New Members Only online portal
We’re excited to introduce you to our new online members only area! You will need to create a new password to enter this area as well as TLA Engage (you will use the same username and password for both areas.) Directions and instructional video on this page.

TLA receives grant from Marin Community Foundation
TLA was awarded a $4,600 grant from the Marin Community Foundation (Novato, CA) to support our efforts to protect the freedom to read, and help librarians who are facing censorship challenges.

TSLAC receives grant to support broadband at community libraries
The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) received a $7.8 million Library Infrastructure and Facility Access Improvement Grant (IFAIG) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to support statewide high-quality modern infrastructure at Texas libraries. The project will assist public libraries across the state in gaining access to critical broadband infrastructure and services. TSLAC worked with the Texas Broadband Development Office throughout the development of the funding proposal. Full release.

Congratulations to the 2023 TALL Texans!
We’re excited to welcome all the new participants to the TALL Texans leadership program, which will be held in November at the Montserrat Retreat Center at Lake Dallas. Full list.

Nominations for TLA Executive Board Election
The TLA Nominating Committee is seeking nomination submissions for the 2024 Executive Board election. All nominations must be submitted by July 24.

The positions open for election in 2024 are:
• President-Elect (Special Libraries)
• Representative at Large (Public Libraries)
• Representative at Large (Academic Libraries)
• ALA Councillor (open to any member)

All members are invited to nominate outstanding individuals who possess the qualities and experience that make for exceptional Board members. (Yes, you can even nominate yourself!)
Nominate someone today!

Submit a nomination for Texas Library Champions!
We’re looking for champions of the Texas library community - individuals and organizations whose influence has changed the landscape of Texas libraries. The individuals and organizations selected will be added to the list of Texas Library Champions that was compiled in 2002 in commemoration of TLA’s 100th anniversary celebration. Learn more and make a nomination here. Deadline to submit is July 31.

Names in the News
Joanna Franco is TLA’s new member services coordinator.
Katherine Boyer of the North Texas Book Festival, passed away on June 16.
Carol Joyce Brown, former director of the Fort Bend County Library System, passed away on June 3. Karen VanLeuvan, former administrative services manager for the Fort Worth Public Library, passed away on June 11.

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: TLA’s New Members-Only Area
When: Tuesday, July 18, 3:00-4:00 PM
Cost: Free (for TLA members only)
Christy Reynolds, TLA’s Membership Engagement Manager, gives a tour of TLA’s new online members-only area and answers your questions. This is a great chance to learn about TLA’s new member portal. Come with your questions! Register.

TLA Talks: Books Under Fire - Libraries and the Right to Read in 2023
When: August 15; 3 PM- 4PM
Presenters: Deborah Caldwell-Stone and Eric Stroshane
Cost: Free for TLA members, $25 for non-members
The number of challenges reported to ALA increased by 60% in 2021 and censorship activity is not slowing down. In fact, Texas banned more books from school libraries than any other state; more than 800 books banned across 22 Texas school districts. Learn how to prepare for challenges, and how ALA is supporting librarians facing challenges. Deborah Caldwell-Stone is the Director of the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom. Eric Stroshane is a consultant assisting the Office for Intellectual Freedom. Register.

Register for LAUNCH today!
LAUNCH is a TLA leadership program designed for library professionals with less than five years of experience. This year, LAUNCH will be held in person in Austin. In this course, you will learn and expand leadership skills through group work, self-directed learning, and internal reflection. Instructors are: Lynda Infante Huerta, Faculty Librarian and Assistant Professor at Austin Community College; Emma McDonald, Director of Library Services at Mesquite ISD; Roberto Zapata, Assistant Director of Customer Experience, Houston Public Library

When: July 27-29, 2023
Cost: $249 for TLA members, $279 for non-members. (Does not include hotel fee). Space is limited so register soon!

TCAL 2023 Annual Conference
Registration is open for the Texas Council of Academic Libraries (TCAL) annual conference! The TCAL 2023 Annual Conference will be held September 18-19 at the Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center in College Station. Learn more and register. You can view the full schedule here.

TLA Self-Paced Learning
TLA Self-Paced Learning is a chance for you to earn CE credit from the comfort and convenience of your home or office. These on-demand learning sessions cover topics including management, user services, librarianship, literature, and technology. How it works: You select the sessions you would like to view. You make the purchase and view the sessions. You can purchase sessions one at a time, or bundled. More information and prices here.
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