88th Legislative Session Adjourns, First Special Session Called
The 88th Texas Legislative Session ended on Monday, May 29 around 6 p.m. Governor Abbott, citing the Legislature’s inability to pass many key bills, called an immediate special session which officially began at 9 p.m. Monday to focus on property tax relief and border security. The governor also alluded to the need for multiple special sessions to address other priority issues not passed during the regular session.

TLA tracked more than 30 bills which could have directly impacted Texas libraries. Only a fraction of those bills advanced through the process, and only three passed. For a complete summary, see the TexLine Legislative Wrap-Up, or watch the recording of the Legislative Session Wrap-Up webinar.

Help Spread the Word: Texas Digital Opportunity Plan
The Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) is gathering information to write the Texas Digital Opportunity Plan. The plan will serve as a roadmap for expanding the availability of reliable and affordable broadband, device access, digital skills training and cybersecurity awareness to promote digital opportunities for all Texans.

- **Organization Survey** - Complete for Your Library by June 16. The BDO wants to hear from organizations, including libraries, that help people in the community access the internet, computers or other devices, digital skills training or other information resources. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Help close the digital divide in Texas and complete the Digital Resources Mapping Tool survey for your library.

- **Public Survey** - The Texas Digital Opportunity Public Survey enables community members to share the barriers that prevent them from being able to easily access the internet and leverage its use for education, healthcare, economic development and access to essential services. The survey is available online and in print. The BDO has provided this toolkit which includes ideas for sharing the survey, and how to coordinate with them on submitting completed paper surveys. Please share the public survey with your patrons.

TLA Technology Update: New Members-Only Portal
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. Due to the transition, TLA Engage and the Members-Only area will be offline for a week at the end of June. We will continue to provide updates about this process.

Submit a TLA 2024 Conference Proposal
Call for Proposals for TLA 2024 is open! We are seeking proposals for the TLA 2024 Annual Conference being held in San Antonio on April 16-19, 2024! Deadline to submit is June 26. More info and link to submit here. Questions about submitting proposals or the review process? Here is a detailed description of how to apply. Please contact the TLA Director of Education, Julie Marshall, with any questions.

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

Mark Gottschalk will be the new Dean of Learning Commons at Tarrant County College. Eric P. Lashley is the new Director of the Paso Robles City Library in Paso Robles, CA. Christy Reynolds has been promoted to Membership Engagement Manager at TLA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Leverage Your Library for Learning
Amplify the power of your school library! This three-part virtual webinar series (each part is 12-1 PM on June 14, 15 and 20) is designed to provide resources and information to school administrators seeking to build their school library program in partnership with librarians. Sessions will be recorded.

- June 14 | Vision for your Library
- June 15 | Hiring – From Start to "I Accept!"
- June 20 | Effective Program Development and Implementation

Encourage your school administrators to register! More information and link to register here.

Hone your skills at the 2023 TLA Officer Governance Training and Workshop
TLA committee and unit officers should plan to attend the TLA Officer Governance Training and Workshop (formerly known as Annual Assembly) in order to prepare for their 2023-2024 roles.

When: Wednesday July 12 – Friday July 14
Where: In Austin at the UT Commons Conference Center: free parking, conveniently located across from the Domain with many nearby shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities
Cost: $79, full workshop (all three days); $49 two-day registration
Learn more and register here.

Hotel deadline: June 21; reserve your hotel room.
Registration deadline: June 30.

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
Where: Lone Star Court in the Domain, Austin. Reserve your room here. Reserve your hotel by July 10.
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.

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](#).

## ALA Annual Conference June 22-27

It’s the largest and most impactful conference of the year! Join the American Library Association (ALA) this summer in Chicago at the [ALA 2023 Annual Conference & Exhibition](#). The exciting conference will bring thousands of library professionals together to learn, share, connect, and have a great time. Find the more than 200 education programs created by library professionals, 700+ top authors, 10 memorable speakers, 550+ exhibitors, and plenty of fun activities listed in the [Conference Scheduler](#).

If you can’t join us onsite, you can register for the virtual [Digital Experience](#) — an opportunity to view sessions live-streamed directly to wherever you are – and registration includes on-demand access to these sessions through August 31, 2023. Secure your spot today! [Register](#) at alaannual.org.

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