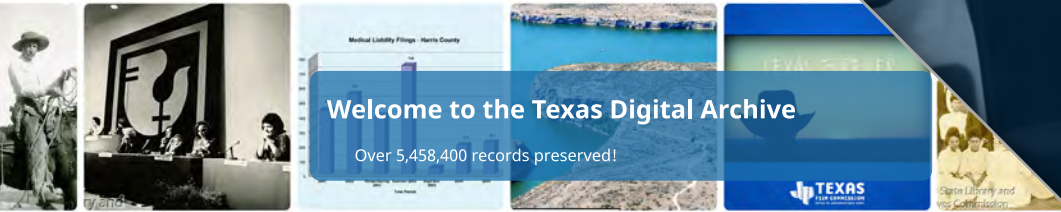




"We went from having absolutely no children in here to having almost all computers full all day long this summer. It has been a true lifesaver for our library. It will open the door to so many new options."

~ Electra Public Library in 2019, after receiving assistance from TSLAC to increase its broadband capacity

EXPLORE THE TEXAS DIGITAL ARCHIVE



Collections

	 Texas Governors' Records	 Manuscript Collections	 Prints and Photographs Collections	
 Agencies	 Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center	 Other Online Collections	 Online Exhibits	 State Publications Depository Program
 Special Collections	 Texas Judiciary			

FEATURED: Women's Rights

 Texas International Women's Year	 Erminia Thompson Folsom Lectures, Suffrage	 An early group of women registrants	 Women	 Erminia Thompson Folsom papers
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Texas State Library and Archives Commission
2019-2020 Biennial Report





Our Mission

To provide Texans access to the information needed to be informed, productive citizens by preserving the archival record of Texas; enhancing the service capacity of public, academic, and school libraries; assisting public agencies in the maintenance of their records; and meeting the reading needs of Texans with disabilities.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America proposed by the Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States of America at its First Session, begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, which amendment provides, in substance, that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex; and that Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

PROCLAMATION

And Whereas, both Houses of the Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States of America at its First Session, begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting in each House, have passed the following resolution:

 @TSLAC

TSLAC staff welcoming visitors to the special launch event opening the "Women's Power, Women's Vote" lobby gallery exhibit, June 2019.



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Letter from the Executive Director

I am pleased to present the 2019-2020 Biennial Report for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). Our Commission and team of dedicated staff take seriously our mission to “provide Texans the information they need to be informed, productive citizens.” That has never been more evident than during the Coronavirus pandemic.

- Since May 4, 2020, TSLAC has welcomed researchers to the reading room, the only library operated by a state agency that has been open to the public.
- Continuously throughout the pandemic, the staff of the State Records Center worked onsite to transfer vital administrative records to and from state offices.
- Since May, the staff of the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, Texas, served the needs of Texans in Southeast Texas.
- Using funds from the US CARES Act, TSLAC distributed nearly \$1.6 million in grants to 60 Texas libraries for COVID-19 response and digital inclusion projects.
- To meet the information needs of Texans during a time when many local libraries were closed, TSLAC brokered agreements with publishers to make available tens of thousands of electronic books and other e-resources at no additional cost to the state.
- Through programs such as TexShare, TexQuest, E-Read Texas, the Library Status Project, and the Texas Free WiFi Map, TSLAC ensured that students working at home, teleworkers, and other Texans were able to remotely access information they needed for school, work, and personal enrichment.
- Visually impaired and print-disabled Texans received thousands of books and reading materials via the Talking Book Program.

During 2019 and 2020, the TSLAC team also served the information needs of all Texans through a variety of projects. We worked to expand high-speed internet service to more than 150 Texas public libraries in mostly small and rural communities. We encouraged literacy and reading through numerous programs of the Texas Center for the Book. We provided technical support and resources to assist hundreds of K-12, public, and academic librarians deliver high-quality library service. And we awarded dozens of grants to support innovative library projects promoting STEM skills, workforce development, literacy, and digital inclusion for all ages in all parts of the state.

Libraries, archives, and public records programs are part of the bedrock of a literate, engaged, and democratic



society as well as a key to economic vitality for our state. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is committed to providing library and information services at the state and local level that will strengthen the economy, support student success, create sustainable communities, and connect rural residents.

I am honored to work with a dedicated commission and hardworking staff, and we look forward to sharing our accomplishments in serving the people of Texas.

Sincerely,

Mark Smith, Director and Librarian
Texas State Library and Archives Commission





About the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)

For more than a century, TSLAC's mission has been to ensure that citizens have access to the information they need to lead informed, productive, and fulfilled lives.

We live in an information-based economy, and the continued success of our state depends on citizens' access to information. TSLAC meets this need through educational programs designed to serve virtually every Texan regardless of age, geographic location, or ability. Our work is accomplished through the following agency divisions:

Archives and Information Services – Preserves and makes accessible the archival records of Texas, as well as U.S. and state government publications and a vast library collection.

Library Development and Networking – Enhances the capacity and resources of Texas public, academic, and school libraries.

State and Local Records Management – Assists state and local government agencies in maintaining public records.

Talking Book Program – Serves the reading needs of Texans with disabilities.

Executive Division - Texas Center for the Book – Stimulates public interest in books, reading, literacy, and libraries.

Our divisions accomplish their work from three locations, including the flagship Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in the Capitol Complex in downtown Austin, the State Records Center on Shoal Creek Boulevard in Austin, and the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty. From these facilities, our staff reach every corner of the state, and the impact of our work touches every county, through library systems, schools, municipal and county governments, regional records depositories, historical and literacy nonprofits, and communities and individuals.

INFORMING TEXANS THROUGH

- Education and Research Literacy
- Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity
- Open Government and Public Information
- The Historical Record of the State
- Technology and Global Communications
- Digital Access and Inclusion
- Informed and Innovative Communities



Highlights and Impact

The information resources, services, and programs TSLAC oversees support a vast scope of people, institutions, and government operations. The agency continues fulfilling its mission of more than 100 years to support libraries, learning, and the preservation of history, while also shaping and supporting an infrastructure for information access that brings equity across the state, provides quality information resources in diverse formats, and facilitates digital access and technological capacity for people of our state. TSLAC's work to ensure an informed citizenry also encompasses the essential work of maintaining state records. Access and care of public information is at the core of transparency and government accountability.

In FY 2019 and 2022 the agency made important strides in key service areas. A closer look at the work of each of the agency's program areas will be covered in subsequent sections of this report. However, it is helpful to examine the agency's work in broad areas of public interest.

