



## Greetings from New Members Round Table

This issue of the **New Members Round Table** newsletter features our 1<sup>st</sup> online social reflection, shoutout for our very own librarian Jeopardy champion, tips and tricks to help you enhance your career, as well as action items: set up your TLA Engage by October 1, 2021, apply for TLA Scholarships or Stipends which open on September 15, 2021.

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### NMRT 1<sup>st</sup> Online Social Reflection



Our first online social event took place on August 12, 2021. It turned out to be a very pleasant time of networking with fellow new TLA members and special guests. During the first hour, TLA Executive Director Shirley Robinson and Membership Coordinator Christy Reynolds dropped in to help us kick off our very first Social while sharing some valuable insight about the TLA organization. Participants got to know one another through ice breakers and lively discussion about hobbies and other interests. Attendees also

enjoyed answering trivia and listening to an exciting recount of NMRT Treasure/Secretary Morgan Brile's Jeopardy game show appearance (you can read more about her amazing experience below.)

At the start of the second hour, June Johnson, chair of TLA's Black Caucus Round Table along with several other members like Janice Newsom and Kimberly Gay surprised us with their presence. Their positive energy and the valuable wisdom they shared rounded out the evening perfectly.

We are thankful for all who joined us to make our first Online Social such a remarkable success.



Please join us for our **2nd NMRT Online Social!**

Mark your calendar on Thursday December 2 @7 pm CDT

Wait for our November Issue for the Link.

## NMRT Treasurer/Secretary Morgan Briles

### Won Twice on the National TV Jeopardy Game Show!



“Being on Jeopardy! was a lifelong dream of mine. After getting the call to be a contestant, I imagined that the announcer would say, "A librarian from Nacogdoches, TX, Morgan Briles." Although I didn't get to meet Alex Trebek, teaching Katie Couric how to pronounce Nacogdoches correctly will always be a fond memory.

We librarians are a small but vocal group, especially when one of our own is in the spotlight for our talents. I could feel the support from my colleagues all over Library Land on social media, as well as from the Nacogdoches Community and Stephen F. Austin State University. Hailing from the Oldest Town in Texas brought up a lot of questions, like "Wait where is that?", but I was thrilled to shine a spotlight on my small town nestled in the Piney Woods of East Texas. It was an honor to represent the profession on national television, and I hope as a two time champion I made my fellow Texas librarians proud. Librarians may be the ultimate nerds, but being a big nerd won me a lot of money” - Morgan Briles, Collection Development Librarian

For more details, click on the news: [I'm like a sponge with trivia' notes SFA librarian about being Jeopardy! contestant](#)

## Tips and Tricks to Making the Most Out of Your Library Career



Whether you are a seasoned professional or just starting a career in library service, staying abreast of current trends in the field is essential.

- **Be proactive**, consider setting a [professional development](#) calendar to stay consistent and learn at your own pace.
- **Learn online**, there are a multitude of platforms to learn a new skill or refresh your current knowledge.
- **Engage your colleagues**, online learning tools are great, but they can't replace human experience and knowledge. Schedule an informational meeting with a colleague. - Latasha Patterson, Public Librarian, NMRT Newsletter Editor

## Embrace Your [TLA Engage](#), the TLA's New Online Communication Platform



In order to keep in touch with TLA and NMRT, and maximize your TLA membership value, please **set up your TLA Engage account and profile** to begin socializing with thousands of other TLA members. **The old listserv will expire on October 1, 2021.** This [link](#) provides step to step guides in both written and video formats. TLA Engage is like a new social media platform.

## [TLA Awards, Scholarships & Stipends Applications](#)

### Have Opened On September 15



The applications for Awards, Scholarships, and Stipends from TLA units opens on September **15, 2021**. The key is to **apply and involve**.

[NMRT Professional Development Stipend](#) will sponsor **5 current New Members Round Table members to attend TLA Annual Conference** with reimbursement up to \$500. Deadline for consideration is **February 28, 2022**. Awardees will be

notified by March 15, 2022.

Communicate at [TLA Engage](#) & Visit the [NMRT webpage](#).