexpected Opportunity: Rebuilding the Children’s Collection after Natural Disaster**  
1:30 - 2:30 PM  
Due to the 2021 Texas ice storm, the Westbank Community Library lost power, fire sprinklers discharged, and pipes burst, resulting in flooding of the Children’s room. Presenters will share crucial steps taken during their recovery process including soliciting vendor support, re-ordering, and the lessons learned along the way.  
Elena Carvajal, Kristi Floyd, and Sidney Schubarth, Westbank Community Library  
ACQUISITIONS AND COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT ROUND TABLE AND DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE.

CPE#171: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**Using Data to Evaluate and Promote the School Library Program**  
1:30 - 2:30 PM  
Join us for a unique look at how to use metrics from the Texas School Library Standards and others with these brave middle grade novels, written by authors who aren’t afraid to make sure all children feel seen and represented on the shelves of their library.  
Donna Kearsley, Denton ISD; Elizabeth Philipp, Texas State Library and Archives Commission; and Sonja Schulz, Naocdochies ISD  
TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#179: SBEC 1.0  
**Weaving Elements of Folktales, Legends, Myths, and Tall Tales into Stories**  
1:30 - 2:30 PM  
Nothing beats a good story. Listen to these stellar storytellers weave elements of traditional literature into a tapestry of compelling children’s tales. Their unique perspectives inform the books your patrons will “yarn” for.  
David Barclay Moore, Candlewick Press; Ryan Calejo, Simon and Schuster; Rebecca Sheir, Workman; and Rainey Hopson and Charly Palmer, Macmillan Children’s Publishing  
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#180: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**What I Didn’t Learn in Library School**  
1:30 - 2:30 PM  
Are there areas of school librarianship that you didn’t expect or for which you weren’t prepared? How do you plan your library schedule? How do you help students find books in a series? We welcome new and seasoned librarians looking for discussion, problem solving, and strategies to build a successful program.  
Kristi Ramirez and Collin Stephenson, Midlothian ISD  
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

#181  
**Great Ideas Lightning Talks**  
2:00 - 3:30 PM  
Have you been doing something unique and innovative in your library? Share your great ideas in the fast format of a lightning talk. Great Ideas Lightning Talks are 5-minute sessions that engage the audience and feature new or innovative ideas.  
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CPE#182: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**¡Auxilio! Spanish Language Collection Development**  
2:45 - 3:45 PM  
What kinds of books, publishers and authors should you select for your library’s Spanish language collection? How do you know what to buy and where to buy these materials? Learn the basics of developing a Spanish language collection for adults in your library.  
Diana Miranda-Murillo, Austin Public Library  
ACQUISITIONS AND COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#183: SBEC 1.0  
**2x2 Reading List Showcase featuring Vashti Harrison**  
2:45 - 3:45 PM  
The Texas 2x2 Reading List Committee will introduce titles from the 2022 list and showcase activities and resources to promote the books. Featured speaker author-illustrator Vashti Harrison will discuss her creative process and her upcoming book.  
Vashti Harrison, Abrams Children’s Books and Rebeca Ivey, Denton Public Library  
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#184: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom - Annual Update on Trends in Censorship and Challenges**  
2:45 - 3:45 PM  
The number of challenges reported to ALA increased by 60% in 2021 and censorship activity is not slowing down. Learn how to prepare for future challenges and how ALA is supporting librarians facing challenges.  
Kristin Pekoll, American Library Association  
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE.

CPE#185: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**Building Meaningful School Relationships Through Mentoring**  
2:45 - 3:45 PM  
Learn how to identify and recruit a future school librarian from your school faculty. Glean strategies for developing new librarians through intentional mentoring and collaboration. Learn how to utilize best practices for librarianship and how to be a leader on your campus.  
Karen Kessel, Bring Me A Book Franklin; and Mary Pugh, Rockwall ISD  
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#192: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**Addressing Impostor Phenomenon Among Scholarly Communication Librarians**  
2:45 - 3:45 PM  
Academic librarians may experience impostor phenomenon, a feeling of intellectual phoniness despite outstanding accomplishments, but recent findings indicate that scholarly communication librarians experience this feeling at a higher-than-average rate. Librarians working with scholarly collections will gain practical strategies for identifying and addressing impostor phenomenon.  
Erin Owens, Sam Houston State University  
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CPE#193: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**Great Ideas Lightning Talks**  
2:00 - 3:30 PM  
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CPE#186: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0  
**Get into Gaming: Public Libraries and E-sports**  
2:45 - 3:45 PM  
Looking for ways to reach a new audience? Find out how one library created the Esports Academy. While not all patrons may have the opportunity to participate in E-sports at home, public libraries can provide patrons the equipment to learn about broadcasting and streaming on Twitch and online gaming platforms.  
Paul Duesterhef, Christopher Woodward and Chad Hetterley, Grapevine Library  
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**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS**

**TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION**

**TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES**

**TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY**
Guided Exhibit Hall Tour in the Exhibit Hall (Ticketed Event)
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Want to maximize your time at the massive exhibit hall? The TLA New Members Round Table will take a limited number of guests for a sneak peek of the exhibit hall before it opens. Learn the layout and offerings so you may prioritize which booths, authors, and vendors you want to visit, and discover their awesome innovative giveaways. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Morgan Briles, Stephen F Austin State University; Maggie Hernandez, Antonian College Prep, High School; Maren Metzner, Retired; and Latasha Patterson, Houston Public Library
NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE.

Magic and Adventure in Middle Grades
2:45 - 3:45 PM
The magic of a really good book can transport a reader anywhere. Sprinkle in a bit of imagination and journey to a new world with these middle grade authors in a spellbinding escape from reality.
Dhonielle Clayton and Julie Dao, Macmillan Children's Publishing; Natalie Lloyd, Scholastic; Jamar J. Perry, Bloomsbury; and James Riley, Simon and Schuster
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

Making More with Teens
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Share our triumphs and trials of teen makerspaces! Teens learned communication skills, cooperation, and acceptance through crafts, science, tech, and more. We gave a YA makeover to the makerspace idea and encouraged participation across societal and age divisions.
Susan Seiffert, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

No Library Left Offline: Funding High Speed Internet
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Texans need strong, connected libraries, but that can be expensive! Learn about Texas State Library and Archives Commission programs and funding designed to expand broadband and bring more library technology services to rural areas. Discover opportunities for libraries and communities to upgrade their infrastructure.
Cindy Fisher and Henry Stokes, Texas State Library and Archives Commission
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Proudly Announcing...YA Debut Authors
2:45 - 3:45 PM
These first-time authors will discuss the highs and lows of their initial publishing experience.
Jas Hammonds and Lizz Hureta, Macmillan Children's Publishing; Ebony LaDelle, Simon and Schuster; and Monica Zepeda, Lee and Low
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

Verify the Facts: Nonfiction in YA Lit
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Is that a fact? How do nonfiction writers verify facts when they write for teen readers? Authors will describe the research involved and the format used in their latest nonfiction books.
Adama Bah and Salvador Gomez-Colon, Norton Young Readers, W. W. Norton & Company; Gail Jarrow, Calkins Creek/Astra; and Pamela Turner, Charlesbridge Publishing
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

Your Public Library Presents: Chef Scotty Scott of Cook Drank Eat
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Join the Fort Worth-based chef and author of Fix Me a Plate, as he shares his approachable and unique take on soul food’s key dishes. Every soul food flavor has a story, and every recipe is infused with a family anecdote that highlights its significance. Prepare to fall in love with the wholesome beauty of this cuisine.
Scotty Scott, Page Street Publishing; and Edward Melton, Harris County Public Library
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening and Welcome
3:45 - 6:00 PM
The official opening of TLA 2022! Meet up with friends, colleagues, and exhibitors during this uncontested time in the exhibit hall. Check out hundreds of exhibiting companies offering the latest books, resources, products, and services for your library.
2022 CONFERENCE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

TALL Texans Social
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Catch up with fellow TALLs, welcome the class of 2022, and congratulate this year’s recipient of the Jack Alton Strawn Standing TALL Award. The social is the perfect way to connect.
TALL TEXANS ROUND TABLE.

Texas Library Association Council I
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Council is the governing body of TLA. The meeting is open to all TLA members.
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CPE#AH100: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

TLA After Hours Keynote
6:15 - 7:00 PM
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#AH101
Battledocks 2022
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Need a laugh? Don’t miss out on Battledocks! This great improv game challenges contestants to speak on a theme within a time limit using slides that they have never seen before. You’ll leave thoroughly entertained and inspired to try this fun programming idea at your library.
TALL TEXANS ROUND TABLE.

#AH102
Drag Queen Storytime
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Drag Queen performer Miss Jenna Skyy will lead a storytime and explain how you can promote literacy and community collaboration through dynamic storytelling and music.
Miss Jenna Skyy, S4 Rose Room; and Eddy Hubbard, Dallas Public Library
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#AH103
Library Pub Trivia
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Know-it-alls and know-a-littles, join us for a fun evening of trivia! Play solo or team up with pals and take on questions both serious and silly on libraries, literature, and more. Compete for pride and prizes!
Charles Dansby, Benbrook Public Library
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#AH104
Texas Association of School Librarians Awards Reception
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Congratulations this year’s winners of the MVP (Media/Virtual Presence) Award, the Shirley Igo PTA Collaboration Award, and Scholarship Recipients, and connect with fellow TASL members at this celebration of school library excellence.
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

#AH105
Book Buzzed
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Hear from major publishers about their upcoming titles and exciting debuts.
Margaret Coffee, Sourcebooks; Melissa Croce, Simon & Schuster; Anne Fonteneau and Tobi Rodd, Blackstone Audio; Linette Kim, Harlequin; Annie Mazes, Workman; Melissa Nicholas, Hachette Book Group; Golda Rademacher, W. W. Norton & Company; Anna-Lisa Sandstrom, Chronicle Books; Sharon Shell, IPG - Independent Publishers Group; Dina Sherman, Disney Publishing Worldwide; Samantha Slavin, Macmillan Publishers; Virginia Stanley, HarperCollins; Chris Vacciari, Sterling Publishing; and Ellen Whitaker, Bloomsbury
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

#AH106
Backstage Pass to Amplify 817: Fort Worth Library’s Music Streaming Service
8:00 - 9:00 PM
Go behind the scenes to find out how Amplify 817 has evolved from a local music streaming platform to so much more. Learn from librarians and music professionals how to connect with your own music community, build partnerships, and find new ways to bring music to your library.
Rita Alfaro and Manya Shorr, Fort Worth Public Library; Lou CharLe$, Who Is Lou, LLC; Steve Ray, Texas Music Office; and Hannah Witkowski, Musician/Amplify 817 Curator
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#AH107
Let’s Play Banned Books Jeopardy and Charades
8:00 - 9:00 PM
Participate in this challenge and learn how you can easily replicate this program for teens. A list of resources including Jeopardy answers and questions, titles for Charades, and sources for lists of banned/challenged books will be provided. Interesting discussions always follow this presentation!
Kathy Barco, Albuquerque Public Library
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

#AH108
Library Lip Sync Battle
8:00 - 9:00 PM
Pick a tune, show off your lip-syncing skills, and put on your best moves for a library battle to remember.
Cassie Nova, S4 Rose Room; and Eddy Hubbard, Dallas Public Library
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#AH109
Launch a Podcast to Reach New Audiences
8:00 - 9:00 PM
Learn about the PLP Fiction (But Not Just Fiction) Podcast developed through a personal librarian program and recorded at the Dallas Public Library’s Story Center. Learn how to get a library podcast started and provide an alternative to traditional reader’s advisory.
Jessica Alvarado, Kristen Calvert, and Rudolph Rihner, Dallas Public Library
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CPE#G201: SBEC 0.5
General Session I
8:15 - 9:45 AM
General sessions are a highlight of the Annual Conference and this year’s will be no exception! Dynamic speakers representing the best of our community and profession will inspire, challenge, and motivate audience members. TLA will announce the special guest this spring.