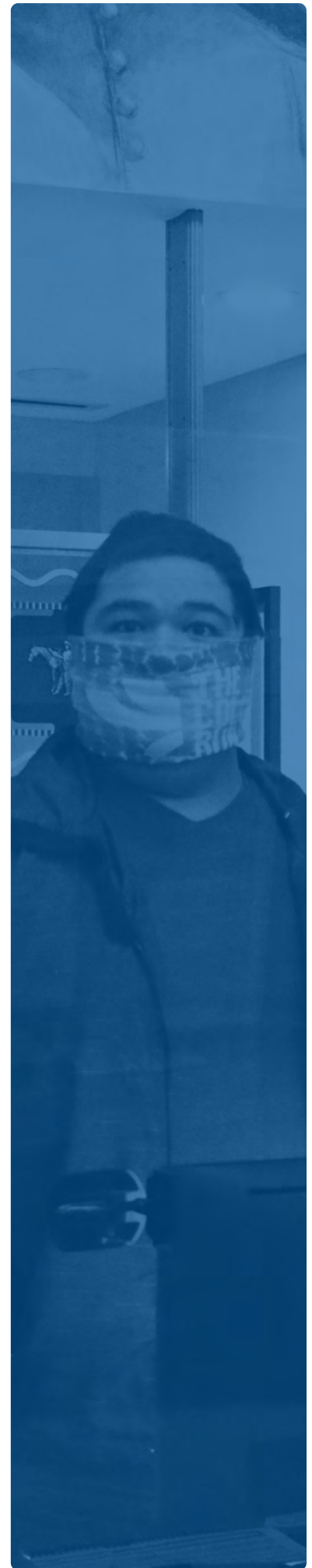
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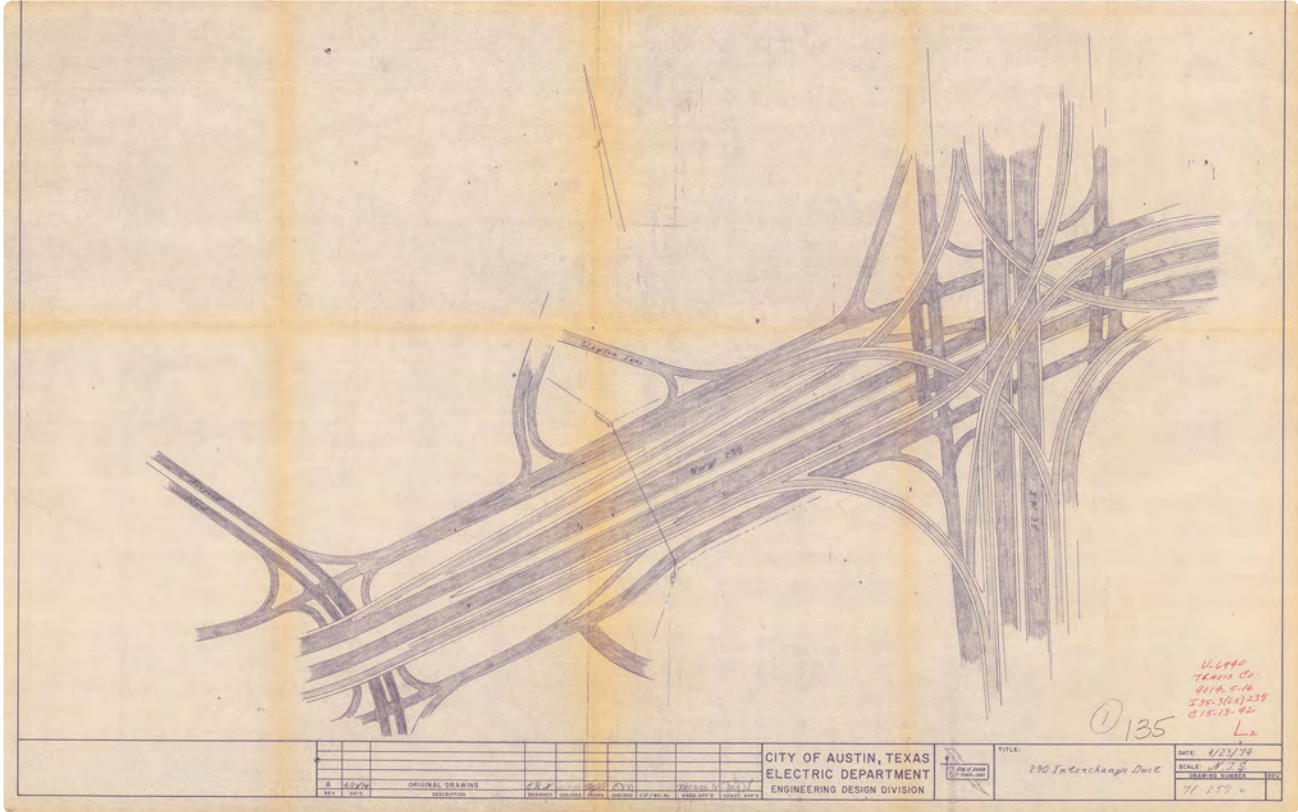
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"Bringing the Library to You"





DIGITIZATION AND INFORMATION STORAGE



00001052, Texas Department of Transportation Right of Way Division records.

TSLAC manages the complex needs of users in a dynamic information environment with resources and access strategies to support learning, government operations, and economic activity. TSLAC digitizes, stores, catalogues, preserves, and provides access to state records, government archives, historical assets, and other information resources. The spectrum of TSLAC information management work ultimately results in customers – the public, students, government officials, and state workers (among others) – having access to needed information at their desktops, on mobile devices, and other technology platforms.

The State and Local Records Management (SLRM) Division's **imaging service** offers other state agencies and local governments a secure and cost-effective solution for digitizing records. This process both increases access to the records while offering an ongoing means to preserve critical state information. This imaging function is a cost recovery service available to 150 state agencies and more than 10,000 units of local government.



IMPACT

In FY 2019

- Staff completed a total of **383,433 documents scanned, with 1,075 on-demand scans**.
- Using Archive Writer, staff **committed 790,405 images to microfilm**.
- Staff used specialized rotary cameras to film **916,736 documents**.

In FY 2020

- Staff completed a total of **419,916 documents scanned digitally, including 1470 on-demand scans**.
- Using Archive Writer, staff **committed 2,285,518 images to microfilm**.
- Staff used specialized rotary cameras to **film 458,305 documents**.

In FY 2019 and FY 2020 SLRM hosted the **annual E-Records Conference** in collaboration with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR). This forum drew hundreds of records management professionals and provided training in policies, best practices, and resources for maintaining digital records.

The **Texas Digital Archive (TDA)**, the official repository for the state's archival electronic records, now offers **almost 70 terabytes of digital records** – and this volume will only continue to increase. Staff regularly add new electronic collections to support access for researchers, expand the capacity of state agencies to access archival records, and benefit learning at all levels. New collection updates to the TDA include judicial records, Republic era records, agency files, and manuscript collections.

IMPACT

In FY 2019

- Archives staff **digitized 21,225 historical materials** and processed records by adding digital cataloging information to **make an additional 131,829 items available** online to the public.
- TDA staff **added 13.66 terabytes electronic records** (from 48,155.57 TB to 62,150.05 TB) consisting of both newly digitized records and born digital files for an **increase of 6,377,453 records**.

During FY 2019 several large-scale projects came to fruition, and many collections were added. Of special significance is the beginning of the Texas Department of Transportation Right of Way Division records, a multi-year project in coordination with TxDOT to scan all right of way documents held at the records center; the Senate recordings collection, which consists of digitized audio from the 62nd to the 79th Legislatures; the House recordings, which account for the 57th through 68th Legislatures; the continuation of a long-term project to digitize the Supreme Court M-case files; and the Governor Rick Perry Correspondence Tracking



System. The last project in this list includes some 2.8 million records, each of which has detailed information about inquiries submitted to the Governor's office.

In FY 2020

- Archives staff **digitized 42,765 historical materials** and processed records by adding digital cataloging information to **make an additional 202,000 items available** online to the public.
- The TDA added **2.29 TB electronic records** (from 62,150.05 TB to 64,491.56 TB) consisting of both newly digitized records and born digital files for an **increase of 742,816 records**.

FY 2020 saw the continuation of many active projects started or ongoing through FY 2019. In addition to those listed above, the Texas Tourism Development Agency photographs and films were added to the TDA (additions from this collection are expected in the future).

The **Talking Book Program's Duplication on Demand** service was launched in FY 2019. The service allows patrons access to books that are available on BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) as quickly as possible. Multiple books from patron-selected titles or through automatic selection are downloaded to cartridges and delivered to the patron's home or residence. The Duplication on Demand service and the BARD download, via computer or mobile app, enabled patrons to continue receiving recreational reading and educational resources throughout the pandemic, even as physical circulation of materials decreased due to safety considerations.

IMPACT

In FY 2019

- In addition to physical circulation of materials, **TBP patrons downloaded a total of 257,826 items**.
- **7,299 TBP patrons received 74,266 digital cartridges with 250,473 books** duplicated on demand.

In FY 2020

- In addition to physical circulation of materials, **TBP patrons downloaded a total of 293,269 items**.
- **10,124 TBP patrons received 139,875 digital cartridges with 450,875 books** duplicated on demand.

The increasing use of electronic means to generate and manage public sector records poses new challenges for information governance. TSLAC government information analysts are responding to the demand for support and assistance from records professionals across state and local government with continuous staff development, career training, and revisions to training materials to keep up with emerging information technologies.

In FY 2019 and FY 2020, the agency undertook a project to meet the immediate demand for expanding TSLAC's capacity to provide a records storage solution to state government. TSLAC contracted the Texas Facilities Commission to renovate office space located in a state-owned facility on Promontory Point Drive



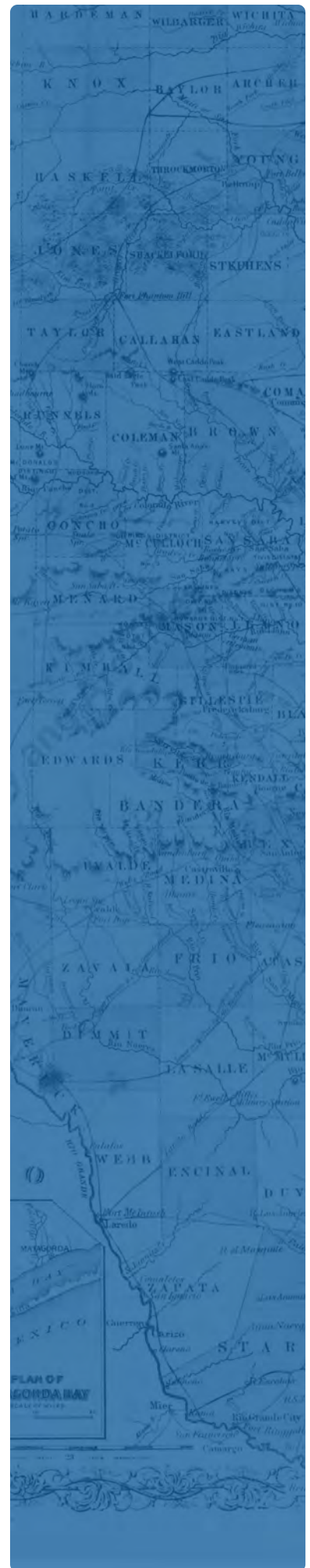
in Austin. Renovation of this 20,000-square-foot storage space will be completed in early 2021 and will create capacity for approximately **60,000 cubic feet of records**, serving the state’s agency records storage needs for the next five years. This short-term solution will allow the agency to meet these needs as TSLAC works to finalize plans to construct a new permanent, longer-term solution at the State Records Center to address the long-standing need for both archival storage and additional facilities to accommodate state agency records.

