**Important TLA Technology Update**
For many years, TLA has used more than 20 custom-built Access databases to manage membership, events, and more. While those systems served the organization well for many years, they are out of date and no longer meet our needs.

TLA has invested in a new, robust, web-based Association Management System (AMS) called Nimble. This new AMS will be much more user-friendly and will streamline workflow for the TLA staff.

The transition to Nimble is planned for early November. There will be a short period of time in late October when the current TLA members-only site will be shut down before Nimble goes live.

The opportunity for 2022 membership (joining and renewing) will close September 30. We will open 2023 membership and TLA 2023 Annual Conference registration in early November in the new Nimble system. TLA will post the 2023 dues and conference registration rates on txla.org the first of October.

As our ‘go-live’ date gets closer, TLA will provide additional information and training on the new Nimble system.

**TLA Jobline: Moving to TLA Engage**
We are excited to announce a new and easier way to list and view job opportunities. Beginning September 1, you will no longer be able to list a job opening on the old Jobline and will instead post the opening in our new TLA Engage Jobline community.

Thousands of TLA members interact with the Engage site every day and this makes it the best way for people to list and learn about job openings.

Jobs currently posted on the old jobline board will be viewable until October 1. We will open the new jobline in TLA Engage on September 1.

All TLA members will be able to post to the TLA Engage Jobline community. Everyone, including non-TLA members, will be able to view the job openings in this community.

**Volunteer for TLA**
Use TLA to help improve your leadership skills by volunteering! Opportunities to get involved with TLA are available for any interest you may have. From the district level to being involved with advocacy, TLA has a place for you. Commitments range from one event to throughout the year. Learn more and fill out a volunteer form here.

**Register for your Fall District Meeting!**
Registration opened August 1 for our District Fall Meetings. District meetings provide regional settings for presenting continuing education, carrying on legislative activities, and recruiting members. The annual fall meetings are an opportunity for local librarians, para-professionals, and trustees from all types of libraries to meet, network, and set a foundation for collaborative efforts. Find the meeting for your district, dates and locations here.
TCAL Conference Registration is Open
The 2022 TCAL Conference (Texas Council of Academic Libraries) will be held at the Tremont Hotel in Galveston on September 19 and 20. Scott Carlson, a senior writer at The Chronicle of Higher Education, will be the keynote speaker. Come join us at one of the premier gatherings of academic librarians in Texas, in beautiful Galveston! Register here. Book your hotel here.

LIRT Summit
The LIRT Summit is Friday, October 14. It is a virtual, one-day conference focused on topics related to library and information literacy instruction in academic, public, school or special libraries. Attendees will interact with other library instruction enthusiasts and learn from one another in a collaborative, intimate, low-stress environment. All with an interest in library instruction and information literacy are welcome. You do not have to be a member of TLA or LIR to attend. Register here.

TLA Talks Returns
For Fall 2022, we’re delighted to announce the return of TLA Talks, our monthly webinars on timely topics. These events are free for members, $25 for non-members, and take place the third Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. The next TLA Talks is on September 20 and features HR expert Justin Dorsey, speaking about "Hiring and Retention in the Age of the Great Resignation." Register here. A Zoom link will be sent to registrants.

TLA Renews Launches
We have a new program called TLA Renews, a series of webinars focusing on self-care, which will be offered the first Thursday of each month, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Our first TLA Renews on September 1 will feature Leanna Gilliam of 3Birds Meditative. She’ll discuss “Befriending Yourself: Planting the Seeds of Self-Compassion to Let Your Heart Bloom.” You can register for TLA Renews here. TLA Renews sessions are also free for members, $25 for non-members; a Zoom link will be sent to registrants.

IMLS accepting grant proposals

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Registration for 2022-2023 Texas Bluebonnet Award Voting is Open!
Now that school is starting soon, don’t forget to register your school or public library for TBA voting. Most registrations will be a renewal. Register your school or public library here. For a wealth of resources, including tracking charts for this year’s TBA nominees, go to the Resources page. You can find the current TBA list here; and this is the guide to voting.

Names in the News

Kit Carson, former regional manager for Perma-Bound, has retired. The new regional manager for Perma-Bound is Alan Johnston.

Linda Joyce Garrett, 79, passed away on July 4. She was the former Director of Library
and Media Services for Dallas ISD.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has named Tim Gleisner as Assistant State Librarian. Gleisner most recently was with the Michigan State Library and previously served as Assistant Director of the Herrick District Library in Holland, Michigan, and was head of collections and archives at the Grand Rapids Public Library. He joins TSLAC August 19.

Amy Marquez, librarian at PSJA Collegiate High School in Pharr San Juan Alamo ISD, was recognized as 2023 Regional Secondary Teacher of the Year by ESC Region 1.

The law office of Gretchen McCord received national certification as a Women’s Business Enterprise by the WBC Southwest, a regional certifying partner of the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC).

Connie Lynn Taylor Pace, a longtime school librarian in San Antonio, member of TLA and a TALL Texan, passed away on May 22.

Mark Pumphrey, 68, passed away on July 4. Mark was formerly the director of the El Paso Public Library.