

# TLA CAST

Volume 42 No. 11 | December 2023

## **SBOE Approves Proposed Collection Development Standards**

In a special-called meeting held December 13, the State Board of Education approved the proposed library collection development standards as required by HB 900. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is scheduled to adopt the [proposed rules](#) at a meeting this afternoon (Dec. 14). Once adopted, the rules become effective 20 days after being filed with the Texas Register. TSLAC will file quickly, so the rules should be effective early January.

## **Meet the Candidates**

Learn about our candidates for TLA executive board [here](#). In 2024, members will elect a President-elect, Representative-at-large (Academic), Representative-at-large (Public) and an ALA Councilor to serve on the Executive Board. TLA elections will open in mid-February and close mid-March. *You must be a current 2024 member by January 31 to be eligible to vote in the elections.* Your participation in the election process is critical as these leaders will help set the course for the association for the coming year. [Join or renew here](#)

## **2023 Membership Year Ends Dec 31**

Renew your membership and register for TLA 2024! *Your TLA 2023 membership expires on December 31.* Renew today to avoid a disruption in member benefits, including attending the [TLA 2024 Annual Conference](#) at the member rate, engagement in the vibrant TLA Engage online community, complimentary registration for our enlightening TLA Talks monthly webinars and more. [Renew](#)

---

## **TLA 2024**

### **General Session III: George Takei**

George Takei is a civil rights activist, social media superstar, Grammy-nominated recording artist, *New York Times* bestselling author, and pioneering actor whose career has spanned six decades, including playing Hikaru Sulu in *Star Trek*. He will be the General Session III speaker on Friday, April 19 from 11 AM - Noon. *General Sessions are open to all conference attendees; no separate ticket is required.* [Register for conference](#)



## **TLA 2024 Conference Website is Live!**

Check out the [TLA Annual Conference microsite](#) where you can explore our conference program, view maps of the convention center, see maps of our exhibit hall and host hotel, browse the list of exhibitors and so much more. It's searchable by track, session type and topic (click on "search/filter program" to search.) We are continually adding to and updating the site, so please check back regularly to see what's new. *Don't forget to register for the conference before the early bird rate ends January 31.* [Register](#)

## **Teacher Day at TLA: Kate DiCamillo and Kelly Yang**

It's an extra-special Teacher Day at TLA this year, as two bestselling authors are joining us for this amazing event! [Kate DiCamillo](#) (*The Beatryce Prophecy* and many more) and [Kelly Yang](#) (the *Front Desk* series) will discuss their newest books. Join TASL for an

event celebrating collaboration between teachers and librarians! [More information](#)

### Digital conference badges available for #txla24

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](#)

### Book your Hotel for TLA 2024

[Make your hotel room reservations now](#) as hotels are starting to fill. It is very important that you book your hotel room within the TLA block. Booking within the block supports TLA, ensures a competitive rate, can ease the challenges with reservation changes, and encourages networking as you'll be staying near other conference attendees. When you reserve a room with an official TLA hotel, you are helping to keep costs down and support not only TLA in 2024, but also for future meetings. [Reserve your room](#)

### Your Library Story Could Become a Library Comic!

Gene Ambaum of [Library Comic](#), always a favorite with TLA members, is looking for library stories to turn into comic strips. From Gene: "Just tell us a shortish version of a real-life library story that you witnessed or were part of. We're looking for real stories that are touching, weird, terrifying or hilarious." *If one of yours inspires a comic* you'll get a few signed prints of that comic! [Submit your idea](#)

### Order your TLA 2024 Merchandise

Get ready to show your Texas Library Association pride with our exclusive TLA 2024 Annual Conference merchandise! We've got T shirts (including tie dye), tote bags and mugs. (These will not be available onsite at conference.) [Order yours today](#)

---

### New Reading Lists Released

We are grateful to the librarian members serving on the reading list committees who worked so hard to create these amazing lists. There are many wonderful titles! Released on December 1:

The [Little Maverick](#) list (graphic novels for K-5)

The [SPOT list](#) (Spirit of Texas. Grade 6-12, Texas authors and illustrators)

The [Maverick list](#) (graphic novels, grade 6-12)

The [TAYSHAS list](#) (grade 9-12, fiction and nonfiction)

The [Lone Star list](#) (grade 6-8)

### TLA Awards and Scholarships - Deadline Feb. 1

Calling all librarians! It's time to honor brilliance in our community. Nominate exceptional librarians and library programs for the coveted TLA Awards. Learn about the TLA Awards [here](#). TLA scholarship applications are open too. More information about scholarships can be found [here](#). Share this information with the library students you know!

### Branding Iron Award Deadline - Feb. 15

TLA's Branding Iron Awards honor the inspiring and creative marketing efforts of all types of libraries with awards presented in several categories, and one overall Best of Show winner. [Share your best work with us!](#)

### TLA Grants

Applications for the [J. Frank Dobie Library Trust Grant](#) (for public libraries serving communities of 20K or less); the [Jeannette and Jim Larson Grant](#) (for public libraries, for mystery genre) and the [Woll Memorial Fund](#) (collection development grant, children's literature, for school and public libraries) are open. **Dobie Grant deadline is December 15; Larson Grant and Woll Fund deadlines are January 31.** Apply today!

### Names in the News

**Midori Clark** is the new Director of the Fort Worth Public Library.

**Marianne DeLeón** is the new CEO of the Texas Book Festival.

**Gretchen Pruett**, TLA President and Director of the New Braunfels Public Library, is the new Bowden Fellow for the University of Texas School of Information.

**Roosevelt Weeks**, Director of the Austin Public Library, was named Outstanding Alumni for the UNT College of Information.

---

### Upcoming Events

If you have not already done so, you will need to create a new password for the Members-Only area and TLA Engage in order to register for an event. Directions and instructional video [here](#).

#### TLA Talks: Update from the Capitol and the Courthouse

January 23, 2024 3:00-4:00pm

Free for members

[Register](#)

- Libby Holtman, TLA Legislative Committee Chair
- Gloria Meraz, State Librarian and Director, Texas State Library and Archives Commission
- Marty De Leon and MJ Nicchio, Escamilla & Poneck, LLP
- Wendy Woodland, Texas Library Association

Our expert panel shares the latest news on HB 900, including updates on the federal court case and where it now stands. What this means for libraries in 2024 and how we can continue to advocate for libraries and librarians.

#### TLA Learns: New Year, New Skills: Surviving Difficult Conversations

January 31, 2024, 4:00-5:30pm

\$20 members, \$30 non-members

[Register](#)

**Topic:** There comes a time in every librarian's work life when they need to have a frank conversation about an issue or the behavior/action of someone else. In this interactive online session, participants will learn a simple yet effective strategy to engage in a short crucial conversation that helps redirect behaviors/actions. *Session is interactive and will not be recorded.*

**Speaker:** Emma McDonald, Director of Library Services for Mesquite ISD

#### Donate A Year-End Gift to TLA

As a community of people passionate about advocating for Texas libraries and librarians, we're committed to supporting our members in their pursuit of their purpose. Throughout the year, we strive to expand our programs and provide opportunities for education, advocacy, volunteering, and more. **This holiday season, we hope you'll consider making a year-end donation to TLA.** Your year-end gift of \$10, \$25 or more will support the essential work of the association. [Donate Today](#)

# Thank You 2023 Sponsors!

## LEGACY PARTNER



## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE



## DIAMOND



## PLATINUM



## GOLD



## SILVER



[www.txla.org](http://www.txla.org) | [txla@txla.org](mailto:txla@txla.org)