CPE#202: SBEC 1.0
A Caldecott Conversation
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Join Caldecott-winning Illustrators Dan Santat and Yuyi Morales in conversation about their award-winning books as well as their newest projects.
Yuyi Morales, Holiday House; and Dan Santat, Chronicle Books
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#203: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Books Matter: Diversifying Your Collection
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Books Matter, a free resource from the Anti-Defamation League, helps librarians diversify their children’s, juvenile and young adult collections. Find recommended books, lesson plans, and conversation starters focusing on themes of identity, culture, diversity, bias, and social justice, written by authentic voices.
Sherasa Thomas, Anti-Defamation League
TOCKER FOUNDATION COMMITTEE.

CPE#204: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Copyright Law: An Update
10:00 - 11:00 AM
The pandemic affected nearly every organization. Libraries responding to stay-at-home mandates attempted to fill requests for information using digital delivery systems. Learn how libraries should ensure copyright compliance and how changes in law might affect library practices.

Gretchen McCord, Digital Information Law
COPYRIGHT AND ACCESS ROUND TABLE.

CPE#205: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
How to Spot College Students in Crisis
10:00 - 11:00 AM
How can you tell when a college student is in crisis? Focusing on the holistic mental health of college students, presenters will share ways to spot warning signs, identify campus resources, and ways you can help.
Emily Mire and Michele Whitehead, University of North Texas Health Science Center
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CPE#206: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Information Management Chrysalis: The Archivists to Records Manager Metamorphosis
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Thought you were an archivist but found yourself becoming a records manager? Learn how archivists have evolved and adapted their archival backgrounds to include managing institutional records. Topics will include training, electronic content management, and physical storage issues.
Melissa Gonzales, Houston Community College; and Betty Shankle, University of North Texas Health Science Center
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CPE#207: SBEC 1.0
Graphic Novels as a Literary Tool
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Two of the masters of their craft, Jarrett Krosoczka and Trung Le Nguyen, will speak about their recent books and the importance of graphic novels as a literary tool. These authors’ books have been selected for many awards, including the Maverick List recommended graphic novels for grades 6 - 12.
Jarrett Krosoczka, Scholastic/Graphix; and Trung Le Nguyen, Random House Children’s Books
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#209: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Has Your School Library Lost that Lovin’ Feelin’?
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Post-pandemic, school libraries have changed. Explore new ways to re-engage with your students, teachers, and community. Get practical and creative programming, and outreach ideas.

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to help your patrons fall in love with your library again.

Alleasha Austin and Blanca Garcia, Duncanville ISD; and Jeneene Tahaney, Mansfield ISD
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CPE#208: SBEC 1.0

Picture This: New Releases in Picture Books
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Art elevates the written word to new heights in our favorite format: picture books. These new releases will delight and captivate readers of all ages. Grab your backstage pass to hear how masterpieces are made from these talented creators.

Frank Morrison, Lee & Low Books; Todd Parr, Little, Brown Books; Dev Petty, Abrams Children's Books; and Philip Stead, Random House Children's
CHILDREN'S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#210: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

Self-Care: A Necessity, Not an Indulgence
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Lack of work/life balance got you down? Don’t let it! Learn how librarians from around the state keep focused, grounded, and mentally healthy, and what they are doing to stay that way.

Michelle Johnson, Plano ISD; Angela Jones, Eulen’s Public Library; Diane Ramsay, Mount Vernon ISD; and Deborah Sellars, Garland ISD
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CPE#211: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

Show Me the Money: Budget Planning in a Public Library
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Creating a library budget is essential to turn ideas into realities. Experienced library directors will discuss the basics of the annual municipal budget process, including tips for planning for the unexpected.

Christopher Accardo, Weatherford Public Library; Libby Holtmann, Plano Public Library; and Spencer Smith, McKinney Public Library
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CPE#212: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

Supporting Early Childhood Mental Health Through Literature
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Books can be a powerful tool to help young children process their world. Presenters will discuss developmentally appropriate mental health themes, as well as a variety of texts and resources that address such concepts.

Rachel Finck, Taylor ISD; and Amy Grosso, Round Rock ISD
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CPE#213: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

Telehealth and Libraries
10:00 - 11:00 AM
The increased use of telehealth services presents opportunities to improve access to quality healthcare in underserved communities. Presenters will make the case for rural libraries as facilitators of telehealth services. Learn what it takes to establish innovative telehealth services in your library.

Dianne Connery, Pottsboro Library; and Brian Leaf, National Libraries of Medicine South Central Region, University of North Texas Health Science Center
LIBRARY FRIENDS, TRUSTEES, AND ADVOCATES ROUND TABLE AND SMALL COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE.

CPE#214: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

The African American Struggle for Library Equality
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Dr. Aisha Johnson will discuss her book, The African American Struggle for Library Equality: The Untold Story of the Julius Rosenwald Fund Library Program. Learn about the history of library services to African Americans, how historical practices affected their library experience, and how to address injustices toward African Americans in library services.

Aisha Johnson, North Carolina Central University
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CPE#215: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

Navigating the Library Ecosystem
10:00 - 11:00 AM
The library ecosystem is the network of all types of libraries, library workers, volunteers, and associations. Explore the American Library Association’s One Voice: Library Ecosystem Toolkit and build stronger engagement for advocacy effectiveness.

Doreas Hand, Strong School Libraries; and Michelle Robertson, University of Central Oklahoma
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CPE#216: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

Thinking of Changing Your Integrated Library System?
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Librarians share their experiences in selecting a new ILS for their institutions. Learn to evaluate and implement both traditional vendor products and open-source ILS.

Bonnie O’Donnell Hauser, St. Edward's University; Catherine Ingram, Cedar Park Public Library; Hannah Olsen, Duncanville Public Library; Mary Scanlon Rausch, West Texas A&M University; and Jesse James Saunders, Austin Community College
CATALOGING AND METADATA ROUND TABLE.

CPE#217: SBEC 1.0

Top Texas Topaz Picks
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Discover the newest and best nonfiction for all ages from the latest Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List. In this round-robin style session, Topaz Committee members will highlight some top picks from the impressive company of nonfiction titles. Topaz books to be given as door prizes.

Kelly Brouillard, Lewisville Public Library; Ann Rector, Midland County Public Library; Jenny Rodriguez, New Braunfels Public Library; and Amy Watterman, Abilene Public Library
TEXAS TOPAZ NONFICTION READING LIST COMMITTEE.

CPE#218: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

Veganbrary: Plant-based Culture Programming at your Library
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Veganism is a cultural movement in which individuals choose to eat and live plant-based for environmental, ethical, or health reasons. Learn about this lifestyle and how you can support vegan patrons through programming, book selection, and partnerships at your library.

Sadia Ahmed, Gail Borden Public Library District (IL); Raquel Bleu, Harris County Public Library; and Eddy Hubbard and Rudolph Rühner, Dallas Public Library
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#219: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0

Is Your School Library Program Really Future Ready?
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Through an honest, interactive discussion, participants will explore collaboration, reexamine dusty philosophies, and ask themselves - were they ever Future Ready? Participants will create an action plan for the upcoming school year that propels them into the future, not back to the past.

Sara Riley and Kristen Whittaker, Frisco ISD
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CPE#220: TEXAS TOPAZ NONFICTION READING LIST COMMITTEE
vegans, vegetarians, and omnivores alike. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Kwame Alexander, Big Sea; and Bryant Terry, 4 Color Books/Ten Speed Press
BLACK CAUCUS ROUND TABLE.

CPE#220: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Beyond the Book Sale
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
There is no one fundraising approach that works for all systems. Librarians who have created successful and unique fundraising programs such as trivia nights, silent auctions, library galas and more will share their experience. Get some ideas, share your insight, and network.
Maria Redburn, Bedford Public Library; and Tezeno Roberson, Little Elm Public Library
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CPE#237 SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Demystifying School Board Policy and Library Selection (Part I)
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
School libraries have come under fire recently raising questions about the book selection process. Learn how school board policy addresses the selection of library books and what it means for librarians. Get practical information and resources to support you in developing a collection that meets the needs of your campus. Part II is Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:00pm.
Amanda Butler, Frisco ISD; Julie Briggs, Plano ISD; Stacy Cameron, New Caney ISD; Brandi Dawson, Lewisville ISD; and Emma McDonald, Mesquite ISD
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CPE#222: TPAC 1.0
Explore TLA Leadership Training
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Learn about leadership development training available from TLA and how these programs have shaped librarians’ leadership roles and their careers.
Judy Boone, Irving ISD; Wendi Pray, McAllen ISD; and Kristi Starr, Lubbock ISD
TALL TEXANS ROUND TABLE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

CPE#223: SBEC 1.0
Finding Hope in the Middle
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Regardless of genre, the best middle-grade stories are framed by hope. Authors will share why hope is foundational in their writing and the collected stories of their experiences.
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#224: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
First Amendment Rights in Public Libraries
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
What are the key issues surrounding the first amendment today? An attorney who works directly with local governments and libraries will share how free speech issues relate to public library personnel, patrons, information access, building use, and more.
Andrea Russell, Toase, LLP
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

CPE#225: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Getting Started with Data Visualization and Data Management
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Librarians play an integral role throughout the research lifecycle. Data visualization and management allow librarians to support research by acquiring, cleaning, visualizing, and assisting with data management plans. Learn about data visualization tools and the importance of data management to better assist faculty research.
Peace Ossom-Williamson, National Library of Medicine
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CPE#226: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Junk Drawer Puppetry: DIY Puppets Using Everyday Items
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Everything is a puppet just waiting to be born! Learn to use everyday items from your junk drawers to create puppets to use at your library programs and storytimes and get tips on utilizing puppets to promote and highlight staff and programs from other departments in your city or school.
Leigh Kapsos, Grapevine Public Library
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

CPE#227: SBEC 1.0
Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List Showcase
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Join Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List Committee members, and author-illustrator Drew Brockington, as they showcase some of their favorite recent graphic novels. Learn more about the fascinating science behind graphic novels’ many benefits to young readers, and how to advocate for them in your collection.
Drew Brockington, Author/Illustrator; and Melissa Gryzbowksi, Pflugerville Public Library
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#228: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Public Library and School District-Level Partnerships
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
School and public library directors and administrators will learn how to develop and maintain successful long-term partnerships.
Kiera Elledge, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD; Sherry Knight, City of Euless; Jesse Louecks, Hurst Public Library; and Maria Redburn, Bedford Public Library
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CPE#229: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Silver Pride: Serving the Senior Members of the LGBTQIA+ Community
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Public librarians will present on the Silver Pride Project: a collaboration with local senior citizens that provides a safe space for LGBTQIA+ seniors and enables community engagement and resource sharing. Learn how to engage the senior LGBTQIA+ patrons in your library.
Portia Cantrell, Silver Pride Project; and Karyn Choi and Raymond Sablack, Dallas Public Library
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CPE#230
Speed Dating the TLA Round Tables
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
What lights your fire? Is it library services for children and young people? Or maybe promoting digital and data services? Or possibly serving LGBTQIA+ patrons? Whatever your interest, there is a round table for that at TLA. Join us at this “speed dating” session to learn what the TLA round tables have to offer, and which ones will add to your professional development and personal growth.
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CPE#231: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Circulating Maker Kits in Your Academic Library
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
To circulate or not to circulate? It’s not always an easy decision. Librarians from the Spark Makerspace at the University of North Texas Libraries will discuss their journey as they developed their maker collection, including the challenges of circulating maker materials, kit assembly, and processing of consumable parts.
Judy Hunter, University of North Texas
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

CPE#232: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Supporting Young Adult Mental Health Through Literature
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Literature can be a powerful tool in helping young adults process their ever-changing view of the world. Presenters will discuss developmentally appropriate mental health
themes, as well as a variety of texts and resources that address such concepts.