Case Study: Texas Department of Transportation Right of Way Division Records

Both SLRM and Archives and Information Services (ARIS) are working on imaging, processing, cataloging, storing, and making accessible this incredible body of state documentation. Texas Department of Transportation Right of Way records include legal and land records, maps, and images – many of a very large size. SLRM’s work on this massive project will make hundreds of thousands of these records accessible in an electronic format.

The records (both physical and long-term preservation digital copies) will be added to the State Archives, and the permanent digital files will be available through the Texas Digital Archive for public online access.

These records include conveyances, maps, and titles for property owned by the Texas Department of Transportation Right of Way Division. The Right of Way Division coordinates the acquisition of land to build, widen, or enhance highways and provides relocation assistance when needed. The division also coordinates utility adjustments, and the disposition and leasing of surplus real property owned by TxDOT. The records document these land transfers and date from 1924 to 2017. The records are part of an ongoing digitization project by TxDOT that has begun with the Austin District; the project will continue with other major-municipality districts and finish with the less populous ones.





INFORMATION AND BROADBAND EQUITY

Libraries hold a unique role in our society. Libraries serve as the “universal classroom” for all, a place where anyone can make use of resources to learn and improve their lives. This work includes providing resources for all people, including individuals with visual disabilities. Libraries are committed to providing equitable access to information, a fundamental principle equally significant in today’s digital environment.

TSLAC is at the center of this work in Texas. As the leader and convener for library interests statewide, the agency shapes programs and services to provide a strategic framework for digital access by assisting and equipping libraries in providing meaningful and stable digital participation to the public at large.

Over the last two years, TSLAC has awarded grant funds to cover the costs of technology equipment, provided training in technology planning and services, helped libraries secure federal E-rate discounts for telecommunications services through our Libraries Connecting Texas (LCT) program, and facilitated projects using state and federal funds to assist libraries in connecting to high-speed internet connections.

The agency’s work deploying federal CARES Act grant funding to libraries (see page 75) demonstrates the essential work of libraries – and the work of TSLAC in supporting them – in providing robust and secure internet access, technology, and online resources. Many libraries used these funds to increase WiFi connectivity, lend WiFi hotspots, purchase laptops and other devices for home use, and procure equipment to support virtual programming and delivery of information resources. Through TSLAC CARES grants, libraries were able to provide equipment to support digital inclusion:

- Hotspots
- Service contracts
- Internet/WiFi accessories
- Transmitters
- Hubs and routers
- WiFi access points
- Antenna
- Desktop computers and accessories
- Laptop computers and accessories
- Tablets
- Headphones
- Charging carts
- Webcams



IMPACT

In FY 2019

- TSLAC assisted 144 libraries in LCT to successfully apply for **\$1,049,222 in E-rate funding**.
- These libraries **increased their internet speeds** by an average of over **1053%**.

In FY 2020

- For E-Rate funding year 2020, TSLAC assisted 157 LCT libraries to successfully apply for **\$654,914.06 in E-rate funding**.
- Sixteen of these libraries **increased their bandwidth** by an average of **63%**.

Overall

- LCT applications now represent 67% of E-rate funded library applications in Texas.
- The average price per Mbps for LCT libraries has dropped from \$5.84 per Megabit to \$4.52 per Megabit.
- The average bandwidth for LCT libraries has increased from around 70 Mbps to 450 Mbps.
- Before this project, only about 23% of Texas public libraries received federal E-Rate discounts; with the additional libraries, the total number of libraries receiving E-Rate discounts is now 32%.

TSLAC partnership with the Lonestar Education and Research Network

Using funds from the U.S. CARES Act designated to encourage broadband access in public libraries, TSLAC entered a partnership with the Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) to bring access to libraries serving small and rural communities.

- LEARN is a non-profit organization that manages a high-speed internet backbone for most colleges and universities and some K-12 districts in Texas.
- These funds allowed “last-mile” fiber access to these communities, creating mostly one-gigabit connections (two will have 500-megabit connections) that would not have been possible for years.
- This public-private partnership will make broadband available to businesses and individuals in those communities.
- Libraries serving communities such as Jacksonville, Muleshoe, Grapeland, Upshur County, Cochran County, Friona, and several others.
- This project is set to go live providing stable, affordable, super high-speed internet for libraries and communities starting in March 2021.



Case Study: Free Texas WiFi Map

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission, in partnership with Texas Legal Services Center / Texas Law Help and the Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, launched the [Texas Free WiFi Map](#) last summer, after work throughout the pandemic to poll libraries as to their status and to assist them in providing and expanding public internet access.



The interactive online map provides up-to-date location information for public drive-up WiFi hotspots provided by Texas libraries, schools, and nonprofits. The Texas Free WiFi Map is searchable, zoomable, and perfect for educators and students, as well as members of the general public requiring internet access for activities such as accessing library services, skill and workforce development, online job and government applications, virtual court appearances, WiFi-based telephone calls, research, business development, and more. It provides site-specific login instructions for users.

This resource highlights many intersecting areas of TSLAC activities, including support for libraries, assistance with technology and broadband, and public information access. With thousands of Texas families lacking reliable home internet access, particularly throughout the pandemic, the map allows users to enter their address and search for free available WiFi locations that are accessible outside. Additional features include security tips for users and the ability to create, download, and print custom maps of more than 500 free, public WiFi locations. The map is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#).



The TSLAC booth at the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference is always very busy and popular, providing paper and electronic information about our resources, as well as promotional items and in-person consultations to Texas librarians, library workers, educators, authors, and other allied information professionals.



The People's Library

Access to knowledge is the basis for success, both personal and communal. TSLAC provides a broad array of resources and services directly to the people of the state. There is no question that the supply of information resources today seems endless, but access to quality and curated collections is essential for meaningful knowledge experiences.

The role of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission is unique among educational institutions. It is to assist in providing the wide population of our state with quality, useable, broad, and deep resources to support individual learning, school and college curricula, economic activity, workforce development, educational attainment, innovation, health and wellness, and a love of reading. To accomplish this large mandate, TSLAC works in collaboration with libraries and educational institutions statewide to deliver programs and resources.

The agency marshals the buying power and cost-efficiency of the state to leverage funds. In doing so, TSLAC makes it possible for libraries to offer hundreds of thousands of electronic resources – books, journals, reports, videos, maps, photographs, tutorials, interactive learning tools, and much more – to their communities. Individually, libraries would simply be unable to afford these resources.

Through the digital content programs of TexShare (public and academic libraries), TexQuest (for K-12 environments), and E-Read Texas (public libraries and self-serve), TSLAC helps deliver library resources to people at their fingertips. These resources add to the agency's own digital collections of archival materials, library research materials, genealogical resources, and other unique agency collections.

TSLAC also supports statewide learning by providing training and consulting services for library staff, development of programs and outreach methodologies, supporting interlibrary loan of books among libraries, and providing incentives through grants and other opportunities for libraries to innovate and strengthen programming at all levels.

TSLAC's Talking Book Program annually serves nearly 15,000 Texas who cannot read standard print. This service is a lifeline for a vulnerable sector of our population with few options for educational and reading materials. Book discussions and reader services supply the human touch that can so often be absent in many areas of government service.

"I have Multiple Sclerosis and have used the Talking Book service for the last 20 years. The selections are very varied, and I usually have one or two on hand most of the time." Beth A. (Summer 2020)



IMPACT

In FY 2019

- Through TSLAC's cost-leveraging, we helped libraries statewide achieve a **cost avoidance of \$259,052,739** for electronic library resources.
- Using a standard market rate for an audiobook of \$20, the **combined value of the 981,200 materials** circulated or downloaded in the Talking Book Program would be **\$19,624,000**.
- TSLAC reported 2018 statistics for Texas public libraries and worked in partnership with them to support staff, equip facilities, and provide resources.

Statewide Public Library Totals

- Total library circulation (physical and digital): **117,584,257**
- Total digital (downloadable) circulation: **18,312,824**
- Total in-person visits to public libraries: **65,994,902**
- Total annual use of public computers: **11,339,013**
- Total interlibrary loan requests received: **648,346**
- Total interlibrary loan requests filled: **657,821**

In FY 2020

- Through cost leveraging, TSLAC helped libraries statewide achieve a **cost avoidance of \$228,004,388** for electronic resources.
- Using a standard market rate for an audiobook of \$20, the **combined value of the 1,057,036 materials** circulated or downloaded in the Talking Book Program would be **\$21,140,720**.
- TSLAC reported on the 2019 statistics for Texas public libraries and worked in partnership with them to support staff, equip facilities, and provide resources.

