BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Facilitators: Billy Cryer, District 4 Chair & Claudia Villarreal-Quiroz, Chair-Elect

Invitees: Members of District 4

I. Call to Order
II. Attendance - Roll Call
III. Updates from TLA representatives Mary Woodard and Michelle Cruz
IV. Updates to TexShare program - Jeremy Selvidge
V. Approval of Minutes from Annual Assembly Meeting held virtually on July 26, 2022
VI. Old Business
   a. Officers Report
      i. Secretary/Treasurer Report – Marissa I. Saenz
      ii. Councilors Report - Cynthia Y. Rodriguez and Arnoldo Becho
VII. New Business
   a. Election of new officers – Chair-Elect
   b. Status of Scholarship Committee
VIII. Adjournment

SPECIAL GUEST AUTHOR
DEBRA YOUNG HATCH

Giraffes in my Closet

Pre-Meeting Social
Thursday, November 17, 2022
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
SMOKE: Texas BBQ & Watering Hole-Harlingen, TX

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TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 4
FALL MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022
8:30 AM-3:15 PM
HARLINGEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Collaborating to Serve our Community
**SCHEDULE**

8:30 am - 9:00 am Registration & Light Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:50 am Welcome and Business Meeting

10:00 am - 10:50 am
**Keynote:** “Stronger Together: United to Defend Our Profession”
- Gretchen Pruett, President-Elect of the Texas Library Association and Director of New Braunfels Public Library

10:50 am - 11:00 am Break

11:00 am - 11:50 pm
**Breakout Session A:** “Embracing OER in Academic Libraries: Collaborating to Move the Initiative Forward”
- Jennifer Jimenez, Del Mar College
- Cynthia Rodriguez, Laredo College

Many academic librarians have been tasked with spearheading Open Educational Resource initiatives on their campus. This session aims to assist librarians new to the role in understanding the value of OER, increasing awareness amongst stakeholders, and creating a task force/focus group. Librarians will be given a brief tour of the many OER resources available to better assist faculty in creating and using OER as well as managing OER from an administrator’s standpoint.

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm  Lunch / Exhibitors

**Guest Author Presentation:** Debra Young
**Hatch-Giraffes in My Closet**

1:15 pm - 2:00 pm
**Afternoon Panel:** “Long COVID: The Lasting Effects of the Pandemic on Library Services”
- Karen Locher, University of Houston - Victoria
- Nicole Cruz, Sharyland ISD
- Rolando Ramirez, Harlingen Public Library

As we emerge from the scares and lockdowns of the last few years, we are all trying to resume “normal” operations. But can there be normal? Or is there a new normal? Has the pandemic changed library service? An academic, public, and school librarian discuss the effects of the pandemic on their libraries and their visions of how those changes will play into future library normal. The panelists will be Karen Locher (University of Houston – Victoria), Rolando Ramirez (Harlingen Public Library), and Nicole Cruz (Sharyland ISD).

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm  Break

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm
**Afternoon Keynote:** “Emotional Intelligence: Strategies for Effective Leadership”
- Maria Leonard, Assistant Professor of Practice, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

In today’s challenging environment, organizations must develop competencies that enable their leaders to effectively meet objectives and build strong bonds with all stakeholders. Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage our emotions and behavior. It also provides insight into others’ feelings, which gives us the ability to demonstrate empathy and proactively respond to their needs.

Developing a higher level of emotional intelligence is essential to improve collaboration, customer service skills, communication, motivation, and conflict management. It is a key component to a healthy organizational culture.

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm  Closing Remarks