Raebelle Finck, Taylor ISD; and Amy Grosso, Round Rock ISD
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CPE#233: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Tackling Your Children’s Collection Diversity Audit
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Learn about collection diversity audits and their impact on collection development, readers advisory, and programming. Fort Worth Public Library staff will review the audit of their children’s collection, discuss how to undertake your own diversity audit and evaluate the results and affect change in your library.
Karen Jensen, Kathryn King and Kim Tran, Fort Worth Public Library
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CPE#234: SBEC 1.0
Thrillers, Suspense, Horror!
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Many teens relish reading scary stuff and diving into an engaging mystery. Authors will explore writing techniques for this genre using their recent books. How do you build suspense without giving too much away? In horror, when is the gruesome, macabre limit reached for the YA audience?
Sara Farizan, Algonquin Young Readers; Ryan La Sala, Scholastic; Mariko Tamaki, Sourcebooks; and Vince Tirado, Nancy Paulsen Books
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#235: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Turn Earth Day to Earth Year: Developing Active Eco-Stewards
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Presenters will discuss a cross-curricular approach that provides the knowledge and tools to equip eco-stewards to understand their connections to their environment. Learn about ways to celebrate Earth Day year-round with purposeful, diverse literature and hands-on activities.
Erin Dealey, East West Literary Agency; Rochelle Menendez, Mesquite ISD; and Patricia Newman, Patricia Newman Books
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#236: SBEC 1.0
Witches + Fantasy = A Spellbinding Read
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Young adult authors who create unique tales of witchy fantasy share what makes witches so intriguing to teens, and how to create these fascinating characters.
Melissa Albert, Macmillan; Rachel Griffin, Sourcebooks; and S. Isabelle, Scholastic
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#250: SBEC 1.5
Opening Author and Awards Session (Ticketed Event)
12:15 - 1:45 PM
Join us for a lively discussion with celebrated authors and celebrate the winners of the TLA Benefactor, Outstanding Services to Libraries and Libraries Change Communities Awards. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
LIBRARY FRIENDS, TRUSTEES, AND ADVOCATES ROUND TABLE.

CPE#251: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Behind the Scenes of a Tribal Library
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Stone Child College (SCC) is located on the Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation, Montana, home to the Chippewa Cree Tribe. SCC is committed to meeting the needs of the community, serving tribal members, and helping to promote pride in Chippewa Cree Heritage.
Joy Bridwell and Samantha Courchane, Stone Child College Library (MT)
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION AND YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#252: SBEC 1.0
Coming Soon: Middle Grade Books to Know
1:30 - 2:30 PM
You love their last book, but what’s next? Join favorite authors to get a behind-the-scenes peek into their latest projects.
Varsha Bajaj, Nancy Paulsen Books; Penguin Young Readers Group; Rob Buyea, Random House Children’s Books; Stuart Gibbs, Simon & Schuster; and Aisha Saeed, Abrams
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#253: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Connecting with Your School Community: Proactive Discussions
1:30 - 2:30 PM
A main librarian tenet is to analyze collections and learning environments to ensure patrons have access to quality resources that include varied voices and viewpoints. This session will provide tips on connecting and engaging with school communities in important conversations and increasing the community’s understanding of our work.
Julie Briggs, Plano ISD; Brandi Dawson, Lewisville ISD; Heather Horner, Richardson ISD; and Mary Woodard, Mesquite ISD
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CPE#254: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Device Distribution: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Tarrant County College libraries started a program distributing hotspots, tablets, and Chromebooks system-wide to help students succeed in their online classes. Librarians describe the process, lessons learned and unexpected benefits of their device lending program.
Jotisa Klemm, Laura McKinnon, James Ponder, and Alex Potemkin, Tarrant County College
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CPE#255: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Digital Citizenship for Librarians
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Carrie Rogers-Whitehead, former public librarian, and founder of Digital Respons-Ability, and two Texas school librarians present their book, Digital Citizenship in Libraries. Learn where the field is going in a technology-saturated world. Get ideas, sample program outlines and resources to incorporate into your program.
Lindi Farris-Hill and Amy Milstead, Mesquite ISD; and Carrie Rogers-Whitehead, Digital Respons-Ability
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CPE#256: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Do it for the Team: Difficult Conversations
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Experienced managers will discuss ways of tackling difficult conversations around employee performance and behavior.
Shannon Adams and Heather Lowe, Dallas Public Library; Val Armstrong, DeSoto Public Library; and Althea Nielson, Center for Expertise
SUPERVISION, MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION ROUND TABLE AND TEXAS STATE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#257: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Get Their Attention! Presenting Texas Public Library Data to Stakeholders
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Who are the library stakeholders, how do they help the library, and how do we reach them? Is data the answer? Learn how to use data effectively in presenting to library stakeholders.
Valicia Greenwood, Texas State Library and Archives Commission
TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#258: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Lean into Library Leadership
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Library leadership can have a strong impact on your school community. Learn to create and implement a strategic plan aligned to campus and district goals. Librarians will share concrete examples, ideas, and tools to strengthen your school library program.
Maggie Hernandez, Antonian College Prep. High School; Frances Ingram and Lisa Kulka, Northside ISD; Martha Rossi, ESC 20; and Pamela Thompson, Socorro ISD
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CPE#259: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Lexile and Sight Words and AR, Oh My!
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Public librarians are well-versed in readers advisory and early literacy, but when faced with school terms such as Lexile, AR, and sight words, sometimes we are left wondering what to recommend to inquiring parents. A school early literacy coordinator will share ways to help parents support literacy education at home.
Cara Warren, Garland ISD
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CPE#260: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Library Go! Augmented Reality Library Tour in Your Pocket
1:30 - 2:30 PM
This multimedia demonstration will show how to create a virtual tour of your library using augmented reality and help patrons find what they are looking for with an app. Explore whether this type of service might be useful for your library.
Ulan Dakeev and Elizabeth Ann Gross, Sam Houston State University
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY ROUND TABLE.

CPE#261: SBEC 1.0
Old into New: Remixed Classics
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Authors from marginalized backgrounds take literary classics and reinterpret them through their own unique cultural lens. Presenters will discuss their methods for taking an established classic tale and recreating it using their personal backgrounds.
C.B. Lee, Bethary Morrow, and Aminah Mae Saﬁ, Macmillan Children’s Books
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#262: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Put A Badge on It!
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Strengthen your digital game. Learn the importance of digital badging, ambassadorships, and certifications. Digital tools such as Google, Apple, Microsoft Innovative Educator, Wakelet, Flipgrid, Edpuzzle, and more will be discussed.
Amanda Hunt, New Braunfels ISD; and Karina Quilantan-Garza, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
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CPE#263: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Radical Change: Transitioning to a Digital Library
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Risk-taker. Change-maker. A library without paper. Librarians will discuss the challenges, surprising outcomes, and lessons learned when transitioning to an all-digital library. Understand the pros and cons of the digital library.
Laura Cole, BiblioTech; Kelly Gonzalez, University of Texas Southwestern Medical; Bonnie Hauser, St. Edward’s University; Tom Lyons, Bedford Public Library; and Amanda Zerangue, Texas Woman’s University
DIGITAL LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE.

CPE#264: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Re-centering on the SACSCOC Standards
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Learn your role in SACSCOC accreditation compliance, how to make compliance part of how you do business, and how to write a compelling report. Explore the current Library and Learning/Information Resources Standards, learn strategies for living with and responding to the standards, and get your questions answered.
Crystal Baird, SACS Commission on Colleges
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CPE#265: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Mindfulness in Children’s Library Programs
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Explore the science and benefits behind mindfulness and the brain. Learn how to integrate mindfulness into your age-appropriate library youth activities with demonstrations from highly trained experts.
Heather Hopper and Taylor Gutow Yoss Seideman, Yoga 4 Kids, LLC
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CPE#266: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Renewing the TexShare Card Program
1:30 - 2:30 PM
The TexShare Card program is 30 years old. Learn about the ways that the Texas State Library and TexShare member libraries are renewing and renovating this essential reciprocal borrowing program.
Karen McElfresh and Danielle Plumer, Texas State Library and Archives Commission
TEXAS LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#267: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Saltz Connigo! Bilingual Storytime for Monolingual Librarians
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Do you find it challenging to create a welcoming space for bilingual families which supports their culture because you only speak English? Learn the value of translanguaging (integration of multiple languages to communicate) and begin to apply those concepts to plan bilingual read-alouds in your communities.
Carmen Lazo, Pflugerville Public Library; and Christina Salazar, Mesquite ISD
LATINO CAUCUS ROUND TABLE.

CPE#268: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Libraries often serve as safe havens, allowing patrons to confide in staff when the going gets tough. The speakers will discuss programming from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which teaches library staff to identify common risk factors/warning signs associated with suicide and provides talking points to help keep patrons and themselves safe.
Rachelle Finek, Taylor ISD; and Amy Grosso, Round Rock ISD
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CPE#269: SBEC 1.0
Texas Authors and Illustrators Speed Dating
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Don’t miss this opportunity to speed date with Texas authors and illustrators. Relax, visit, and learn about the new books that will grab your readers’ attention.
Samantha Clark, Simon & Schuster; Carolyn Cohagan, Author; Jennifer Bingham Coleman, Pflugerville ISD; Carolyn Dee Flores, Illustrator; P. J. (Tricia) Hoover, Author; Britta Lee Jensen, The Writing Consultancy, Murasaki Press LLC; Susan Kay Kalovansky, Author; Kari Lavelle, HarperCollins; Cynthia Leitich Smith, VCFA/Candlewick/HarperChildren; Lindsay Leslie, Capstone; Vanessa Roeder, Author/Illustrator; Christina Soontornvat, Candlewick Press; Dana Stuart, Author; Don Tate, Abrams; and Emma Jo Virjan, Author/Illustrator
TEXAS AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS ROUND TABLE.

