TLA Intellectual Freedom Helpline Launches
We're excited to launch the TLA Intellectual Freedom Helpline 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. To request assistance, please complete this online form.

If you would like to volunteer to help respond to requests for assistance, please complete this online form. As this new service launches, please share your feedback about how we can improve it.

And don't miss our January 25 TLA Talks about legal issues related to materials challenges!

New TLA Reading Lists Released
Check out our 2022 lists! And watch for the Lariat, 2x2, and Texas Topaz lists in January, and the Tejas Star list in February. Thank you to everyone involved in selecting these books; we appreciate all your hard work.

Little Maverick Graphic Reading List (graphic novels K-5)
Maverick Graphic Reading List (graphic novels grade 6-12)
Lone Star Reading List (grade 6,7,8)
Spirit of Texas (SPOT) Reading List (grade 6-12, Texas authors and illustrators)
TAYSHAS Reading List (grade 9-12)

TLA Launch Leadership Program: Register Today
Designed for library professionals with less than five years of experience, Launch will be February 13 - 14, 2022 at the Westin Austin at the Domain. Sessions will be taught by dynamic leaders in the field. For more information and to register, go here.

TLA Receives Grant from Humanities Texas
The Texas Library Association received a 2021 Relief Grant for $11,925 from Humanities Texas. These grants are made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. TLA will use these funds to improve accessibility at the TLA 2022 Annual Conference and at TLA Summit (our one-day virtual event in June.)

Tocker Foundation TLA Conference Travel Stipend
The Tocker Foundation is pleased to provide travel stipends for staff at rural libraries to attend TLA 2022. 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.

Names in the News

CTLS is now PLAN
Members of CTLS elected to rename the Central Texas Library System (CTLS) as Partners Library Action Network (PLAN) to clarify that they work with libraries throughout Texas.
Texas, not only the central area. Learn more here.

TLA 2022

Winter TLJ and TLA 2022 Conference Program Arriving Jan. 6
Keep an eye on your inboxes: the Texas Library Journal winter issue, including the TLA 2022 Conference Program will be emailed January 6 to all members, posted in TLA Engage and on TLA social media.

Book Your Hotel for TLA 2022
Hotel reservations through OnPeak, the TLA 2022 official housing service, are open and filling quickly. Book your hotel soon for the best rates.

Upcoming Events

TLA TALKS: Legal & Policy Issues Related to Materials Challenges
January 25 | 3:30 - 4:30pm | Free for TLA members, $25 nonmembers
Experts will provide information on legal precedents, how librarians can protect themselves, and their students’ and patrons’ right to read, when materials are challenged. Free for members, $25 for non-members; register here.

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