



Greetings from New Members Round Table

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TLA Elections Opened February 16th



TLA Elections opened February 16th and will close March 16th. To be eligible to participate in the current elections, your TLA membership must have commended or been renewed by January 31, 2022. Check your email to cast your vote.

Eligible Members will vote to choose a president elect, Rhea Lawson or Gretchen Pruett and representative-at-large Nora Galvan or Melissa Rippy. More information about the candidates is available [here](#).

Other TLA Units including Public Division, Texas Association of School Librarians, Children's Round Table, Tall Texas and District 8 are also electing new officers. For more information click [here](#).

According to several TLA Engage posts:

- Librarians, your teachers, and your students are invited to join the virtual audience for School Day @[North Texas Teen Book Festival](#) on Friday, March 4th (on demand beginning at 7:30 AM). School Day features more than 40 authors for FREE Middle Grade and YA programming and virtual publisher giveaways. Region 10 and Region 11 educators may register for the recorded sessions for PD which will be available from March 10 - April 11, 2022.
- Spotlight programs include authors Jerry Craft, Kate DiCamillo, Ruta Sepetys, Sonia Manzano, and Soman Chainani (who will be joined by two of the actors from The School For Good and Evil movie).
- YA Panels feature authors Karen M. McManus, Sabaa Tahir, Ashley Woodfolk, Mahogany L. Browne, Rachael Lippincott, and more.
- Middle Grade panels include authors Kelly Yang, Tae Keller, Erin Entrada Kelly, Christina Soontornvat, Pam Muñoz Ryan, James Ponti, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Leslie Connor, Sara Pennypacker, Kwame Mbalia and many more.
- There's also a graphic novel drawn off with artists George O'Connor, Lincoln Peirce, Dan Santat, Judd Winick, and Stephanie Yue.
- More info about virtual School Day and how you can share it with students or join us in person can be found on the NTTBF website: <http://www.northtexasteenbookfestival.com/resources22>



TALL Texans is Currently Accepting Applications

The TALL Texans application is open!

[Click here to apply.](#)

TALL Texans 2022 will be held in person at Montserrat Retreat Center, Lake Dallas, November 13-17, 2022. The process of completing the TALL Texans application may take time. However, it will help you examine and reflect on your professional journey and map out your future career path. You might contact the TLA groups that you have signed up in your TLA membership registration for possible partial scholarships. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2022. Start the process early and seek help from [past TALL Texans](#) near you. You will be amazed where this journey may take you.



Are You Conference Ready?

The TLA Annual Conference is just two months away! Here are ways for you to get ready.

- Still time to [make your case to attend](#). We are looking forward to meeting you in person.
- [Register](#) for the Conference, if you have not done so, the regular [rate](#) is in effect till March 30, 2022.
- Make sure you reserve your [Hotel](#) via TLA approved OnPeak or @ (800) 243 1205 Toll-Free.
- The full TLA 2022 Annual Conference Program is available in the [Winter Texas Library Journal](#), starting Page 36.
- Check out [TLA Annual Conference FAQ](#) for more details.
- Follow or add to the TLA Engage for [Tips](#) to maximize the Conference Experience discussion thread.
- **Coming Soon:** MOBILE APP: The conference mobile app is on multiple mobile platforms; go to your provider's app store and search 'Texas Library Association'. This application enables attendees with a web-enabled phone or other mobile device to access their schedules while on the go and receive real-time updates to sessions and author events. It will also offer Twitter, exhibitor information, show documents, and speaker content. Login to the app with the email and password you used to register for the TLA conference. Stay Tune!
- [Conference Volunteers](#) are needed. It is a great way for you to connect with other librarians and grow professionally.



TLA SUMMIT Virtual Conference, June 2, 2022

This is a virtual one day conference that will equip library professionals with a unique and fresh perspective of the current state of librarianship and library work. TLA Summit will explore the following topics:

- Serving neurodiverse users
- Preparing for materials challenges in a polarized world
- AI and library services
- OER initiatives and policies
- and more

This program, with over 50 professional development sessions, aims to nurture, energize, and strengthen you and your library team. The full-day virtual conference will be June 2 and sessions will be available for viewing for 30 days after the event.

	Early-Bird Registration February 1 – May 1	Late Registration May 2 – June 1
TLA Members	\$149	\$169
Non-Members	\$189	\$199

[To Register for TLA SUMMIT Click Here.](#)

[To Submit a Proposal for TLA SUMMIT Click here.](#)