CPE#270: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Creating a Library Where Students Feel Safe, Seen, and Valued
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Our students have been through a great deal in the last two years. The school library can be the heartbeat of the school, where students come to feel safe, seen, and valued. Is your library that space?
Amianne Bailey, Mesquite ISD; and Brandi Grant, Frisco ISD
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CPE#271: SBEC 1.0
The Stars at Night are Big and Bright: Deep in the Heart with Texas KidLit Authors
1:30 - 2:30 PM
You don’t have to look too far to find some of the most talented authors around. Come say “Howdy” to our esteemed panel of Texas-based authors as they introduce us to their latest books.
Chris Barton, Happy Chapters, LLC; Stephen Briseño, Random House Children’s Books; Kat Fajardo, Scholastic/Graphix; Adriana M. Garcia, Cinco Puntos Press, Lee & Low Publishing Inc.; Xavier Garza, Arte Publico and Cinco Puntos Press; and Xelena Gonzalez, Lee & Low Books
CHILDREN’s ROUND TABLE.
CPE#272: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Help Students Become the Hero of their Story
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Learn how to use fiction to help students build grit, resilience, and social-emotional awareness. They will become heroes in their own stories by setting goals, anticipating obstacles, and applying strategies to overcome challenges. Jo Hackl, Random House Children's Books PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#273: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
A Roadmap for your Library's Future
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Participants will learn why institutional memory is important to future planning, and how to create a long-term plan that will help the organization continue to grow beyond the three- to-five-year strategic plan. Lisa Loranc, Brazoria County Library; and Alexia Riggs, Southwestern University PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#274: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Answering Legal Reference Questions
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Have you been fielding questions about copyright and online instruction, government documents, or legal issues in medicine? Learn about basic resources, common terminology, and copyright information, and how to avoid providing unauthorized legal advice. Stephanie Swenson Towery, Texas State University; and Amanda Zerangue, Texas Woman's University 2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

CPE#275: SBEC 1.0
Spirit of Texas (SPOT) Reading Program
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Middle school and high school Spirit of Texas authors will highlight their latest books with an emphasis on programming ideas. They will discuss their connection to Texas and the influence the state has had on their careers. Rebecca Balcarcel, Chronicle Books; K.A. Holt, Chronicle Books; Diana Noble, Arte Público Press; Rex Ogle, Inkyard Press; and Christina Soontornvat, Candlewick Press YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#276: SBEC 1.0
Blast from the Past: YA Historical Fiction
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Authors will share the importance of the historical fiction genre in young adult literature. How can the past guide teen readers living in the present? The elements of researching and writing accurately to the time period and events will be presented using the authors' recent work. Michelle Coles, Lee and Low; Alda P. Dobbs, Sourcebooks; June Hur, Macmillan Children's Books; Bryce Moore, Sourcebooks Fire, Sourcebooks; and Ruta Sepetys, Penguin Young Readers YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#277: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Using Analytics to Advocate for Social Media in Your Library
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Make a case for social media in your academic library. Learn to gather statistics from social media networks and other analytics tools, analyze key metrics such as clicks, comments, reach and shares, and use analytics to justify the use of social media to administration and other stakeholders. Theresa Davis, Fort Worth Public Library; and Brandy Klug, University of North Texas Health Science Center 2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

CPE#278: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Grow Stronger Together!
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Presenters will share their experiences in cross-district collaboration. What challenges did they face, and how did they overcome them? Leave with ideas and strategies you can implement in your district. Shannon Brumley-Monreal, Kaitlyn Carpenter, Regan Davis, and Melanie Hodges, Fort Bend ISD; and Jessica Fitzpatrick, Andrea Mion, and Natalie Tuttle, Katy ISD TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#279: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Jam Session! Music Programs and Services
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Public librarians will discuss their approaches to music programs and services, including live performances, instrument lending, recording studios, and music instruction. Learn how each centers music in cultural programs and actively supports their local music community and get advice for budgeting and scaling according to community interests and available resources. Rita Alfaro, Fort Worth Public Library; Tom Keener, Allen Public Library; and Kenneth Thomas, Houston Public Library 2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

CPE#280: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Non-Traditional Programming to Build Community
3:00 - 4:00 PM
As librarians we are charged with not only sharing the love of reading to patrons but advocating for the importance of libraries. Participants in this session will learn ways to collaborate, connect and create non-traditional activities that are free or low-cost to engage and build community. Andrea Keller, Irving ISD TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#281: SBEC 1.0
Nonfiction Gems for Kids and Teens from Texas Topaz
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Nonfiction books are some of the hottest picks for young readers, but often are hidden gems. Topaz Committee members will highlight nonfiction titles for kids and teens and share ways to use titles in library programming and classroom instruction. Select Topaz titles will be given as door prizes. Rachel Asselin, Harris County Public Library; Alieasha Austin, Duncanville ISD; Kelly Brouillard, Lewisville Public Library; Kari Lynn Heitman, Katy ISD; and Jenny Rodriguez, New Braunfels Public Library TEXAS TOPAZ NONFICTION READING LIST COMMITTEE.

CPE#282: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Overcome Your Advocacy Anxiety
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Do you get tongue-tied when speaking with elected officials? At this interactive session, staff from elected officials' offices will share tips for connecting with them and their bosses. You'll have the opportunity to practice your new skills with our panelists and some special guest “elected officials.” John Wiley Price, Commissioner District 3 Dallas County; Manya Shorr, Fort Worth Public Library; Katherine Smith, Fort Worth Council District 9; and Monique White, Office of State Representative Nicole Collier LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

CPE#283: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
#ClassroomBookADay
3:00 - 4:00 PM
#ClassroomBookADay is a movement designed to rekindle the joy of experiencing quality literature together in the classroom. Harness this initiative to turn teachers into your best library patrons, and boost both student achievement and classroom culture. You'll learn logistics, implementation, and how to keep it fresh. Kristen Fournier, Stephanie Inzana, and Jamie Wright, Round Rock ISD CHILDREN'S ROUND TABLE.
CPE#284: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Rebalance and Recharge: Practical Ways Librarians Can Practice Mindfulness
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Ready to learn practical ways to recharge and rebalance at work? Attendees will set a path to work mindfully, by identifying the science and wellness-based benefits of mindfulness. Expect to practice techniques to rebalance and recharge every day.
Heather Hopper and Taylor Gutow Yoss Seideman, Yogeets Yoga 4 Kids, LLC
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CPE#285: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Rewarding Responses to Retirement
3:00 - 4:00 PM
At this round table discussion, learn how librarians are recovering, rebalancing, and reconnecting with the profession in their retirement journey. Whether you have retired or are considering retirement, join us to share your thoughts, ask questions, or explore your future possibilities.
Sherilyn Bird, Texas Woman’s University; Jennifer LaBoon, Bound To Stay Bound; and Mark Smith, former Texas state librarian.
RETIRED LIBRARIANS ROUND TABLE

CPE#286: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Reconnect with Relevance and Results: Library Marketing and Communications
3:00 - 4:00 PM
What is the point of offering fabulous library services if your community doesn’t know about them? Review marketing basics as they apply to libraries and discuss the latest tools and tips for successful library marketing.
Cordelia Anderson, Cordelia Anderson Consulting
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CPE#287: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Teaching Nonfiction So Content Will Stick
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Discover strategies for helping students differentiate between fiction and nonfiction and locate common structural formats, such as cause and effect, listing, and fact and opinion in newly released nonfiction titles.
Betty Carter, Birdville ISD
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CPE#288
TLA Membership 101
3:00 - 4:00 PM
What can TLA membership mean to you? The TLA President and President-Elect will share how to get involved, participate in professional development opportunities, and gain valuable leadership experience. Discover how the New Members Round Table can help you launch your involvement in TLA.
Daniel Burgard, University of North Texas Health Science Center; Maggie Hernandez, Antonian College Prep High School; Latasha Patterson, Houston Public Library; and Mary Woodard, Mesquite ISD
NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE.

CPE#289: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Tools for SPED and ELL Students: All in Your TexQuest Toolbox
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Tools for SPED and English language learners are embedded throughout TexQuest resources. Discover multi-leveled articles, videos, and nonfiction eBooks, in English and Spanish, including text-to-speech and translations for classroom lessons and projects. Leave with strategies to better serve your students.
Norma Gutierrez, ESC 20
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CPE#290: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Saving Zelda: Video Game Archival Information
3:00 - 4:00 PM
The video game industry has made poor strides in preservation of legacy video games. Older games are at risk for becoming lost media. Learn about archiving efforts, the creation of commercial re-releases of older titles, legal issues, collection development of video games, and more.
Chris Depineda, Midwestern State University; and Diane Bobson, University of North Texas
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CPE#291: SBEC 1.0
We Are Family: New Books That Connect Us
3:00 - 4:00 PM
No two families are the same, and we want to honor every child and family in our libraries. Check out these hot-off-the-press books that showcase the different and complex relationships that make families unique.
Rajani Larocea, Candlewick; Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich, HarperCollins; Katie Yamasaki, Norton Young Readers; W. W. Norton & Company; and Lisa Yee, Random House Children’s Books
Children’s Round Table.

CPE#292
New Members Round Table Social
4:30 - 6:30 PM
Are you a new TLA member or a librarian who loves to mentor? Come hang out with us at Little Red Wasp. Reconnect and exchange ideas on how to maximize the value of the TLA membership.
NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE.

#O292
Special Libraries Division Social
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Special librarians and anyone interested in the TLA Special Library Division are invited to this casual get-together.
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#295
Storytelling Swap and Showcase
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Bring a story to tell or plan to listen to vendor-storytellers so you can preview a paid program for your library. Librarian tellers will share ideas and you can gather information on storytellers available to perform at your library.
Storytelling Round Table.

#296
Evening with the Authors (Ticketed Event)
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Slake your thirst and sate your appetite for compelling literature! Authors will share their latest works over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres.
Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
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#299
New Public Library Director
Breakfast Meetup
7:00 - 8:00 AM
All public library directors that have been on the job four years or less are invited to this informal breakfast meetup. Enjoy coffee and pastries, grow your network, and learn from each other’s successes and challenges.

