2019 TLA Election Results
President-Elect: Christina Gola
Representative-at-Large: Renee Newry

Congratulations to the outstanding individuals who were elected! In addition to the TLA Executive Board election, 10 units opted to participate in TLA’s online election system. The unit election results will be posted at a later date. These newly-elected members will assume office at the close of the 2019 TLA Conference in Austin.

Library-Related Bills Begin to Move
The March 8 bill filing deadline has passed, and members of the Legislature are turning their attention to moving their bills. It’s a long, convoluted process, with many obstacles along the way. And just when you experience success, that joy is tempered by the realization that you have to go through everything again when the bill moves to other chamber. Read on for the latest information on several bills impacting libraries.

Advocacy Alert: #FundLibraries 2020
On March 11, the White House released its budget proposal for FY2020. Once again, the administration has proposed to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which provides approximately $189.3 million in direct funding to libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The proposal also cuts the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program administered by the Department of Education. Learn more and then contact your U.S. Representative and ask them to preserve more than $210 million in federal funding for libraries. Take action!

Executive Leadership Immersion | Aug. 4-8 | Lakeway
Registration is now open for the 2019 Executive Leadership Immersion program. Engage with library leaders from around the state while learning how to create a culture of excellence. Learn more

Celebrate Lone Star Día in April
For more than 20 years, Children’s Day/Book Day, or El día de los niños/El día de los libros has emphasized the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. It is a national celebration of children, families, and reading that culminates each year on April 30. Start planning your Día programming now! You’ll find resources on the TLA website; and on the Texas State Library and Archives Commission website.

TLA 2019 Highlights

It's Almost Time!
We are four weeks away from the start of the TLA Conference! Below are a few reminders to help you get the best out of your conference experience.

Reminder! Conference is Cashless
TLA 2019 is a cashless event. We’ll accept credit, debit, or checks at on-site registration and in the TLA Store.
March 31 Deadline
March 31 is the last day to purchase tickets for any ticketed event.

TLA App
The TLA app has the most up to date information on sessions, speakers, and all the information you need to know about the TLA Conference. Download it in the App Store or Google Play today!

Get Social!
Follow #txla19 on Twitter for all things related to the TLA Conference. More of a Facebook person? Make sure to visit the TLA Annual Conference event page for information before and during the conference.

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

March 27 | 12 – 12:30
TASL Lunch & Learn: Tech Integrated Book Clubs

March 27 | 1 – 2pm
AZ: Introduction to Project Management

April 3 | 12 – 12:30pm
TASL Lunch & Learn: Getting the Most Out of the TLA 2019 Conference

April 24 | 12 - 12:30pm
TASL Lunch & Learn: Connecting Students with “Just-Right” Books

Names in the News

- LaMoya Burks, District 5 past chair, received the Fannie Pettie Watts Woman with a Vision Award at the 24th Annual Tribute to African American Women Banquet hosted by Gamma Kappa Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.
- Sharon Castleberry, Carrollton Public Library, passed away on February 21.
- Norma Fultz, director of the Rio Grande City Public Library, was inducted into the 2019 Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame in February.