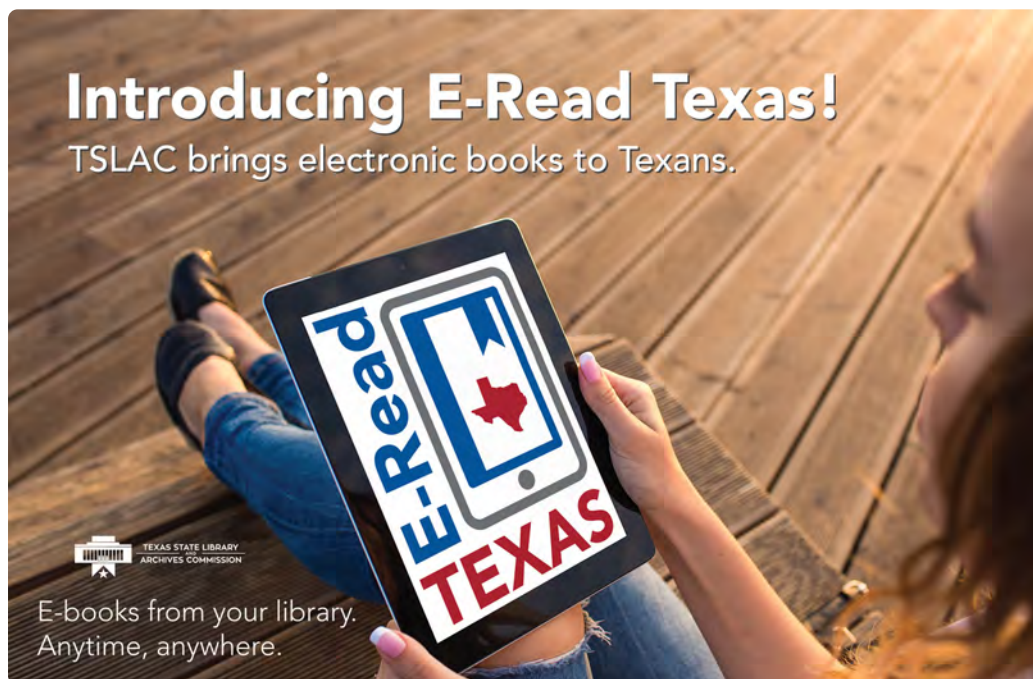
Statewide Public Library Totals

- Total library circulation (physical and digital): **116,248,374**
- Total digital (downloadable) circulation: **17,268,506**
- Total in-person visits to public libraries: **65,789,403**
- Total annual use of public computers: **11,297,599**
- Total interlibrary loan requests received: **688,098**
- Total interlibrary loan requests filled: **643,767**



Case Study: E-Read Texas

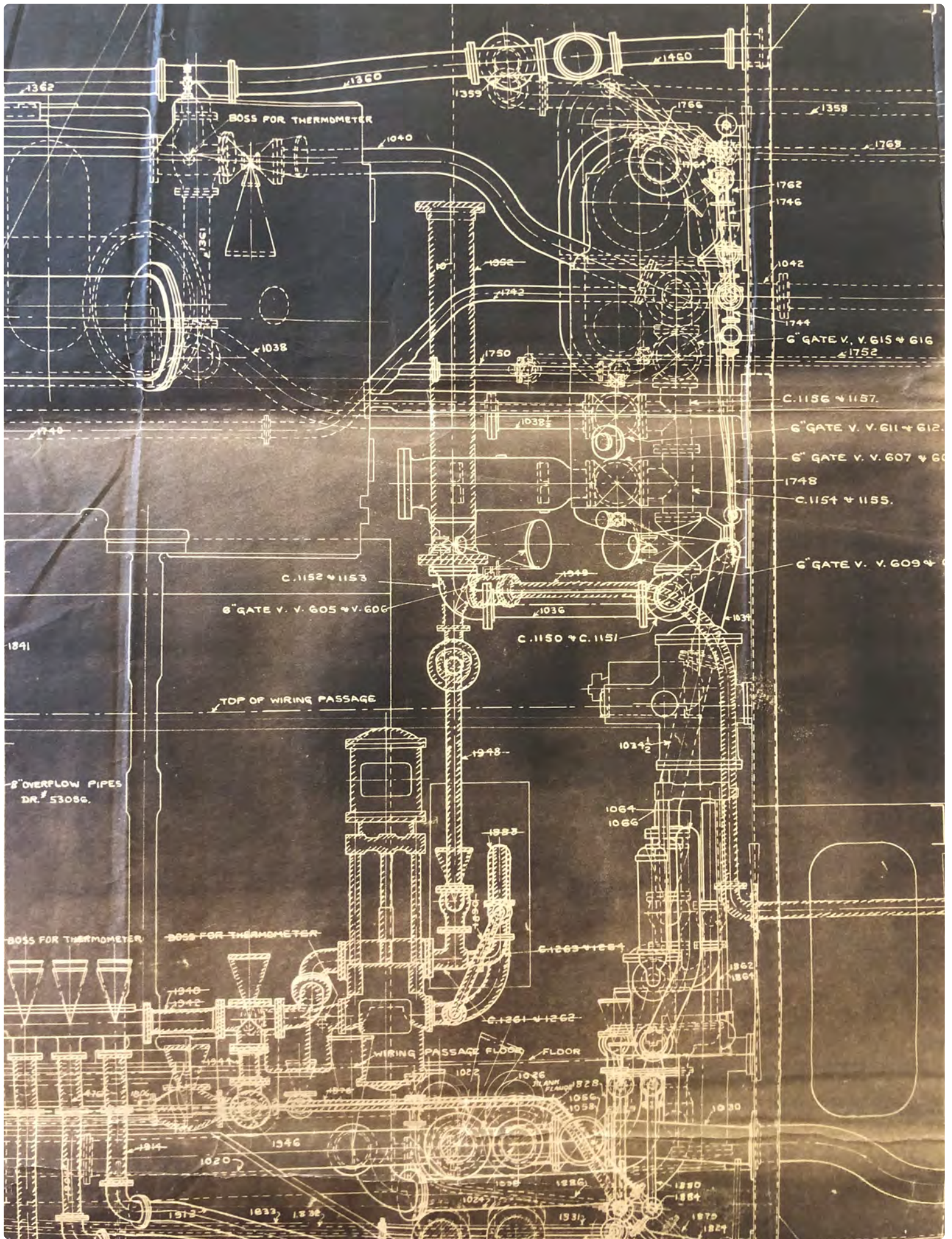
Launched in July of 2019 and expanded in 2020, E-Read Texas is an online program that makes electronic books freely available through the SimplyE app, which is easily downloadable at no cost through an app store. The initial phase of the project provided digital content for patrons of public libraries serving communities with populations of fewer than 100,000 people.



TSLAC recognized the need to offer Texans access to high-demand materials through their public libraries, and E-Read Texas was designed to provide diverse reading materials to Texans in collaboration with local libraries. TSLAC partnered with Amigos Library Services to make SimplyE, an open-source e-book platform, available to as many as 225 small and medium-sized community libraries to allow users to check out and read e-books provided by their local library.

The E-Read Texas program includes a collection of general-interest adult fiction and non-fiction e-books. Libraries are able to stretch local book budgets by using these e-books to supplement their existing collections, all of which are available through the SimplyE platform.

Most recently, TSLAC added new materials to E-Read Texas and launched E-Read Texas for Kids, including a collection of more than 600 titles from Teacher Created Materials, including the TIME for Kids series. A majority of the titles comprise juvenile nonfiction, including science, mathematics, sports, history, and art, in both English and Spanish.



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History and Preservation

Every day the state of Texas creates and collects records that document the rights of its citizens and the actions of the government that serves them. Many of these records are considered to have enduring value and must be retained permanently. TSLAC plays a critical role in preserving the state's history and the rights of its citizens. Through cost-effective practices, the agency has efficiently provided careful stewardship of these resources and made them available for public inspection for more than 110 years.

TSLAC's Archives and Information Services Division (ARIS) preserves and documents the shared heritage and culture of Texas by identifying, collecting, cataloging, and making available for research the permanently valuable official archival records of Texas government dating back to the 18th century, as well as newspapers, journals, books, manuscripts, photographs, historical maps, artifacts, and other significant historical resources. From treasures such as the first Texas Constitution to government digital records, ARIS maintains and provides access to more than 200 million pages of archival documents in the State Archives. Taken together, these holdings provide a historical foundation for present-day governmental actions and are an important resource for Texas scholarship.

In addition to the ongoing work of processing archival records, serving the public, fulfilling research and Public Information Act requests, conducting educational outreach, digitizing records, conducting conservation treatment, and preserving electronic archives through the TDA, ARIS undertook key initiatives in FY 2019 and FY 2020. The division created and began implementing a Strategic Plan for the Texas State Archives 2021-2025, a holistic plan to manage the state's records, maximize resources, and build toward greater public access.