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CPE#300: SBEC 1.5, TSLAC 1.5
Leadership Symposium:
Thriving Through Change (Ticketed Event)
8:00 - 9:00 AM
Change can be scary. It can also be an opportunity for discovery, growth, creativity, and letting go. How can we move forward and be productive when we never seem to have enough information or time to make the right decision? Taking tools from improvisational theater, participants will learn how to recover from unexpected events, be curious about the unfamiliar, be flexible in response to new information, and start things with confidence, even without knowing how they will end. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
Shana Merlin, Merlin Works
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

#301 SBEC 2.0
Teacher Day @ TLA (Invitation only)
8:00 - 10:00 AM
Teacher Day @ TLA is designed for all K-12 classroom teachers to learn more about the value of the collaboration between teachers and their librarians. This invitation-only breakfast will include a special guest speaker and engaging activities. By attending this session, classroom teachers will have the opportunity to experience the entire TLA conference and return to their districts as library advocates and collaborators.
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CPE#303: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Building Community Relationships for LGBTQIA+ Patrons
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Library programming for the LGBTQIA+ community can be like spinning straw into gold. Librarians are expected to magically create something remarkable out of very little. Community partners can be a gold mine of support, audience, and ideas. Learn how to find and collaborate with these groups to provide high-quality programming.
Joel Bangilan, Holocaust Museum of Houston; Roberto Zapata, Houston Public Library; and Audrey Hopkins and Daisy Rodarte, Dallas Public Library
QUEERS & ALLIES ROUND TABLE ROUND TABLE AND TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#304: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Cool Jobs
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Librarians with unusual and interesting jobs will share how they got their jobs, what their work includes, and how you can find a job like theirs.
Brook Amen, University of North Texas Health Science Center; and Shelley Gayler-Smith, Tarrant County SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#305: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Design Thinking in the School Library
8:30 - 9:30 AM
How might we encourage students to confidently embrace and create positive changes in an ever-changing world? This session will teach the foundations of Design Thinking framework, an empathy-driven approach to problem-solving. Participants will learn how to apply the principles of Design Thinking to foster innovation skills.
Jenna Hutt, Ryan Miller, and Mean Tumulty, Prosper ISD
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CPE#306: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Digital Libraries and Accessibility
8:30 - 9:30 AM
How can ADA accessibility initiatives support your library community? Learn about recent developments in ADA accessibility and the impact on digital libraries, with a focus on e-resources, websites, institutional repositories, and archives. The discussion will focus on librarian efforts to develop more inclusive digital collections and e-resources.
Alexa Hight, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi; Laura Waugh, Texas State University; and Amanda Zerangue, Texas Woman's University
DIGITAL LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE
P/O 307: SBEC 1.0
Finding Yourself: Identity in YA Lit
8:30 - 9:30 AM
The teen years can be a challenging time as adolescents explore their identity. Authors will discuss their recent books with an emphasis on young adult character development and reality. How did their own teen years and other personal experiences with teens shape their writing?
Crystal Maldonado, Holiday House; Marcia Mickelson, Lerner Books; Randi Pink, Macmillan Children’s Books; and Lilliam Rivera, Penguin Young Readers
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P/O 308: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Getting the Most out of the TexShare Databases
8:30 - 9:30 AM
How do you promote TexShare electronic resources to your patrons? What can you do to increase use? Presenters will share a promotional toolkit that you can use along with tips for patron authentication, resource customization, and troubleshooting.
Danielle Plumer, Texas State Library and Archives Commission
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P/O 309: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Going It Alone
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Are you the only certified librarian in your district? Learn about the unique challenges faced by solo librarians and connect with others.
Rhonda Brockett, Ponder ISD; Jeri Calceote, Library, Paradise ISD; Christina Moore, Sanger ISD; and Leslie Whitaker, Claude ISD
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P/O 310: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Library vs. Parks and Rec Cage Match
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Libraries and Parks and Recreation departments often are grouped together in municipal organization charts. This can be a fight for resources, or it can be an opportunity for collaboration. Learn about the pros and cons of this arrangement, how to facilitate good working relationships, and how to identify collaboration opportunities.
Christopher Accardo, Weatherford Public Library; Cecilia Barham, North Richland Hills Library; Yolanda Botello, Mansfield Public Library; Jaycob Kirkpatrick, City of Weatherford; Adrien Pekurney, City of North Richland Hills; and Cristina Winner, City of Crowley
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P/O 311: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Micro-credentialing Overview for Academic and Special Libraries
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Interested in micro-credentialing and how they work in higher education? Learn how the University of North Texas Health Science Center implemented a micro-credential program and its first-year accomplishments.
John McKenzie, University of North Texas Health Science Center
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P/O 312: SBEC 1.0
New Books from the Tayshas Reading List
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Authors with books that have been on the Tayshas Reading Lists will discuss their latest titles. Three sets of the 2022 Tayshas Top Ten books will be given away.
Traci Chee, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Dana Davis, Inkyard Press; Emily X.R. Pan, Little, Brown; Sabaa Tahir, Penguin Young Readers; and Jeff Zentner, Random House Children’s Books
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

P/O 313: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Rebalancing Collections to Reconnect with Instructional Needs
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Learning existing collections and users’ needs takes time and effort. Two instruction librarians will retrace their steps in recognizing change in users’ information seeking behavior and curricular needs, finding opportunities to rebalance, and reconnecting with stakeholders. Participants will identify supportive advocates, discuss experienced gaps, and collectively share ideas for reconnecting.
Heather Adair and Ashley Crane, Sam Houston State University
LIBRARY INSTRUCTION ROUND TABLE.

P/O 314: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Satellite Libraries in Schools
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Inspired to get more books in kids’ hands, these librarians shifted their focus from curating books in their library to opening satellite libraries in other areas of campus.
Camille Bales, Sunnyvale ISD; and Mindy Purcell, Frisco ISD
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P/O 315: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
State-Level Legislative Research Demystified
8:30 - 9:30 AM
State laws frequently address evolving societal issues more rapidly than the U.S. Congress.
Jennifer Horne
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P/O 316: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Wellness Works!
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Creating a healthy library workplace leads to improved personal health and well-being. As library workers we are familiar with helping others, but often overlook our own wellness, especially at work. Learn how to improve wellness in the library workplace.
Chris Pryor, University of Missouri
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#400
TLA Reading List Coordinating Committee Breakfast (Invitation only)
9:00 - 10:30 AM
The RLCC will provide breakfast and discuss trends and issues related to the reading list.
selection process. This event is an invitation-only event for reading list committee members.

CPE#320: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Amazin’ Creations: Augmented Reality Critter Creation Tutorial
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Calling all Android users! Bring your device and be guided step-by-step through the process of making an augmented reality critter. Receive links to platforms (Vuforia and Unity) and access to directions to offer this program in your library.

Ulan Dakeev and Elizabeth Ann Gross, Sam Houston State University
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY ROUND TABLE.

CPE#321: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Creation + Content + Partnership = Engagement!
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Do you wish you could incorporate more student creation and technology into your TEKS-based lessons? Teachers and librarians working together could be the solution. Learn how teachers and librarians can collaborate to build authentic creative experiences that support content learning objectives while maximizing student engagement.

Veronica Buttry and Erica Hoyt, Richardson ISD
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CPE#322: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Socially Conscious Conversations in the Elementary Library
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Our youngest students are open and curious about their identities and the identities of their peers. Our libraries should be safe spaces where they can practice their agency as they share their unique perspectives and apply higher order thinking and empathy, to acknowledge and honor diversity. Let’s explore the opportunities we can offer our students to expand their points of view and develop a sense of belonging and the future they wish to create.

Rochelle Menendez, Mesquite ISD
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CPE#323: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
A School Librarian’s Path to Leadership
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Ready for a new challenge? Learn how two librarians decided to get off the sidelines and start being effective leaders for their campus and district. Leave with practical ideas that can be applied quickly and easily to become the leader you’ve always wanted to be.

Sara Riley and Kristen Whitaker, Frisco ISD
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CPE#324: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Get Graphic! Creating Visuals for Your Library
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Learn to use Canva and Adobe Spark to create dazzling graphics that will entice stakeholders, and jazz up your lessons, social media, and signage.

Carole Johnson and Laura Thomas, Garland ISD; and Krystle Shepherd, Wylie ISD
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CPE#325: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Getting the Most out of E-Read Texas
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Join the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and Amigos Library Services to hear about updates to the E-Read Texas program and the Simpley mobile app. Learn how to customize the Simpley app and how to promote the E-Read Texas program to your community.

Karen McElfresh, Texas State Library and Archives Commission and Christine Peterson, Amigos Library Services
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CPE#326: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Journey to the Center of Your School
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Feeling adventurous?! Grab your sunglasses and backpack and take a journey with us to the center of your school. Librarians voted “Teacher of the Year” on their campus, will share how to become a literacy champion, a teacher resource, and a leader in technology.

Kimberly Hickman and Cheryl Taylor, Garland ISD
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CPE#327: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Lessons Learned: Planning for the Future
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Examine how library practices have shifted and changed due to political, social, and historical events. Hear how libraries adapted to accommodate constituent needs. Panelists will suggest ways to enable and encourage librarians, staff, volunteers, and support groups to refresh and rebalance for a successful future.

Michele Bischoffberger, Schleicher County Library; Laura Dyer, library advocate; Kimberly Gay, Prairie View A&M University; Kathy Hillman, Baylor University; Alexia Riggs, Southwestern University; and Roosevelt Weeks, Austin Public Library
LIBRARY FRIENDS, TRUSTEES, AND ADVOCATES ROUND TABLE AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#328: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Pre-K in the Library: More Than Just Story Time
10:00 - 11:00 AM
As more Texas school districts add prekindergarten programming, school librarians have a unique opportunity to reach a new audience. Librarians serving Pre-K only campuses will share how to actively engage preschool students through story time, digital citizenship lessons, makerspace, book checkout, and more!

Patrick Adams and Caroline Legere, Keller ISD
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#329: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Reclaiming Student Stories through Social Media in your Elementary Program
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Learn how BIPOC are using social media to reclaim their cultural stories and how we can empower our students to do the same. Design lessons to leverage marginalized communities’ underutilized funds of knowledge. Empower students to apply a new form of literacy by creating TikTok-like videos.

Christina Salazar, Mesquite ISD
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CPE#330: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Revisiting Nuestras Historias and Traditions
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Take a digital tour of these unique collections reviving histories sharing the old, the spicy, and the sacred. Digital archives throughout Texas house collections documenting folklore and roots, ranging from a Mexican cookbook collection with forgotten recipes to archives documenting the U.S.-Mexican border life.

Joel Bangilan, Holocaust Museum of Houston; Ana Jean Krahmer, University of North Texas; and Shannon Pensa, University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley
LATINO CAUCUS ROUND TABLE AND DISTRICT 4.

#331
Scholarship Award Ceremony
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Congratulations to TLA Scholarship recipients! Join us as we recognize scholarship recipients and provide an opportunity to network and learn more about how to get involved in TLA.

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CPE#332: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
School of Mock: How to Engage and Inspire Readers with a Mock Caldecott Program
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Want to try a Mock Caldecott program, but don’t know where to begin? Experts who have conducted these programs will share tips for success as well as some picture books they
CPE#333: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Solving the Equation: Accessibility for STEM
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Cross-institutional academic practitioners collaborated on new technological strategies to improve accessibility for the visually impaired, particularly in STEM (mathematical equations and scientific formulas).
Elizabeth Hollenbeck, South Texas College
and University Libraries Division.

CPE#335: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Spice Up Your Collection Development
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Need a little pep in your step when it comes to collection development? Learn innovative ways to utilize everyday social media tools to discover, share, and create excitement for new books. Presenters will focus on children/YA literature.
Diane Ramsay, Mount Vernon ISD; and Nina Robinett, Garland ISD
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CPE#336: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
The Future of the K-12 Digital Portfolio
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Discover everything you need to know about digital portfolios and how you can create your own. Learn the different ways to create a dynamic digital portfolio using Wakelet, a free curation tool.
Deborah Zeman, Lewisville ISD
Texas Association of School Librarians Division and Young Adult Round Table.

