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Support Texas Libraries this Summer at H-E-B!

From June 4 to July 1, customers at any H-E-B store will be able to make a donation to TLA at checkout. Proceeds from the donation campaign will support summer reading programs and initiatives at libraries across Texas. Help make a difference by spreading the word and donating at checkout! [Learn more.](#)

Update from the Capitol

The 89th Texas Legislative Session adjourned on June 2. TLA [tracked](#) 60 bills that could have impacted library services and librarians, compared to 37 bills tracked during the last regular legislative session.

Of the bills TLA tracked that directly impacted libraries, only three passed:

- [SB 60](#) allows public junior college libraries more flexibility in disposing of certain library materials by permitting them to donate items that meet specific criteria.
- [SB 412](#) removes the affirmative defense language from Texas Penal Code Section 43.24, Sale, Distribution, or Display of Harmful Material to a Minor.

- [SB 13](#) related to school district library materials and catalog, establishment of local school library advisory councils, and parental rights regarding public school library materials and access to library materials.

TLA is working on resources and opportunities for librarians to connect and discuss how these new laws will impact their work.

More than 10,000 library advocates sent over 4,000 emails to members of the Texas Legislature to advocate for libraries during the session. Many also made phone calls, sent personal messages, visited legislative offices, and testified at committee hearings. Thank you so much for your support and engagement. You made a difference!

Executive Board Candidates Applications Open

Have you ever thought about serving on the TLA Executive Board, or know someone who would bring vision, dedication, and fresh ideas to our statewide leadership team?

The TLA Nominating Committee is looking for passionate leaders who reflect the perspective, strength, and expertise of our library community. Serving on the TLA Executive Board is a unique opportunity to shape the future of our association and champion libraries at every level. Learn more and submit your nomination [here](#) by July 25.

TSLAC Great Texas Read

The Texas Center for the Book at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is delighted to announce its Texas Great Read youth and adult selections for 2025.

- **Youth selection:** *Matagorda Magic: The Hidden Life of a Texas Bay*, written by Kimberly

Ridley and illustrated by Rebekah Raye.

- **Adult selection:** *Viva Texas Rivers! Adventures, Misadventures, and Glimpses of Nirvana along Our Storied Waterways*, edited by Steven L. Davis and Sam L. Pfister.

This summer, the Center will host two webinars, one for each book, including a video interview with the authors and editors. These events will be free, open to the public, and available on YouTube after airing. [Learn more.](#)

Register for Officer Governance Training & Workshop

Whether you are new to serving in a TLA leadership role or a seasoned officer, the Officer Governance Training and Workshop will provide opportunities to learn something new and prepare for the coming year. The workshop will be held in Austin from July 10 to 11. [Learn more](#) and [register](#) today!

New Episode: Libraries Transform Texas Podcast

In the latest episode of the Libraries Transform Texas Podcast, guest host Carolyn Slavin speaks with Carmen Lazo about the vital role libraries play in supporting bilingual communities. The pair discusses the unique challenges and opportunities of serving Spanish-speaking patrons, offering [resources](#) for creating inclusive and accessible spaces for all readers. Listen [here](#).

LAUNCH Registration Open!

LAUNCH registration is open! LAUNCH is a TLA leadership program designed for library professionals with five years or less of experience. Participants will learn and expand leadership skills, which will serve them throughout their careers through group work, self-directed learning,

and internal reflection. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Thank You, TLA 2025 Ambassadors!

In May, TLA ran a "member-get-a-member" campaign, encouraging current members to become TLA Ambassadors and recommend membership to their colleagues. Thank you to our TLA Ambassadors!

- **Mary Cohn, Austin Memorial Library**
- **Amanda Gavin, McKinney ISD**
- **Celeste Rainey, San Augustine Public Library**
- **Harvey Smith, Follett Content Solutions**
- **Katie Smith, Manvel Public Library**

Thank you for sharing your passion for our association. Our community is at its best when we work together!

TLA 2026 Call for Proposals is Open

TLA is now accepting proposals for the 2026 Annual Conference on March 29-31, 2026, in Houston, TX, at the George R. Brown Convention Center! Submit your proposal by June 23rd for a chance to share your expertise, ideas, and innovations with library professionals from across Texas. To get more information and a link to submit, click [here](#).

Registration Open for TCAL 2025 Annual Conference!

This year's TCAL Annual Conference is where knowledge, innovation, and collaboration come together. Join deans and directors from public and private universities and community and junior colleges across Texas for two days of education and networking. This year's conference will be

held in Fort Worth on September 29th and 30th.

[Learn more and register today!](#)

Upcoming Events

June 17 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Passive Makes (Practically) Perfect: Using Passive Programming to Engage Patrons

Librarians are busy and may lack time to engage patrons in regular active programming. In this session, presenters will share a wide range of passive programs that librarians can do at little to no cost, allowing patrons to feel like active participants in the library space and a part of the larger library community. **Free for members. \$40 for non-members.** [Register here.](#)

July 15 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Are You There Gen Z? It's Me, Library.

Today's tweens and teens are constantly attached to their cell phones, tablets, and laptop screens, so how can librarians encourage them to find what they need in the school library? Presenters will share a variety of interactive programs, digital literacy initiatives, and collaborative projects that captures their attention and pulls them in to foster a love for reading, learning, and creating. **Free for members. \$40 for non-members.** [Register here.](#)

Names in the News

[Midori Clark](#), director of Fort Worth Public Library, was recognized by Fort Worth Inc. as one of Fort Worth's 500 Most Influential People of 2025.

Dewey Goff, former Library Manager at the Kelly Air Force Base Engineering Library, has passed.

[Kate Horan](#), library director at the McAllen Public Library, was honored by U.S. Congresswoman

Monica De La Cruz for her leadership at the
McAllen Public Library.

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