ARIS also entered into a partnership with Ancestry.com to provide increased access to state genealogical resources and completed a project with the Texas Historical Foundation to preserve and provide access to the early Texas Supreme Court case files. This work involved the humidification, flattening, processing, and indexing of the files. Staff then moved on to digitization and metadata creation to ensure public access to these rare and important judicial records from 1840 to 1867, which are now available in the TDA.

One of TSLAC's duties is to recover records alienated from state custody. Under Texas law (Texas Government Code §441.191), it is illegal for state government records to be sold or removed from public custody unless done in accordance with established, legal retention procedures. Unfortunately, TSLAC, like many other government and manuscript repositories, has lost thousands of historical records to theft. Working in concert with the Office of the Attorney General, TSLAC's archives staff and general counsel have repatriated many judicial and Republic era records.

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IMPACT

FY 2019

- Staff led 46 tours, events, and educational activities.
- Archivists processed 793 cubic feet of backlog records and 249 cubic feet of incoming records.

FY 2020 to date-

- Staff led 38 tours, events, and educational activities.
- Archivists processed 924 cubic feet of backlog records and 176 cubic feet of incoming records.

"In spite of COVID, the staff have been brilliant, responding quickly with vital information to our documentary project. Thank you so much!!" Patron (July 2020)

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4/20/20	Email to Ref Desk inbox	<i>Thank you for your timely response!</i>
4/10/20	Email to Ref Desk inbox	<i>Thank you so much! That was very fast!</i>
4/8/20	Email to Ref Desk inbox	<i>Thank you! What a lot of great resources you have given me. I look forward to pursuing them</i>
4/8/20	Email to Ref Desk inbox	<i>Thank you so much for all your hard work -- continuing to help researchers during this difficult period.</i>
3/20/20	Response on SurveyMonkey	<i>Thank you all so much for the quick response, especially given the difficult times we are all in currently.</i>
3/17/20	Email to Ref Desk inbox	<i>Thanks, you all are rock stars!</i>
3/17/20	Response on SurveyMonkey	<i>Just a thank you for your enthusiastic cooperation.</i>
3/17/20	Response on SurveyMonkey	<i>specific information that led me directly to what I needed for a book project. Done with enthusiasm and expertise.</i>
3/10/20	Email to Ref Desk inbox	<i>After a few tries, I was successful in transferring the image of the document to my PowerPoint pages. Thanks VERY much for your prompt attention to my request.</i>



3/6/20 Response on SurveyMonkey

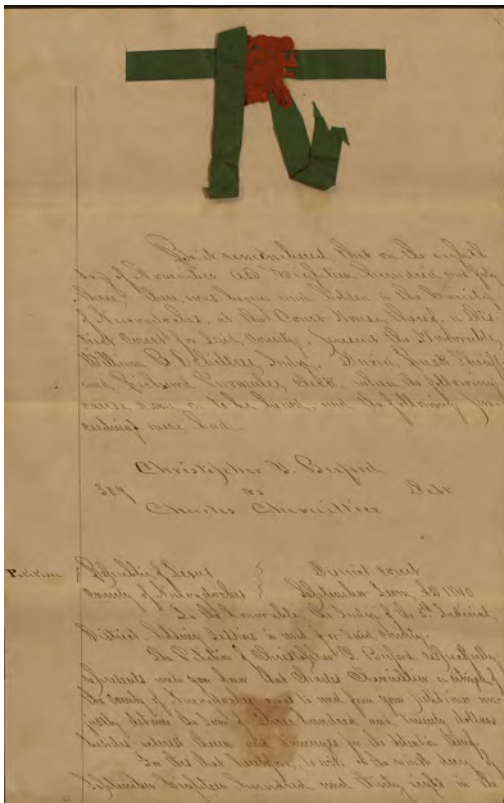
The self-service overhead scanner is a great addition to the research room. There's a small learning curve and the results are excellent. I pulled papers from the Throckmorton papers. The staff (Caroline in this case) was helpful as always.

3/5/20 Email to Ref Desk inbox

Thank you so much for the information and for taking the time to check the State Publications Index. I appreciate your time and effort!

Case Study: Texas Supreme Court Records

TSLAC holds Texas Supreme Court case files dating from 1841 to 2004. Case files that date between 1841 and 1892 are known as [M case files](#) because the Court renumbered them in the 1940s with an M prefix to resolve problems caused by duplicate numbering systems. These case files include Supreme Court cases from the Republic era, the Civil War, and Reconstruction, and cover important topics from the 19th century, including slavery, property, and the rights of women, freed people of color, and other minorities. They document the workings of government, matters of business and law, and the experiences of past Texans.



Digitizing the M case files makes these records available to the public through any internet-connected device, while also preserving the original documents from regular exposure and handling. Early case files are fragile due to pest destruction, iron gall ink deterioration, water damage, the nature of the materials (such as “onion skin” paper), and the age of the documents. Below, we will go over the Supreme Court M case files available in the Texas Digital Archive (TDA) and ways to access M case files.

Digitized image of [Texas Supreme Court case file M-12a](#), *Buford v. Chevallier*, 1844.



REPLEVIN

The Archives and Information Services Division maintains a web page, [Materials Missing from the State Archives](#), detailing the types of documents known to be missing. Members of the public, rare books and manuscripts dealers, historians, attorneys, and others regularly contact the State Archives to report items that may belong to the state and thus be eligible for replevin, a legal action to recover property, including public records, that has been improperly or illegally taken from the owning or custodial entity. Archivists investigate the items and compare the descriptive information to in-house databases and other resources. [Texas Government Code §441.192](#) allows TSLAC to demand the return of items removed from state agencies in an unlawful manner. Hundreds of documents have been returned to the State Archives through this recovery process.



Researchers in the State Archives Reading Room (pre-pandemic).



“Bringing the Library to You”

The 86th Legislature authorized the agency to advertise its educational programs and resources to the public. This new authority has positioned TSLAC to better help Texans benefit from the materials freely available to them. Educational resources, digital content, research and historical materials, and services can be accessed online. Additionally, the Talking Book Program, which serves only a fraction of the eligible population of the visually disabled, can now reach out meaningfully to the public to make them aware of the state’s investment in them.

TSLAC developed its advertising program to increase awareness of state educational resources by launching targeted but robust social media campaigns. These efforts were directed at caregivers and people with visual disabilities to help them understand and sign up for TBP services.

Additionally, the agency developed a campaign to make parents and students aware of the free educational databases and e-books available that could be used to support education and recreation, particularly during the pandemic.

The main theme of this work is to show Texans that TSLAC and the State of Texas are “bringing the library to you.” With a modest investment, the agency was able to reach hundreds of thousands of Texans.

IMPACT

- Talking Book Program ads reached **398,866** Texans
- Library E-content ads reached **270,848** Texans
- Texas WiFi Map ads reached **387,134** Texans

The infographic features a blue background with a semi-transparent image of a person wearing a headset and working at a computer. The text is overlaid in white and bold.



The Reference Reading Room in the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building offers a wealth of resources for readers and researchers, including public computer access.



TALKING BOOK PROGRAM – ADVERTISEMENT

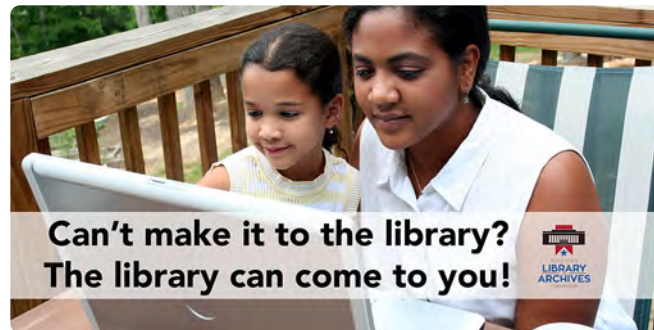
“My other library is the Talking Book Program” ad: July 17- August 7, 2020



E-RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC VIA THE TEXSHARE LIBRARY RESOURCE SHARING PROGRAM – ADVERTISEMENT

“Working remotely?” ad series: March 24- April 6, 2020

“Working remotely?” ad series: April 21- 28, 2020



FREE PUBLIC WI-FI PLACES FOR TEXANS – ADVERTISEMENT

“Find a free WiFi hotspot near you” ad series for Texas Free WiFi Map:

October 27- November 30





Operations in the COVID-19 emergency period

TSLAC staff have worked with dedication and purpose to continue serving the people of Texas during this time of unprecedented uncertainty and need. Like most agencies, TSLAC implemented a hybrid approach to operations relying on telework, remote service strategies, and on-site work following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to promote safety, mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and fulfill our mission. Within a week of the governor's executive order to implement safety procedures, TSLAC transitioned most staff to telework while developing CDC-compliant processes for conducting business on-site.

The agency focused on two primary directives: safety and meeting the pressing demand for services and educational resources from the public, communities, and government partners. As often in times of crisis, people depend on public services, resources, guidance, and training more than ever before. This support is essential to providing a sense of stability and recovery for individuals and communities and assures that the state's business operates effectively and efficiently.