CPE#337: SBEC 1.0
The Language of Music in YA Lit
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Music is an important part of the teen experience. YA authors will share how music has inspired them and been incorporated in their writing.
Laekan Zsa Kemp, Little Brown Young Readers; Adib Khorram, Penguin Young Readers; Mariama Lockington, Macmillan Children’s Books; Lio Min, Macmillan; and S.A. Patel, Abrams Children’s Books
Young Adult Round Table.

CPE#338: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Top Tech Tools for Students
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Do teachers come to you looking for digital tools students can use to create products and show their understanding? Check out our recommendations of easy-to-use websites, apps, and extensions that you will love to share!
Rebecca Shuffield and Teresa Timmerman, Midlothian ISD
2022 Conference Program Committee.

CPE#339: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Using Your Personal Power
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Unlock your personal power and use it to improve yourself and your organization. Learn what power really is, how the dynamics of power have changed as a result of the global pandemic, and how you can be more powerful.
Maureen Sullivan, Maureen Sullivan Associates
Public Libraries Division.

CPE#340: SBEC 1.0
What’s New with Texas Teen Authors
10:00 - 11:00 AM
There’s nothing more inspirational to kids than meeting a well-known author. Get to know Texas middle grade and YA authors so you can introduce them to your students and inspire them to one day have books of their own in our Texas libraries.
Samantha Clark, Simon & Schuster; Adrianna Cuevas, FSG/Macmillan; P. J. (Tricia) Hoover, Author; Cynthia Leitich Smith, VCFA/Candlewick/Harper Children; Christina Soontornvat, Author; and S.G. Wilson, Author
Texas Authors and Illustrators Round Table.

CPE#342: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
A Time for Racial Healing: Addressing Personal Biases in Public Libraries
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Foster conversations about racial discrimination and establish a safe space for people of different backgrounds. Promote personal reflection, community collaboration, and racial healing by addressing how personal biases affect library services.
Shannon Adams, Dallas Public Library; and Jerry Hawkins, Dallas Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Institute
2022 Conference Program Committee.

CPE#343: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Community Support and Recovery for Public Library Patrons
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Libraries are uniquely positioned to connect patrons with organizations and individuals who can offer financial and career assistance, as well as mental health and wellness connections. Hear from library partners who can offer ways to reconnect and re-engage patrons through a variety of methods and approaches.
Lacey Douglas, Texas Workforce Commission; Crystal Hicks, Naegeldoches Public Library; Shannon Madden, M&L, LLC; and Bill Miller, Retired
Programming for Adults Round Table and Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

CPE#344: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Develop Your Own Digital Humanities Research Institute
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
DHRI@SMU is a research institute based on a foundational approach to teaching digital humanities skills so students can continue to learn and practice as a community. Learn about the process of adapting the DHRI to run locally, specifically onboarding faculty, students, and librarians to engage in digital humanities research.
Eric Godat, Jonathan McMichael, Rafia Mirza, and Joanna Bliss, Southern Methodist University
2022 Conference Program Committee.

CPE#345: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Innovative Approaches to Improving Refugee Integration
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
The communities that libraries serve are a complex tapestry of people from diverse backgrounds. Many of these groups have been underserved and underrepresented in library programs and outreach - especially refugees and asylum seekers. Explore how libraries can help these communities feel welcomed and
valued through programming.
Anita Frade, Houston Public Library; Dora
Magana-Neverola and Diana Miranda-
Murillo, Austin Public Library; and Laura
Tadena, Texas State Library and Archives
Commission
TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#346: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Public Health Hunger Games: What is the Role of Libraries?
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
All libraries can create a plan now to take the
lead in public health emergencies. Using best
practices learned during the pandemic, explore
how to find and evaluate medical content,
identify misinformation, prepare informational
documents, and train staff to assist in searching
and leveraging social media.
Amy Affelt, Compass Lexecon (Washington D.C.)
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CPE#347: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
How to SIFT Through the CRAAP
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Almost two decades since the inception of
CRAAP, it’s time for librarians to upgrade to their
information literacy toolkit. Discover the benefits
of utilizing the SIFT method for evaluating web
resources and learn how it connects to the ACRL
Framework, Texas School Library Standards, and
AASL standards.
Kelly Hoppe and Mark McKnight, West Texas
A&M University
LIBRARY INSTRUCTION ROUND TABLE.

CPE#348: SBEC 1.0
Lariat List Author Panel
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Authors from the 2022 Lariat List will discuss
their chosen books and answer questions from
the audience.
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CPE#349: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Top Five Apps and Websites for
School Libraries
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
During this fast-paced session, attendees will
learn about apps and websites to help with
school library programming and community
engagement. Participants will share their favorites
on a curated list.
Andrea Keller, Irving ISD
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#351: SBEC 1.0
Lone Star Middle School Reading
List
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
The Lone Star Reading List is intended as a
guide for recreational reading, targeted to
readers in grades 6 - 8. Authors will discuss their
latest books and elements for writing for this age
group.
Lindsay Edge, Candlewick; Stuart Gibbs,
Simon & Schuster; Tae Keller, Random
House Childrens; and Ray Villareal, Arte
Publico Press
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#352: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Minimalism in the Public Library
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Join public librarians as they discuss how they
use the philosophy “less is more” to superpower
their libraries! Topics will include applying
minimalist principles to collection development
and weeding, supplies and prizes, and
programs.
Maguire Bootman, Davis Mountain State Park;
Jennifer Ohnstad and Robin Swaringen,
Hurst Public Library; and Amy Watterman,
Abilene Public Library
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

CPE#353: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Programming 101 for the High
School Library
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Gain ideas for a successful high school library
program. Examples will include college prep,
mental health awareness, STEM, and other
student-centered programs that can be utilized
passively or in groups. Helpful tips and tricks will
also be shared for funding and advertising.
Denise Bassham, Mary Kathryn Coley, Jessica
Fitzpatrick, Kari Heitman, Julie Trevino, and
Natalie Tuttle, Katy ISD
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CPE#354: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Sensory Inclusion at the
Library
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
One in six individuals in the US has a sensory
processing need. Learn about the various
sensory processing needs, as well as simple
ways to address them while making your facility
more inclusive.
Ruth Chiego, City of Grapevine Library;
Gretchen Pruett, New Braunfels Public
Library; and Stacy Wells, Southlake Public
Library
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CPE#355: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Stop the Decline by Nine!
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Scholastic’s Decline by Nine research is showing
that kids stop reading for fun by age 9. One in
six children who are not reading proficiently
by age 9 will not graduate from high school on
time. What can librarians do to stop the decline?
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CPE#356: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Surprise! You’re In Charge
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Sometimes when you’re not expecting it, you’re
left as the person in charge. Share experiences,
makes connections, and hear from others to
find out how they made it work and what they
wish someone had told them about leading
unexpectedly.
Gwin Grimes, Jeff Davis County Library;
Dianna Morganti, Texas A&M University; and
Jana Prock, Keller Public Library
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CPE#357: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
When CREW Doesn’t Cut It
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
School librarians will discuss unconventional
weeding and collection development methods
to enhance your library collection to be more
cohesive and accessible to students from an
elementary, middle, and high school perspective.
Diana Ellis, Heather Lassley, and Ann Terry,
Frisco ISD
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CPE#358: SBEC 1.0
Around the Americas in 45 Minutes
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
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Latin America, extending from the deserts of
northern Mexico to the icy wilds of Tierra del
Fuego in Chile and Argentina, encompasses
many diverse countries and peoples. This
session will spotlight literature for children
and young adults your libraries and communities
may not be familiar with.
Sara Montoya-Hernandez, McAllen Public
Library; and Natalia Trigo Acuna, University
of Texas - Arlington
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CPE#359: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Reinvigorating, Retaining and Recruiting Library Supporters
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Recognizing donors, volunteers, advocates, and support groups has become increasingly vital. Explore what’s appropriate, sustainable, meaningful, possible, legal, and lasting in fostering these relationships, and gain insights into what attracts and celebrates these valuable partners and keeps them loyally involved in supporting your library’s mission.

Justin Barkley, T.L.L. Temple Memorial Library; Shelda Dean, Texas Christian University; Julee Hatton, Abilene Public Library; Kathy Hillman, Baylor University; and Julia Ousley, New Braunfels Public Library
LIBRARY FRIENDS, TRUSTEES, AND ADVOCATES ROUND TABLE.

CPE#360: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Combating Summer Slide: A Data-Based Summer Reading Solution
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Learn how one middle school team of a librarian, instructional coach, and teacher collaborated to create a summer reading program to help students find joy in reading. Based on data, the team utilized student choice and technology to keep readers engaged to combat the summer slide and other learning setbacks.

Diana Colby and Pamila Nicholas, Keller ISD; and Megan Delfeld, Keller ISD.
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CPE#361: SBEC 1.0
Continuing the Curiosity: Taking the Nonfiction Reader from Picture Books Onward
1:30 - 2:30 PM
The difference between nonfiction picture books and nonfiction for older readers isn’t just the number of words; it’s the depth of concepts being explored. Learn to pair picture books for younger readers with topic-related books for older readers to encourage curiosity and continued reading.

Jennifer Swanson, Black Dog & Leventhal
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CPE#362: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Creating Inquiry Lessons and Units with Classroom Teachers
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Discover how to elevate your collaboration with classroom teachers and use project-based learning to help students utilize their inquiry skills, collaborate with others, and become stronger future-ready learners across all subjects.

Kerri Harris and Wendy Trott, Keller ISD
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CPE#363: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
DEI: Not a Trend but A Practice
1:30 - 2:30 PM
The TLA Diversity and Inclusion Committee presents a discussion on how to recruit librarians of diverse backgrounds, provide library programming to the populations you serve, and foster inclusiveness in the workplace.

Israel Favela, Harris County Public Library; Kimberly Gay, Prairie View A&M University; Lynda Infante, Austin Community College; and Jessica Silva, El Paso ISD
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE.

CPE#364: SBEC 1.0
Double Crossed: Adult and YA Authors Writing for Adult and YA Readers
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Stymied about what your book club might like to read? Searching for books suitable for discussion? Authors will share information on their new titles that will spark conversation among your members.

Jasmine Guillory, Berkley: Rachel Hawkins, Macmillan; Oscar Hokeah, Workman Publishing; Nina LaCour, Penguin Random House; and Mia Mercado, HarperCollins
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#365: SBEC 1.0
Every Word Counts: YA Novels in Verse
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Writing in verse is a refined art. These Young Adult authors share their skill in writing in this format and discuss their most recent novels in verse titles.

Mahogany Browne, Random House Children’s Books; Amber McBride, Macmillan Children’s Books; Alessandra Narvaez Varela, Lee and Low; Kip Wilson, Versify; and Ashley Woodfolk, Clarion
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#366: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
 Fighting Challenges and Protecting the Right to Read
1:30 - 2:30 PM
In our polarized environment, the questioning, challenging, and banning of books remains a constant concern. Join Pat Scales, former chair of ALA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee, to hear strategies for handling these issues and navigating informed conversations with teachers, parents, administrators, and community members while advocating for readers’ access to literature.

