$412,000 Raised for Texas Libraries through H-E-B Checkstand

We are thrilled to share that the H-E-B check stand campaign benefiting summer programs at Texas libraries was a huge success! Thanks to the generosity of H-E-B customers across the state, $412,000 was raised, nearly $40,000 more than in 2024! Thank you, H-E-B, for your continued support of Texas libraries!

Governor Abbott Calls Special Session

On July 9, Governor Abbott called for a **special session** of the 89th Legislature to convene Monday, July 21. The special session can last up to 30 days. **Eighteen items** are included in the Governor's agenda for the special session. While there are no library-specific topics included, the so-called "taxpayer-funded lobbying" issue, which would prohibit local governments from spending funds with associations that hire lobbyists, is on the agenda. This could have an impact on associations such as TLA. Review the special session agenda **here**.

Executive Board Candidates Applications Open Through July 25

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.

Nominate yourself or a colleague and share your talents and experience with TLA. Learn more and submit your nomination **here** by July 25.

Congratulations, 2025 Texas Book Festival Grant Recipients!

TLA has partnered with the Texas Book Festival (TBF) on its Texas Library Grant program since its inception. We are excited to share that 50 public libraries from across the state will receive collection enhancement grants from TBF to help meet the unique needs and interests of those they serve. Thank you to the TLA members who volunteered their time to help score the grant applications! Learn more about the 2025 Texas Library Grant Recipients **here**.

TLA Disaster Relief Fund Open for Donations and Grants

The Texas Library Association extends its deepest sympathies to all affected by the devastating floods in Central Texas. Libraries affected are encouraged to apply for the TLA Disaster Relief Grant. Please consider donating to bring hope and resources back to those in their time of need. **Apply** for a grant or **donate** to support affected libraries.

Save the Date: TLA District Fall Meetings

Many upcoming district meeting dates are final! The annual fall meetings are a great way for librarians, paraprofessionals, and trustees from all types of libraries to meet, network, and set a foundation for collaborative efforts. Registration for all district meetings will open in early August.

District meeting dates and locations are posted [here](#).

Shirley Robinson Elected to TSAE Board of Directors

We are proud to announce that TLA Executive Director, Shirley Robinson, is the Texas Society of Association Executives (TSAE) 2025-2026 Chair-Elect. TSAE is the association for association professionals in Texas, providing professional development, networking, and leadership opportunities. Congratulations Shirley!

TLA Learning Hub: New Courses Available

The **[TLA Learning Hub](#)** is an easy-to-use online learning platform designed for flexible, self-paced learning. With on-demand courses and bundles, you can continue professional development at your own pace.

New Learning Hub Courses available this month!

- **Passive Makes (Practically) Perfect: Using Passive Programming to Engage Patrons** ($25/members, $40/non-members)

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

July 31 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
SB13: **Understanding New Acquisition Requirements and Implications for Purchasing**

SB 13 is effective September 1, and school districts are expected to have an acquisition policy in place by the time the school year begins. Districts are required to post the list of library materials to be purchased for a 30-day public comment period, and school boards must approve the list before purchases are made. If districts have a Local School Library Advisory Council, the council must also review the purchase list and make recommendations to the board.

Presenters will share insights into policy updates, purchasing procedures, and collection development.

Submit questions and learn more about this session **here**. **Free for members. $40 for non-members. Register here.**

August 12 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
A Lifelong Love Affair: (Re-)Engaging Adult Library Users

How do you transform adults' nostalgic fondness for libraries into active utilization and engagement in your library today? Public librarians will offer insights and applicable solutions for building vibrant and successful adult programming, no matter your budgetary or staffing constraints! Learn how to renew your community's perception of the library as a vital hub for lifelong learning, personal enrichment, and social growth. **Free for members. $40 for non-members. Register here.**

Names in the News

Daniel Montgomery has been chosen as new the executive director of the American Library

Association.

Amy Keyes named library director of Taylor Public Library.

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