TSLAC staff rose to the challenge by not only continuing established service programs but also by expanding training, more than tripling its outreach to librarians, and securing hundreds of thousands of additional free educational resources for Texas through our TexShare program and our new e-book service, E-Read Texas. Records management staff delivered training in key areas to state records personnel and quickly developed resources to help staff negotiate the workflow and records questions arising from the dramatic increase in statewide teleworking and virtual services. Library staff undertook a new federal relief program and awarded grants within four months of first learning about the availability of funds to support pandemic response through libraries, all while developing new resources to assist Texas libraries in planning for changes in services patterns.

The agency's State and Local Records Management (SLRM) Division's storage and retrieval operations at the State Records Center (SRC) as a specified essential state function, remained in operation throughout the pandemic with the necessary on-site personnel to ensure state agencies have access to records needed for their operations. In addition to the essential work of managing state records (accepting transfers of records, delivering agency records from storage, and coordinating the destruction of records that have reached the end of their retention period), the SRC continued its work fulfilling imaging contracts for state and local government partners. Government information analysts provided remote phone and email consultation, support that is available to the more than 10,000 units of local governments and 150 state agencies. This team also continued reviewing and assisting in the development of statewide and local government retention schedules.

The agency temporarily paused its on-site public service areas and Talking Book Program (TBP) circulation, while continuing remote customer service by fulfilling research and reference requests. On Monday, May 4, 2020 TSLAC began once again accepting researchers into the de Zavala Building and at the Sam Houston



Center in Liberty on an appointment basis. TSLAC is the only state library or research facility that has been open to the public during this time. Archives staff have also responded to hundreds of research requests via phone, email, and referring researchers to online materials on the TSLAC website and in the Texas Digital Archive (TDA).

During April and May, TSLAC operations resumed to levels compatible with state directives. In addition to the ongoing work responding to public research requests, Archives and Information Services (ARIS) prioritized requests for copies of records by state and federal agencies. To maximize touchless responses, staff are digitizing requested records and transmitting them to requestors via online platforms such as Box. The division also continues to develop public access resources and manage the agency's collections at the de Zavala Building in Austin and at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty.

The Talking Book Program also resumed physical circulation of materials to its patrons. Throughout the pandemic, TBP has continued providing access to audio books through the Braille Audio and Recording Download (BARD) service, which is the online system for digitally ordering and downloading audiobooks onto personal devices or reading machines provided through the program. TBP also provides access to magazines and books available on our website that patrons can download directly for use with approved reading devices. Additionally, TBP staff and volunteers recalibrated operations of the program's recording studio since the facility was closed to volunteers. Innovations by staff and a very committed group of volunteers led to a plan for personal at-home recording studios to continue the important work of recording Texas-specific reading materials for patrons of the service.

TSLAC's Administrative Services encompasses the executive office, information technology, human resources, general counsel, facilities management, accounting, grants management, purchasing, communications, and support services. These units managed transitioning staff from the office work environment to telework and implemented new shift and social distancing protocols for onsite work. In addition to updating policies to shape the new COVID-19 work environment and meeting new reporting requirements, administrative services procured the needed equipment, software licenses (such as videoconferencing capabilities for all staff), personal protective equipment, and resources needed by staff to continue working and serving the public.

The agency's Information Technology Services (ITS) division worked not only to transition and support staff but all to ensure the security of transactions. The human resources department responded to the needs of staff for information and support related to pandemic operations and concerns, while addressing changes in payroll administration resulting from new state and federal policies. The communications office offered new services for staff while providing the public with current and frequent updates on TSLAC services and resources.



TSLAC BOOSTED ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC LIBRARY RESOURCES THROUGH COVID-19

In May 2020, the agency worked with two TexShare vendors who offered to allow TexShare members (libraries across Texas) to participate in a free 90-day trial of additional e-books hosted on their respective platforms. TSLAC accepted their offers, working under the emergency measures in effect as a result of Governor Abbott's March 13 disaster declaration to support communities' ability to respond to the pandemic. Ordinarily, such trials would not be allowed outside of a formal solicitation.

EBSCO provided complimentary access to the following e-book collections through the EBSCO eBooks e-resource on EBSCOhost through July 20, 2020:

- [K-8 Collection](#) (15,000 e-books)
- [High School Collection](#) (12,100 e-books)
- [Education Collection](#) (4,300 e-books)
- [Academic Collection](#) (201,500 e-books)
- [Business Collection](#) (21,200 e-books)
- [History Collection](#) (18,700 e-books)
- [Public Library Collection](#) (47,400 e-books)

Total # of e-books in each collection is not exact and there is some duplication in titles across collections.

These curated EBSCO eBooks collections include titles for both juveniles and adults. The Academic Collection covers a wide range of subjects, and the Education Collection covers a broad range of education topics from curriculum building to student behavior and dynamics. The K-8 and High School Collections include some fiction as well as popular nonfiction titles. All EBSCO eBooks include unlimited use access with no turnaways. They are available to users through the EBSCO eBooks website, and for users with individual free EBSCO accounts as downloadable PDFs.

The retail value of the collections provided by EBSCO was \$ 1,875,000, and if the state had subscribed to the resources for a 90-day period the cost would have been \$100,000. During the three-month trial period, the e-books were viewed or downloaded 340,338 times. The primary users of the EBSCO e-books were community colleges and smaller four-year universities.

ProQuest provided complimentary access to the following e-book collections on the ProQuest E-book Central platform through July 9, 2020:

- [Academic Complete](#) (182,000 titles)
- [University Press](#) (29,000 titles)
- [Reference Collection](#) (813 titles)
- [Public Library Complete](#) (41,339 titles)

LIST OF ITEMS FUNDED THROUGH TSLAC CARES

Hotspots: personal WiFi devices

- Hotspot devices
- Service contracts
- Accessories

WiFi: Materials, supplies, and services that expand the WiFi reach of the library

- Transmitters
- Hubs and routers
- WiFi access points
- Antenna

Devices: Electronic devices and any accompanying equipment

- Desktop computers and accessories
- Laptop computers and accessories
- Tablets
- Headphones
- Charging carts
- Webcams

E-Resources: E-books, databases, or subscription-based services that expand patron and library staff access and/or connection to one another and available resources

- E-books
- Databases (Hoopla, Brainfuse, A-Z Databases, etc.)
- Subscription services (Zoom, etc.)



These curated ProQuest Ebook Central collections provide nonfiction and reference materials covering a broad range of topics, from popular interest and career development to multidisciplinary curriculum support. All Ebook Central collections provided through TexShare included unlimited use access with no turnaways.

The retail value of the collections provided by ProQuest was \$1,900,000, and if the state had subscribed to the resources for a 90-day period the cost would have been \$95,000. During the three-month trial period, e-books were viewed or downloaded 2,136,644 times, which includes not only views of the entire book but also chapter requests. The primary users of the ProQuest materials were larger four-year public and private universities.

COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

During the first days and weeks of the statewide pandemic response in the spring of 2020, TSLAC corralled multiple resources for its audiences of libraries and library workers, state and local governments, elected officials, educators and students, our own patrons, and the general public through the creation of new websites and resources, including:

- [COVID-19 Services](#), a website detailing TSLAC's continuity of service and up-to-date contact information.
- [Serving Under COVID-19: Resources and Operations to Support Texans and State and Local Governments](#), a website summarizing relevant resources, including TSLAC's online databases, online research information, grant opportunities, services for the elderly and visually impaired, support for local libraries, and more.
- [COVID-19 Information and Resources for Library Workers](#), a regularly updated, one-stop shop that includes the Texas Library Status Project (collating and sharing current service updates for libraries statewide); the TSLAC Reopening Libraries: Resource Guide, a downloadable document providing a series of questions to consider when reopening; TSLAC service updates; and links to relevant outside resources from governmental and libraries agencies.
- [COVID-19 Resource Information from the Disability Information & Referral Center \(DIRC\)](#), a sub-site of the Talking Book Program providing links to relevant resources.



Online Programs:
equipment, supplies,
and training needed
to offer patron
programming online.

- Recording equipment (cameras, microphones, editing software, etc.)
- Advertising costs
- Training costs

Curbside Services:
supplies, materials,
and equipment
needed to provide
curbside services to
patrons

- Supplies (bookcarts, bags, bins, hand-held scanners, etc.)
- Grab-and-Go kit contents
- Directional signage
- Advertising costs

Sanitation and PPE: supplies and equipment used to provide a safer library space for patrons and staff

- Gloves
- Masks
- Sanitizer
- Plexi-shields
- Directional signage
- Cleaning supplies
- Janitorial services

- [Texas Free WiFi Map](#), a joint project of TSLAC, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, and Texas Legal Services Center – TexasLawHelp.org, an interactive online map providing up-to-date location information for public drive-up WiFi hotspots provided by Texas libraries, schools, and nonprofits. The map is searchable, zoomable, and useful for educators and students, as well as members of the general public requiring internet access for activities such as accessing library services, skill and workforce development, online job and government applications, virtual court appearances, WiFi-based telephone calls, research, business development and more.