Pat Scales, School Library Journal & Book Links
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#367: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Integrating AVID Strategies into Library Instruction
1:30 - 2:30 PM
“Purple bricks” are core pedagogical concepts used by instructors to enable learners to solve problems. Learn how a novice librarian and an AVID coach discovered how purple bricks relate library instruction through integration of Writing to Learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading to Learn (WICOR) with ACRL Frameworks.

James Durham and Joshua Salmons, Texas Tech University
LIBRARY INSTRUCTION ROUND TABLE.

CPE#368: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
School Library Collections that Reflect our Diverse Society
1:30 - 2:30 PM
How do you create a more inclusive collection that represents stories from diverse perspectives? This session will provide resources for school librarians on developing a collection that reflects society and a deep dive into the word diversity and how it fits into your collection.

Lesley Roane, Frisco ISD
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CPE#370: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Project LIT Community: Empowering Students as Readers, Writers, and Leaders
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Join Project LIT founder Dr. Jarred Amato to learn about his grassroots literacy movement, the impact it’s having on students, and how to get your own community started at your school.

Jarred Amato, Project LIT Community
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CPE#371: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Unlikely Collaborations in Your School
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Are you finding that you are only collaborating with your English and Reading teachers? Library collaboration is for every subject. Learn how school librarians are reaching out to other departments to create, plan, and teach collaborative lessons. Walk away with ideas you can use immediately.

Crystal Carter and Carole Johnson, Garland ISD
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CPE#372: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Building Trust and Reducing Anxiety in Your Staff
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Your staff is the most important part of your library and services. Speakers provide simple, straightforward tips to help create an honest, inclusive, and caring environment for all...
personas. Ultimately, the goal is to lessen anxiety for staff, whether in crisis or in everyday operations.

Daniel Berra and Jennifer Coffey Griawold, Pflugerville Public Library
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CPE#373: SBEC 1.0
What's New with Texas Picture Book
and Early Chapter Book Authors
and Illustrators
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Get to know award-winning Texas authors and
illustrators so you can introduce them to your
students and inspire them to one day have
books of their own in our Texas libraries.
Carolyn Dee Flores, Illustrator; Susan
Kralovansky, Author; Kari Lavelle,
HarperCollins; Lindsay Leslie, Capstone;
Vanessa Roeder, Author/Illustrator; Christina
Soontornvat, Author; Don Tate, Abrams; and
Emma Jo Virjan, Author/Illustrator
TEXAS AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS ROUND TABLE.

CPE#374
Texas Tea Meet & Greet (Ticketed Event)
1:30 - 3:30 PM
The Texas Tea is a wonderful time to gather
meet YA authors, hear all about their latest
releases, and meet with other YA librarians.
Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 1.
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#375: SBEC 1.0
100 Years of Newbery: A Conversation with Winning Authors
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Join Newbery Award-winning authors as we
celebrate the "most distinguished contributions to
American literature for children." Presenters
will discuss their experiences, and the longevity
and evolution of the esteemed award.
Kelly Barnhill, Algonquin; Erin Entrada Kelly,
Harper Collins Children's Books: Tae Keller;
Penguin Random House; Pam Muñoz Ryan,
Disney; and John Schumacher and Christina
Soontornvat, Candlewick Press
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION
AND CHILDREN'S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#376: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Changing the Narrative: Community Archives in Public Libraries
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Community-based archives such as Art Library
Deco, Arlington Black History Community
Archive, and Latino Americans: 500 Years of
History project are dedicated to filling gaps
within the historical record; fostering community
engagement and restoring trust with historically
underserved communities. Learn how to get a
community-based archive started in your library.
Jennifer Brancato, Fort Worth Public Library;
Migueli Ceasar, Houston Public Library;
Mark Dellenbaugh, Arlington Public Library and
Priscilla Escobedo, University of Texas -
Arlington
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CPE#377: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Helping Students Find the Best Biomedical Evidence
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Hospital librarians will explain how to leverage available resources enabling the discovery of the best available evidence on biomedical topics. Attendees will be given practical strategies on how to approach formulating a clinical question and how to consider the level of evidence when choosing relevant articles.
Brook Amen and Kellie Boyd, University of
North Texas Health Science Center
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CPE#378: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Development and Growth of the FamilySearch Digital Library
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Presenters will share an overview of the mission of the FamilySearch Digital Library and share how to manage a free digital resource from project management to free family research materials.
Susan Kaufman, Houston Public Library;
and Dennis Meldrum, FamilySearch
INTERNATIONAL
ARCHIVES, GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY ROUND TABLE.

CPE#379: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Fostering A Culture and Growth Mindset Through Staff Training
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Looking to foster a positive culture and promote a growth mindset among library staff? Join us to learn about the value of a growth-focused culture in youth services, get a step-by-step look into developing a system-wide training, and gain some implementable ideas for building growth-focused culture in youth services.
Angela Barratt, Olivia Todd and Kim Tran,
Fort Worth Public Library
CHILDREN'S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#380: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Get Movin'! Healthy Living Programs for Community Engagement
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Do you need inspiration for your next community-based wellness program? This session introduces the philosophy, benefits, and healthy living program ideas for all ages (in-person and virtual) to motivate holistic and healthy lifestyles in your community.
Lisa Youngblood, Harker Heights Public Library
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CPE#381: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Here Comes Kindergarten
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Starting Kindergarten can be scary for parents
and children. Youth services librarians will
discuss their early literacy program "Here Comes
Kindergarten," and share their planning process,
results, and lessons learned.
Bev Christenson, Jessica Hiltvitz, Haley Kral,
and Courtney Lloyd, Dallas Public Library
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CPE#382: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Language and Literacy Through Storytelling
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Explore thirty years of research that inextricably links language and literacy, with practical ways to increase a child’s aptitude in both. From rhymes to beginning stories, we will look at ways of using familiar tales in the library to enhance vocabulary and improve children’s chances of becoming life-long readers.
Donna Washington, DLW Storyteller Inc.
STORYTELLING ROUND TABLE.

CPE#383: SBEC 1.0
Adult Book Pairings for Programming
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Members from TLA's Lariat Adult Fiction Reading List and Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List committees will highlight book pairings from their respective lists. Discover these fiction and nonfiction gems for readers advisory and collection development, and gain ideas for programs for adults, book clubs, and book displays.
Kelly Brouillard, Lewisville Public Library;
Heather Carter, Abilene Public Library;
Jessica Jones, Takoma Park Library (MD);
Bette Harrison McDowell, Pflugerville Public Library; and Terry Roper, Retired
TEXAS TOPAZ NONFICTION READING LIST COMMITTEE.

CPE#384: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Maximizing Your Social Media to Connect and Advocate
2:45 - 3:45 PM
In this hands-on session learn how to connect with your school community and library professionals using a variety of platforms such as Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, Snapchat, and Discord. Discover which platforms are best for various audiences plus explore vlogging and podcasting. Connect, share, and learn from your library PLN.
Heather Hornor, Richardson ISD; and Brooke
King, Humble ISD
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CPE#385: SBEC 1.0
Graphic Novels in YA Lit
2:45 - 3:45 PM
The recent popularity and quality of graphic novels has helped establish this genre as genuine literature. Using their latest Young Adult books, the authors will discuss what drew them to this genre and the techniques used in matching graphics to text, and often collaborating with another person.
Laura Gao, Harper Collins; Priya Huq and Grant Snider, Abrams; and George O’Connor, Macmillan Children’s Books
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#386: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Powerful Partners Spark Student Creativity with TexQuest
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Take TexQuest’s resources, add an appropriate digital tool, and you have the formula for dynamic student-centered projects and investigations. Join us as we mix and match digital information and tools for meaningful projects that encourage content mastery, utilize credible resources, and generate student engagement.
Norma Gutierrez and Susan Reeves, ESC 20 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#387: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
So, You Want a Makerspace...Now What?
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Makerspaces in public libraries today are more than just a couple of sewing machines. Join this panel as they discuss the ins and outs of starting a makerspace for groups of all ages, including staff time and training, legalities, costs, and the financial aid available.
Tiffany Bailey, Dallas Public Library; Kristen Dye, Lewisville Public Library; Jenna Glass, Garland Public Library; Christiana Granados, Fort Worth Public Library; and Ben Toon, Irving Public Library
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CPE#388: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Extend Your Educational Programming
2:45 - 3:45 PM
The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service works daily to make Texas better by providing innovative solutions at the intersection of agriculture, natural resources, youth, and health, thereby improving the well-being of individuals, families, businesses and communities through education and service. Learn how you can engage in Extension’s programming through the AgriLife Extension network that is available in every county in the state of Texas.
Courtney Dodd, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
SMALL COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE AND TEXAS STATE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#389: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
The Power of Literacy: Engaging Young African American Readers
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Join author JaNay Brown-Wood in a conversation about the importance of black and brown representation in children’s literature. She will address the need for more authentic and diverse children’s literature and explore ways to connect the importance of reading in promoting literacy.
Jazmine Albano, Dallas Public Library; and JaNay Brown-Wood, Charlesbridge
BLACK CAUCUS ROUND TABLE.

CPE#390: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
How to Stand Out, Sparkle, and Shine in an Online Interview
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Interviewing online is a very different experience than interviewing in person. Join hiring supervisors from academic and public libraries (including one who successfully landed her current position through a virtual interview process) as they discuss what to expect and how to prepare for your online interview.
Jana Hill, Fort Worth Public Library; Tracy Hull, Texas Christian University; and Laura McKinnon and Tracy Soto, Tarrant County College
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CPE#391: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
What’s In it for Me? Library Directors and TMLDA
2:45 - 3:45 PM
Are you a new, mid-career or tenured library director? Learn about the value of membership in the Texas Municipal League Directors Association (TMLDA). The TMLDA Award for Excellence program has been revised to allow for greater accessibility and meaningful representation of libraries throughout Texas.
Libby Holtmann, Plano Public Library; Kate Horan, McAllen Public Library; and Gretchen Pruett, New Braunfels Public Library
TEXAS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION.

CPE#392: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Black Caucus Round Table Reception
5:30 - 6:30 PM
The Black Caucus Round Table Reception is a fun and welcoming event for African American librarians and staff members to meet and greet, reconnect, and network. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone in person.
BLACK CAUCUS ROUND TABLE.

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TWU Alumni Reception
6:00 - 7:00 PM
TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY.

#L398
University of Houston - Clear Lake Alumni Reception
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Please join the University of Houston Clear Lake (UHCL) for a welcoming celebration of well-known friends and friends yet to be made! Reminisce with former and current UHCL students. We are ecstatic to fellowship face-to-face and connect for an evening of laughter and friendship as we recover, rebalance, and reconnect.
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON.

#L399
University of North Texas Alumni Reception
6:00 - 7:30 PM
The UNT College of Information - Department of Information Science invites you to its Alumni & Friends reception and the Sheraton Hotel. Join us for an evening of entertainment and the opportunity to reconnect with faculty and former classmates. RSVP to LIS-Info@unt.edu.
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS.

