**TLA2019 Registration Now Open!**
Join us in Austin! [Register now](#) and reserve your spot for the biggest gathering of library professionals. Meet your favorite authors, learn the latest trends, and network with your peers. View the [conference highlights](#) and register today!

**Renew Your TLA Membership Today**
The 2019 Membership portal is [now open](#). TLA works to ensure Texas has incredible library services to meet the informational, cultural, educational, and recreational needs of all Texans. Libraries help to transform every school, neighborhood, university and community in the state— and TLA members, sponsors and exhibitors are the heart of this work.

**Powered Libraries Transform Texas**
The Texas Library Association (TLA) Public Relations and Marketing Committee is working on a new public awareness campaign: Libraries Transform Texas. Sound familiar? Perhaps you've seen the bright, bold "Because" statements from the American Library Association's [Libraries Transform](#) campaign.

While we transition to [Libraries Transform Texas](#), we want to recognize the success of the Powered Libraries campaign, the ideas shared and projects powered since 2016. It's time to celebrate this October as the last Powered Libraries Month. Share how your library powers ideas and post on social media and tag #poweredlibraries.

**TALL Texans Now Accepting Applications**
The TALL Texans Leadership Development Institute provides advanced leadership and management education in service to all the libraries of Texas and the communities they serve. Participants study strategic planning, risk-taking, conflict negotiation, teambuilding, coaching, ethics, advocacy, personal career planning, and more. [Apply before January 25, 2019](#).

**Texas Book Festival October 27 - 28**
Almost 300 authors are scheduled to appear at the [Texas Book Festival](#) in Austin this year. The new Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List will be announced Saturday, October 27 at 10am in the Texas Tent. Be sure to visit TLA in booth 117 and pick up the latest Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List. Interested in volunteering in the TLA booth? Contact [Sarah Northam](#).

**New TLA E-Newsletter**
We're excited to announce that we have partnered with North America's largest B2B publisher, MultiView, to produce a new email newsletter, [TLA Weekly News Brief](#). We know how important it is to have direct access to the latest information, trends, and developments in our ever-changing industry and with the [TLA Weekly News Brief](#), we're proud to offer members a hand-curated selection of relevant news and association updates.

**Corporate Members**
We thank our [corporate members](#) for their investment in TLA and Texas libraries.
Cosplay Fashion Show and Contest
TLA is excited to announce our first ever Cosplay Fashion Show and Contest. The Cosplay Fashion Show will be the piece de resistance of Comic Book Day on Wednesday, April 17 from 4:00-5:00pm in the exhibit hall. Be prepared to have your imagination run wild when characters and designs come to life. Want to participate? Complete the form by March 31.

Great Ideas Lightning Talks
Have you been doing something unique in your library? Share your great ideas in the fast format of a lightning talk, combined with a poster session. These five minute sessions engage the audience and feature new or innovative ideas. Proposals are due November 23. Learn more and apply.

Teacher Day @ TLA
Do you know a classroom teacher who would enjoy the TLA Annual Conference? Our conference – made up of books, authors, technology integration, makerspaces, curriculum connections, and supportive librarians – may very well be the stuff of teachers’ dreams.

Now is your chance to make a teacher’s dream come true! On Wednesday, April 17, 2019, classroom teachers will have the opportunity to experience a special one-day event during the TLA conference, comprised of speakers, activities, and pricing designed just for them. Learn more.

Continuing Education
All webinars are FREE to TLA members. Visit the TLA Continuing Education page for more information.

November 1 | 1-2pm
How to Apply to the TALL Texans Leadership Institute
The nationally-known TALL Texans program is a transformational seminar which enhances and empowers up-and-coming library leaders from all types of institutions. This webinar will go through the application form step-by-step to give all applicants the best chance for success. Register now.

November 13 | 1-2pm
AZ: Role of Library Specialists in Community Partnerships
One critical key to success for libraries is the creation of strategic relationships with other community entities, including non-profit, for-profit, and governmental organizations. These partnerships can introduce new benefits and leverage existing resources. Discover the roles for library staff in identifying and forming connections with other institutions, including lists of potential partners. Register now.

November 15 | 1-2pm
Tips for Successful Texas Book Festival Grant Applications
The TBF’s Collection Enhancement Grant allows public libraries to develop and enhance specific collections. Applications open November 1 and the deadline for submission is January 25, 2019. Get the latest information on the grant process, and tips to ensure a successful application. Register now.

Names in the News
• Janice Newsum, University of Houston-Clear Lake, completed her Ph. D in Library and Information Science from Florida State University.