CARES ACT FUNDING

TSLAC received \$2.6 million in funding through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These funds were part of a \$50 million appropriations in the stimulus funding earmarked for U.S. libraries. The Act specified that the funds should be spent to assist libraries in digital inclusion efforts as well as COVID-19 prevention, response, and recovery.

TSLAC developed a two-pronged approach to disseminating grants funds. One component of this program centered on grants to libraries, while the other component focused on deployment of broadband capacity. Through the grant program, more than \$1.5 million dollars have been distributed in grants to libraries statewide through two application cycles. The first grant cycle was initiated in late spring of 2020 to help provide fast response to libraries and communities dealing with COVID-19. In July, TSLAC awarded a total of \$1,026,000 to 38 libraries. The second grant cycle awarded \$550,000 to 28 libraries across the state in September. A list of recipients is included in Appendix B.

The second component of the funding plan is dedicated to bringing libraries in remote areas into existing broadband networks such as the Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) or the Educational Service Centers (ESCs). TSLAC has until September 2021 to spend these funds.

ACCREDITATION

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has adopted a strategy to assist libraries as they cope with changes in service hours, funding, and staffing due to COVID-19. The changes in these metrics will be reflected in libraries' annual reports of activities, which is the basis for annual state accreditation. In order to prevent

LIST OF ITEMS FUNDED THROUGH TSLAC CARES (CONT.)

Contactless or Automated Services: equipment, supplies, or services that promote social distancing

- Self-checkout kiosks
- Teleconference services (tutoring, ask a librarian, health, etc.)
- Book bins
- 24/7 access
- Lockers

Furniture: furniture items requested to promote social distancing

- Study carrels
- Tables with built in power
- Additional indoor and outdoor seating



libraries from losing accreditation due to unforeseen circumstances, TSLAC adopted an emergency waiver provision in rule to assure libraries that they would not necessarily lose accreditation if they fail to meet an accreditation standard due to a situation created by a disaster, emergency, or other extraordinary hardship.

In these very challenging times, TSLAC is committed to supporting libraries throughout the state and working to ensure that we continue to serve the people of Texas. Now more than ever, libraries are desperately needed, and the Commission stands ready to help libraries.

PUBLIC ACCESS

The Archives Reading Room at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin has been open to the public since May 4, 2020, the only library operated by a state agency providing service during the pandemic. The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty has also been open since May, and the museum since September. Call-in reference and email reference services are available, as are requests for scheduled appointments to consult with paper archival records.

Since May of 2020, reference staff have answered 2,139 research requests submitted via email alone. Also since March 2020, staff have responded to requests from 89 state agencies, including the Legislative Reference Library, Commission on Environmental Quality, Historical Commission, Legislative Council, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, and General Land Office.

TSLAC specialists are also continuing to increase the number of digitized archival materials available for the public. The [Texas Digital Archive](#) has grown to 69 terabytes of born digital and digitized materials available for free online to browse, search, and download. A wealth of historical materials from our library collections and archival holdings are also accessible [through our website](#), including databases, special online exhibits, virtual versions of our lobby exhibits, maps, newspapers, genealogical collections, and more.

TSLAC promoted these resources to the researchers, students, educators, and the public through press releases, magazine and newspaper features, radio interviews, library directors, agency blogs, and regular social media posts.



Sunset Review and Key Legislation from the 86th Legislature

The 86th Legislature reauthorized TSLAC for another 12 years via HB 1962, the TSLAC Sunset bill. The Sunset Commission report noted, “The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) zealously performs its mission to provide Texans with the information needed to lead informed, productive, and fulfilled lives by supporting libraries throughout the state, managing the state archives, and helping government agencies properly manage records.”

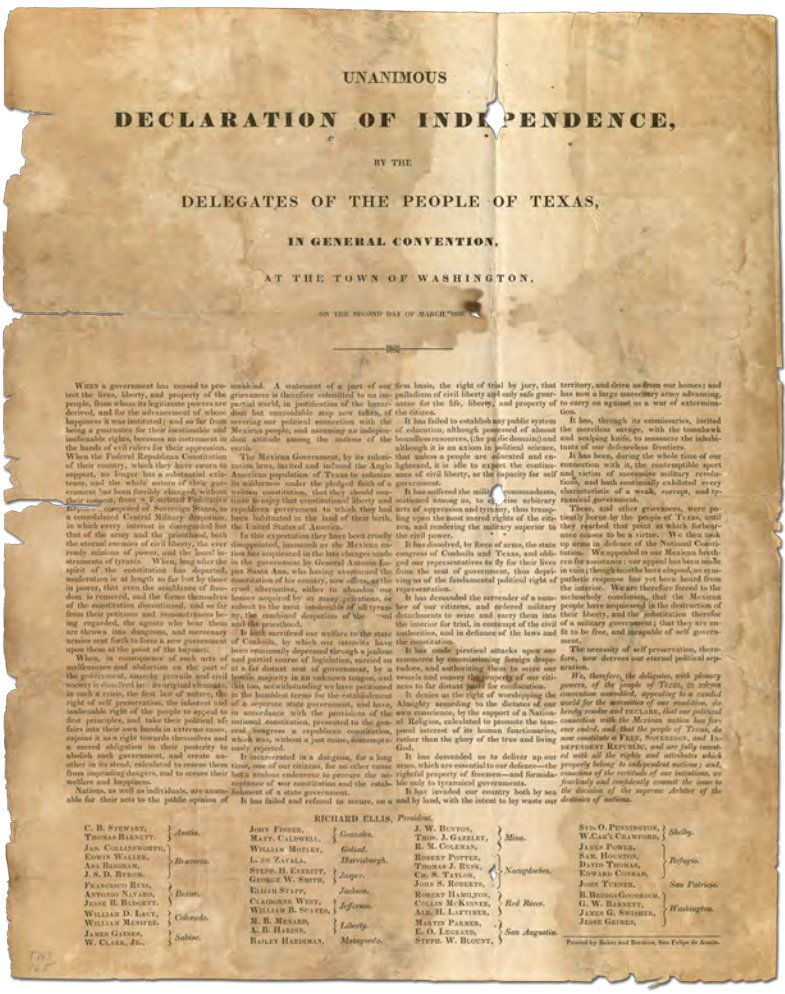
Some key provisions include:

- *Advertising* – The agency was given authority to advertise services. The communications office working in concert with division staff has already undertaken very successful social media marketing campaigns for the Talking Book Program and statewide library resources.
- *Selling educational materials* – TSLAC was given the ability to sell reproductions of archival materials with any revenue to be used for archival preservation, digitization, and education. The agency has entered into a partnership with the State Preservation Board and has plans to develop specialized educational and historical materials showcasing the state’s archival holdings.
- *Legislative records* – HB 1962 transferred ownership and physical custody of legislative records to the Legislative Reference Library (LRL). These provisions, however, were superseded by HB 4181 with similar but broader provisions. As of September 1, 2020, TSLAC has transferred all legislative records to the LRL for preservation and access.
- *Advisory committees* – HB 1962 created a new statute allowing the commission to establish advisory committees and to adopt rules regarding the functions of the advisory committee. These rules have now been formalized.
- *Regional Historical Records Depositories* – As requested by the agency, these local depositories may now apply to the commission to transfer depository title to local historical resources to the local entity.
- *Local records* – The bill streamlined the process by which local governments show compliance with state retention laws by allowing them to complete a certification of adhering to TSLAC minimum records retention requirements.
- *Commission Training Program* – Per HB 1962 the agency has established a training program for commissioners, including the creation of a training manual.
- *Easement at Shoal Creek* – The state has granted an easement to the City of Austin at the State Records Center on Shoal Creek Boulevard.



Other Key Legislation:

- HB 4181 – transferred authority to manage the legislative branch records from TSLAC to the Legislative Reference Library.
- HB 402 – implemented the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (UELMA) in Texas and tasks TSLAC to work with the Secretary of State to implement the Act.
- HB 1960 – created a statewide broadband council in the Governor’s Office and includes a representative of a library organization.
- SB 2075 – required the promotion of services of the Talking Book Program to parents of students with reading disabilities through the Texas Education Agency.



Texas Declaration of Independence, March 2, 1836, broadside, item 1909/001-344.



Archives and Information Services

TSLAC is tasked by the state to preserve, protect, and make available the **permanent historical record of Texas**, documented in archival materials stretching from prior to the Republic Era to the present, including not only iconic materials such as the Travis letter from the Alamo and the Texas Declaration of Independence, but vast amounts of primary source materials, including the records of state government, Supreme Court records, agency files, maps, photographs, flags, and artifacts. The collection also includes several million federal and state government publications, genealogy materials, and a substantial collection of books related to Texas. TSLAC provides **public access** to this material, much of which is **available online**.

The agency offers **research services** in person and remotely. Outside of the current pandemic, TSLAC maintains two public service areas: the Reference Reading Room for general research and reference and the State Archives Reading Room for archival research and access to the agency's collections. Staff also manage a robust remote reference service by email and telephone and assist many researchers via virtual service.