#O495
SMART Social
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Join fellow managers, supervisors, and administrators to socialize, network, and catch up after a long time apart! Refreshments will be served at this drop-in social event for members of the SMART Round Table.
SUPERVISION, MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION ROUND TABLE.

#O497
Small Community Libraries Round Table (SCLRT) Social
6:00 - 8:00 PM
The Small Community Libraries Round Table Annual (SCLRT) Social is an opportunity to socialize and network.
SMALL COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE.
Public Libraries Division
Membership Party
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Join your fellow PLD-ers for mingling, networking, and of course, food and refreshments. This membership party has been graciously sponsored by Biblionix.
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#393: SBE 2.0
Evening Storytelling Concert
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Recover, rebalance, and reconnect with stories. Hear amazing storytellers share tales that you don’t want to miss. This evening concert features professional storytellers and student storytellers from the Zula B. Wylie Library.
ZB Wylie tellers, Zula B. Wylie Public Library; Elizabeth Ellis, Storyteller; Oba William King, JUSTUSt arthritis; Sue Kuentz, Kuentz Creative Consulting; Jacqulin Bash, Fort Worth Public Library; Toni Simmons, Storyteller; and Donna Washington, DLW Storyteller Inc.
STORYTELLING ROUND TABLE.

Exhibit Hall Open
Monday, April 25 – Wednesday, April 27
Make time to visit the exciting TLA 2022 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 25
3:45 – 6:00 PM
Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

TUESDAY, APRIL 26
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Exhibits Open

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Last Day for Exhibits
Coffee with the Texas State Librarian (Ticketed Event) 8:00 - 9:30 AM
Join us at the Omni Hotel to congratulate Gloria Meraz on her appointment as director and state librarian at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. There is no cost to attend but you must RSVP via registration by April 1. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

#O40
Gloria Meraz

Becoming a YouTube Librarian 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Librarians need to share their stories with the world. We already use social media, but in order to better share we must learn to embrace the powerful tool that is YouTube. Attendees will learn the benefits of vlogging and YouTube basics.

Stephanie Galvan Russell, Pflugerville ISD

Celebrating Books with Letters About Literature Winners and Katherine Applegate 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Students in grades 4-12 will share their winning letters written to authors who changed them or their view of the world. Newbery award-winning author Katherine Applegate will share stories that inspire her. A pastry and coffee bar will be provided.

Katherine Applegate, Macmillan Children's Books
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION

Content Parity: Getting More Bang for Your Virtual Buck 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Each social media platform has its own language. How do you manage the demand for enticing content and marketing on top of all your other duties? Learn strategies for developing content for the specific modes of social platforms and engage audiences wherever they scroll.

David Cherry and Nancy Hu, Harris County Public Library
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

Engaging your Community to a Community Led Future 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Understanding and engaging with the community can help align library services and community needs. Speakers will discuss how to build relationships, market to the larger community, and develop partnerships by using key social media strategies.

Ann Beek and Yolanda Botello, Mansfield Public Library
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Using the Texas Bluebonnet Books as Portals to Inclusion 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Our assumptions based on outward characteristics can be misleading. Books can help! Together we will analyze the current Bluebonnet List through the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusivity. We’ll explore how the list allows for a larger worldview within a variety of genres as well as increasing reading enjoyment.

Amber Godwin and Elizabeth Gross, Sam Houston State University
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION
AND CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE

Creating a Safe and Nurturing Environment in Your School Library 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Examine the Safe and Nurturing Environment strand of the Texas School Library Standards and how they can help us make our spaces open and inviting.

Elizabeth Philipp, Texas State Library and Archives Commission; and Sonja Schulz, Nacogdoches ISD
TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

Next-Level Virtual Programs for All Ages 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Virtual programs are here to stay, so make the most of them! Speakers will discuss how strategic planning, high-quality content, and iteration helps build community and expand...
audiences. They will share tips to create virtual public programming to serve your own community’s needs into the future.

Lauren Cannon, Irving Public Library; Jennifer Demas and Christina Granados, Fort Worth Public Library; and Cecily Ponce De Leon, Plano Public Library
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CPE#411: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
On the Road Again: Mobile Outreach
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Find new ways to reach the community during the changing times and what resources it takes to create a dynamic library representation. Hear from two public libraries with very different outreach vehicles and their experiences on what works in the community, lessons learned, and taking services to new locations.
Ruth Chiego, City of Grapevine Library; and Lori Eddy, Mansfield Public Library
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CPE#412: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Razzle Dazzle: How to Wow Young Visitors on Their Library Field Trip
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Ready to freshen up your school field trip experience with more exciting programming? Children’s services librarians will share creative ways to connect with children before, during and after their visits to the public library.
Emma De Boer-Piedt and Katelyn Patterson, Austin Public Library
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#413: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Tech Academy Experiences
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Former students from the TSLAC Tech Academy will share how participating in the program had a lasting impact on how they look at their library and serve their patrons. Learn how $10,000 can transform technology in a library and how you can apply to participate in this valuable program.
Dianna Landes, Lakehillis Area Library; Julianna Lane, Dickinson Public Library; and Elsie Purcell, Hondo Public Library
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#414: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
What’s Your Story? Using Data to Promote Your School Library
8:30 - 9:30 AM
What’s your library’s story? What data should you use to tell it? What technology tools work best? Learn how school librarians effectively organize and share their yearly library reports in a way that is meaningful to stakeholders.
Pamela Pinkerton and Jeneene Tahaney, Mansfield ISD
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#415: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Texas Youth Creators Award Ceremony
8:30 - 10:30 AM
The Texas Youth Creators Award winners will be announced at this special ceremony that promotes excellence in amateur media production.
TEXAS YOUTH CREATORS AWARD COMMITTEE.

CPE#416: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Building a New Consortium 101
9:45 - 10:45 AM
The MetroShare Consortium is a brand-new library consortium with seven libraries that was formed recently in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Learn about trials and tribulations of creating the consortium, switching to a new ILS, and marketing all those changes in a positive way to patrons.
Jana Prock, Keller Public Library
2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

CPE#417: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Community Health Connections in Rural Texas
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Alumni of the Transforming Libraries into Community Anchors in Rural Texas (TLCART) project in collaboration with public librarians in rural Texas will demonstrate their community engagement practices in marketing and promoting community health information sources and services using concepts and skills of community informatics.
TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY.

CPE#418: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Creative Collaborations Across the Secondary Campus
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Looking to take your lessons to the next level? Drop into this session and see how librarians are collaborating with teachers in all content areas to level up your tech integration and streamline your lessons for both in-person and remote learners.
Amanda Trowbridge and Audrey Wilson-Youngblood, Keller ISD
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION.

CPE#419: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Driving Circulation of Children’s Collections with Word-Based Classification
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Librarians share their experiences, pros, cons, and insights to help public librarians decide if they should ditch Dewey and adopt a word-based approach to classifying their Children’s collections.
Laura Collins and Kortney Nelson, Highland Park Library; Amanda Hipp, Irving Public Library; and Kelly Holt, Keller Public Library
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CPE#420: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Fun in the Sun! YA Summer Book Releases
9:45 - 10:45 AM
The panel gives a sneak peek into their upcoming Young Adult summer releases. A variety of genres are represented. The authors will discuss the book release process, including any input that they may have in determining the release date.
Tessa Gratton, Simon & Schuster; Isabel Ibanez, Wednesday Books, St. Martin’s Press; Elizabeth Lim, Random House Children’s Books; Casey McQuiston, St. Martin’s Publishing Group, Macmillan; and Jenny Elder Moke, Disney Publishing Worldwide
YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE.

CPE#421: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Free Websites for Family History Researchers
9:45 - 10:45 AM
A fun overview of free website sources including traditional family history websites and some not so familiar that will help to identify not only ancestors’ names but will also help to put them in social context to weave the family narrative.
Cherie Bush, FamilySearch International; and Susan Kaufman, Houston Public Library
ARCHIVES, GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY ROUND TABLE.

CPE#422: SBEC 1.0
Leadership Standards to Expand your Leadership
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Librarianship often means librarians have public leadership roles. How should librarians navigate personal and professional boundaries online? Presenters will discuss their differing approaches and strategies to managing their social media presence while being in the public eye.
Laetitia Coleman Brown, Litigation Division, City of Fort Worth; Dean Hendrix, University of Texas at San Antonio; Heather Horner, Richardson ISD; Robyn Reid, Texas Christian University; and Manya Shorr, Fort Worth Public Library
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CPE#423: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Hearts and Thumbs Up: Leading with Social Media
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Librarians share their experiences, pros, cons, and insights to help public librarians decide if they should ditch Dewey and adopt a word-based approach to classifying their Children’s collections.
Lauren Cannon, Irving Public Library; Jennifer Demas and Christina Granados, Fort Worth Public Library; and Cecily Ponce De Leon, Plano Public Library
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CPE#424: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Using the Texas School Library Standards to Expand your Leadership
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Delve into the Leadership strand of the standards to form connections and make plans for taking your campus leadership to the next level.
Donna Kearley, Denton ISD; and Elizabeth Philippi, Texas State Library and Archives Commission
TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.
CPE#425: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Lights, Camera, Action: Video Production in the Library
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Keeping pace with change, videos on social media, TikTok, and live stream programs have paved a new way for libraries to interact with their communities. Learn about the equipment and techniques needed to be successful in this new landscape.
John Harbaugh, Harris County Public Library
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#426: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Listen Up! Audiobooks Are Not Cheating
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Take a deep dive into the world of audiobooks! Learn more about why and how to use audiobooks in classrooms and the library, including tips on where to find audiobooks and the benefits of this format.
Meghan Hunt, Kate Mancuso, and Natalie Wade, Coppell ISD
CHILDREN’S ROUND TABLE.

CPE#427: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Read and Discuss (RAD) Texas
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Read and Discuss (RAD) Texas is a ready-made book club program based on ALA’s Let’s Talk About It. Learn how small libraries can tap into and take advantage of readily available resources, and leverage the Let’s Talk About It framework to create a book club.
Elsie Purcell, Hondo Public Library
SMALL COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE AND TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

CPE#428: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
Visualizing Our Value: Reconnecting with Our Stakeholders
9:45 - 10:45 AM
Communicate the value of your library and library services by implementing visualization software. Information services experts will demonstrate how to easily transform your usage data into impactful data graphics using the Tableau visualization software.
Chris Ponte and Deanna West, MITRE Corporation
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES DIVISION.

CPE#429: SBEC 1.0, TSLAC 1.0
General Session III
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
General sessions are a highlight of the Annual Conference and this year’s will be no exception! Dynamic speakers representing the best of our community and profession will inspire, challenge, and motivate audience members. TLA will announce the special guest this spring.
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#430
TLA Membership Meeting
1:30 - 2:00 PM
TLA leaders will provide an overview of the proposed TLA Strategic Plan and share other association news. This meeting is open to all members.
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#431
Texas Library Association Council II
2:15 - 3:15 PM
Council is the governing body of TLA. All TLA members are welcome to attend.
COUNCIL/GOVERNANCE.
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