

TLA CAST

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TLA 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

Renew your membership and register for TLA 2023

Your TLA 2022 membership expires on December 31. Renew today to avoid a disruption in member benefits! For your convenience, we are offering a 2023 TLA Membership & Conference Registration package for \$531. The package includes your 2023 membership and full conference registration. The package is available via the membership form, listed under the "Step 2: Dues" category. **Deadline to purchase is December 31.** Individual dues rates are posted [here](#), and conference registration rates are [here](#). [Renew your membership. Register for conference.](#)

Note: In accordance with CDC guidelines, TLA is not requiring proof of vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test result, to attend TLA 2023.

Digital conference badges available for #txla23

Post these graphics on your social media channels, include them in your email signature, share them on your website and in email promotions to let your colleagues and customers know that you'll be at the TLA Annual Conference. We have digital badges for attendees, speakers, authors and exhibitors. [Find your badge.](#)

Submit your poster session idea

The Conference Planning Committee invites the display of scholarly research topics and projects at a dedicated conference session in Austin on Thursday, April 20, 11 am - 1 pm. Graduate students, junior faculty, and independent researchers are invited to display and discuss their research. Submissions deadline: January 13, 2023

[Find more details here.](#)

[Learn more and submit for presentation here.](#) (You must create a login to submit.)

Opening Awards and Author Session: Jeff Shaara, LaToya Watkins

Authors Jeff Shaara and LaToya Watkins will be a featured speakers at the Opening Awards and Author Session at #txla23. Shaara is the bestselling author of 17 novels, including *Rise to Rebellion* and *The Rising Tide*, as well as *Gods and Generals* and *The Last Full Measure* - two novels that complete his father's Pulitzer Prize-winning classic, *The Killer Angels*. He'll be discussing his upcoming book, *The Old Lion*, which follows an aging Teddy Roosevelt at the end of his life.

Watkins' debut novel, *Perish*, was published to great acclaim in 2022. Her writing has appeared in *A Public Space*, *The Sun*, *McSweeney's*, and the *Kenyon Review*, among other places. She'll be discussing her upcoming book, *Holler, Child*, a compilation of eleven short stories which explore guilt, love and circumstance. Opening Awards and Author Session is a ticketed event on Thursday, April 20, 2022 (12:15 – 1:45 PM). [Tickets](#) are \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members and must be purchased online by March 31, 2023.

Teacher Day at TLA: Accepting Applications

2023 Teacher Day @ TLA | Friday, April 21 | 8 – 10am

Applications are due March 10. [Apply here!](#) Up to 100 classroom teachers will have the opportunity to learn more about the value of teacher/librarian collaboration through specially designed activities at this one-day special event. [Author Grace Lin](#) is the

keynote speaker. She is the bestselling author and illustrator of over thirty books, including *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* (a Caldecott Honor), *A Big Bed for Little Snow*, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (a Newbery Honor), *The Year of the Dog*, and the Ling & Ting series.

Tocker Foundation: Apply for a TLA Annual Conference Travel Stipend

The Tocker Foundation is pleased to provide travel stipends for staff at rural libraries to attend TLA's annual conference. Attendees will enjoy opportunities to learn from experts in the field, find new vendors in the exhibit hall, network with their peers, hear from authors and gain valuable CEU's at designated sessions. 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. Apply early to plan for a full experience at the conference. Deadline is Feb. 3. [More information here.](#)

Please Share Your Uplifting Library Stories

We're looking for library stories about moments that bring us all together. Willow Payne and Gene Ambaum of [librarycomic.com](#) will turn their favorites into Library Comics. If one of yours inspires a comic strip you'll get a few signed prints of that comic after these appear on librarycomic.com and its social media (sometime in spring of 2023). These comics will also be used to promote the Texas Library Association's 2023 Annual Conference. Full details and the form to use to submit your stories is [tinyurl.com/UpliftingLibraryStories](#). **January 1, 2023** is the deadline to submit.

BCRT Ashley Bryan Award to Launch in 2023

TLA's [Black Caucus Round Table](#) is proud to announce the [BCRT Ashley Bryan Award](#), an award that honors Black authors for their contribution to children's literature. This is a legacy award that will be celebrated each year during the TLA Annual Conference at BCRT's signature *Author Reception Brunch*. The award will officially launch in August 2023; the first author will be honored at TLA 2024.

New Reading Lists!

The following new reading lists were released December 1. Thank you to the reading list committees for all their hard work to read, evaluate and select these wonderful titles.

[2023 Lone Star list](#): A reading list for grades 6, 7 and 8 to encourage recreational reading.

[2023 Maverick list](#): Recommended graphic novels for grades 6-12.

[2023 Little Maverick list](#): Recommended graphic novels for grades K-5.

[2023 Spirit of Texas \(SPOT\) list](#): Literary works of and about Texas and Texans, for grades 6-12.

[2023 TAYSHAS list](#): Fiction and nonfiction titles for grades 9-12, to encourage high school students to become lifelong readers."

Texas Universities Negotiate Deal with Elsevier

Texas universities reach a historic deal with Elsevier: [TLCUA saves Texas universities millions collectively](#). John Sharp, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, said, "Since the beginning of the negotiations, the administration and faculty have stood behind the libraries in this effort. We are proud that so many institutions in Texas came together to realize cost savings and increase access not only in Texas but around the world."

Director of Education opening at TLA

Come join us at TLA! We are seeking a Director of Education to lead the educational programming, content development and instructional design strategy for TLA's statewide digital and face-to-face professional development portfolio. Additionally, the Director of Education oversees the implementation of all educational meetings and events with a Meetings and Events Manager and Education and Programs Manager. Applications close January 13. [Full job description here.](#)

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