In addition to public service operations, TSLAC's archivists manage the specialized work of acquiring, appraising, preserving, and describing archival records in paper, electronic, and other formats, as well as other archival materials. TSLAC also manages one of the nation's top state programs for digital archival records. The **Texas Digital Archive** provides access to more than 80 TB (and growing daily!) of digital records freely through the agency's website.

The **Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center** is maintained and operated by TSLAC. Located in Liberty, Texas, it is the designated research depository for the inactive, permanently valuable records of ten Southeast Texas counties. The site is also home to the Jean and Price Daniel Home and Archives built in 1984 and four historic structures are located on a 127-acre property.

Since reopening to the public on May 4, 2020, the Archives and Information Services (ARIS) division has served on-site patrons in 133 separate appointments in the Archives Reading Room. In the same time period, the ARIS reference team responded to 2,139 remote queries and 47 on-site reference questions. Between May 2019 and December 2019, ARIS assisted 1,792 remote patron queries. These figures do not include telephone correspondence. Since May 2020, staff used 1,723 materials from the library and archives collections to assist researchers with their questions. From September 2020 to the present, staff spent a collective 90.9 hours on lookups, using 477 items from the collections. The average response time to answer a reference query is 3.57 days.

Since March 2020, ARIS has responded to 89 reference requests and 23 borrowing requests from state agencies, including the Legislative Reference Library, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Historical Commission, Texas Legislative Council, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, and General Land Office. This includes assisting agencies with borrowing from other libraries. TSLAC



continues to receive Texas state agency publications as part of the State Publications Depository program. Since May 2020, 636 print and 495 digital publications have been received.

Statistics for Archives and Information Services

2019

2020

Number of assists with TSLAC archival and library holdings

6,737,218



5,924,747

Satisfied customers

100%



92.01%

Web resources used

6,711,306



5,911,694



Library Development and Networking

TSLAC's unique role in supporting education at all levels – and for all Texans – is met by a diverse set of programs created to aid local library development while providing statewide resources and training that maximize access while minimizing cost to taxpayers. TSLAC increases the capacity of libraries through projects that strengthen broadband access, provide training, offer programs, and make available vast online libraries of educational and business resources for all.

TSLAC serves more than **500 public libraries, 200 colleges and universities, and thousands of K-12 libraries**. This broad support includes providing access to hundreds of thousands of shared online resources through the signature TexShare and TexQuest programs and TSLAC's most recent library program, **E-Read Texas**, which provides free e-book content for Texans. These platforms offer quality educational, business, and recreational materials that are **used almost 100 million times** each year. Additionally, TSLAC supports statewide interlibrary loan operations, which help people from all corners of the state receive materials that are not available to them locally.

TSLAC also offers continuing education programs to librarians and paraprofessionals throughout the state. Staff develop and curate training opportunities for librarians statewide to strengthen their skills and enhance local services. The agency also works with local libraries on **public library accreditation** to ensure local communities can be assured of quality and accountable services.

TSLAC's **competitive grants** make it possible for libraries to innovate and address local community needs. From helping libraries bolster technology assets for public use to providing specialized programming, such as STEM training for children, support for small business owners, or workforce training, TSLAC funds and training provided are vital to helping libraries fulfill their community role as anchors for broadband, technology, and lifelong education, economic and workforce development, and community sustainability.

OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY RESOURCES – WHO DO THEY REACH?

TexShare, which is available through public and academic libraries, serves **almost 25 million eligible Texans, 885,000 full time equivalent students and faculty and staff** in academic institutions, as well as approximately **54,000 members (healthcare workers, doctors, nurses) or employees of libraries of clinical medicine**.

TexQuest serves about 92% of Texas public and charter school students.



Statistics for Library Development and Networking

2019

2020

Cost avoidance realized for libraries statewide

\$259,052,739



\$228,004,388

Number of online resources used

95,472,602



96,463,737

Number of Texans benefiting from TSLAC sponsored programs or grants

558,233



300,435

Number of librarians trained or assisted

42,662



87,160



State and Local Records Management

TSLAC serves an ongoing and critical role in helping to ensure government efficiency, transparency, and accountability through its unique expertise in **statewide records management services and storage of public state and local records**. TSLAC is charged with creating statewide records retention schedules outlining the legal minimum length of time all types of state records must be kept. This vast charge is carried out by agency experts who work with stakeholders, attorneys, and government officials statewide.

In addition to creating schedules for records retention for both state and local government, TSLAC analysts also provide **training and consulting services** to records management personnel and elected officials statewide on everything from dealing with email to retention of social media records. This work helps insure the proper and cost-effective management of public information by promulgating rules, best practices, and support for the orderly retention, storage, disposition, and preservation of government information.

TSLAC also provides secure and cost-effective **storage, duplication, and imaging services for state agencies and local governments**. Through its State Records Center at 4400 Shoal Creek Boulevard in Austin and its soon-to-open new records storage facility located at Promontory Point in south Austin, TSLAC manages inactive and semi-active records of state agencies and local governments, including paper records, microfilm, and electronic media. Stored records are circulated to and from state agencies and local governments on request. The program also operates a microfilming and imaging bureau on a full cost recovery basis.

ON THE DIGITAL LEAD: HOW DOES TSLAC SUPPORT THE USE AND CARE OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS?

As state agencies increasingly rely on electronic records, TSLAC is facilitating this transformation by providing guidance on best practices for managing electronic records, offering training and assistance, and deploying strategies to help agencies manage and preserve records created on emerging technologies (including mobile and social media), and offering robust options for digitization and scanning.

The imaging services department converts paper records and digitized images to microfilm, processes film, and makes duplicates of microfilm rolls or microfiche from master negatives in storage in the State Records Center's microfilm vault. Staff members also digitize paper, microfilm, and large maps and place the images on hard drives or send them over secure FTP sites to customers.



Statistics for State and Local Records Management

2019

2020

Cubic feet of records maintained for government bodies

404,003



418,640

Number of officials assisted or trained

9,356



9,723

Percentage of state agencies with approved retention schedule

98.6%



97.39%

Percentage of local governments with approved retention schedule

75.49%



76.99%

Cost avoidance achieved for records storage: \$136,864,432

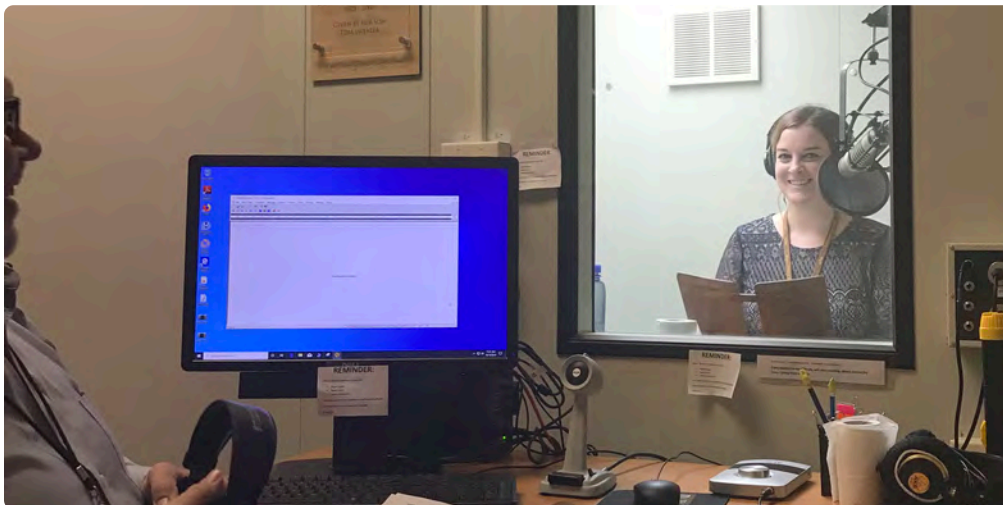


Talking Book Program

The Talking Book Program (TBP) has provided reading materials in recorded or Braille formats free of charge to persons who cannot read standard print due to a visual impairment or other physical disability since 1919. The program provides nearly **900,000 items each year** to approximately **15,000 patrons** statewide. The program is a lifeline for the blind, visually impaired, and disabled, and no other state or nonprofit service offers a comparable level of access.

TBP serves as the Texas Regional Library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), affiliated with the Library of Congress. The NLS provides all the materials for the program, including the reading machines, at no cost to the agency or patrons while the state provides the staffing and infrastructure to manage the program. Reading materials in specialized formats and the equipment to access those formats are distributed to registered users. A circulation facility handles all outgoing and incoming materials, and a call center provides reader's advisory services. The **Disability and Information Referral Center (DIRC)** provides information to the public about disabilities services and issues. All services are free to users.

The Talking Book Program also maintains a **recording studio** where volunteers record books and periodical materials by Texans and about Texas which are also circulated via the program.



Our Texas Talking Book program Volunteer Recording Studio at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin records thousands of hours of audio each year, resulting in a wider variety of books and magazines for TBP patrons.

VOLUNTEER RECORDING STUDIO

In FY 2019

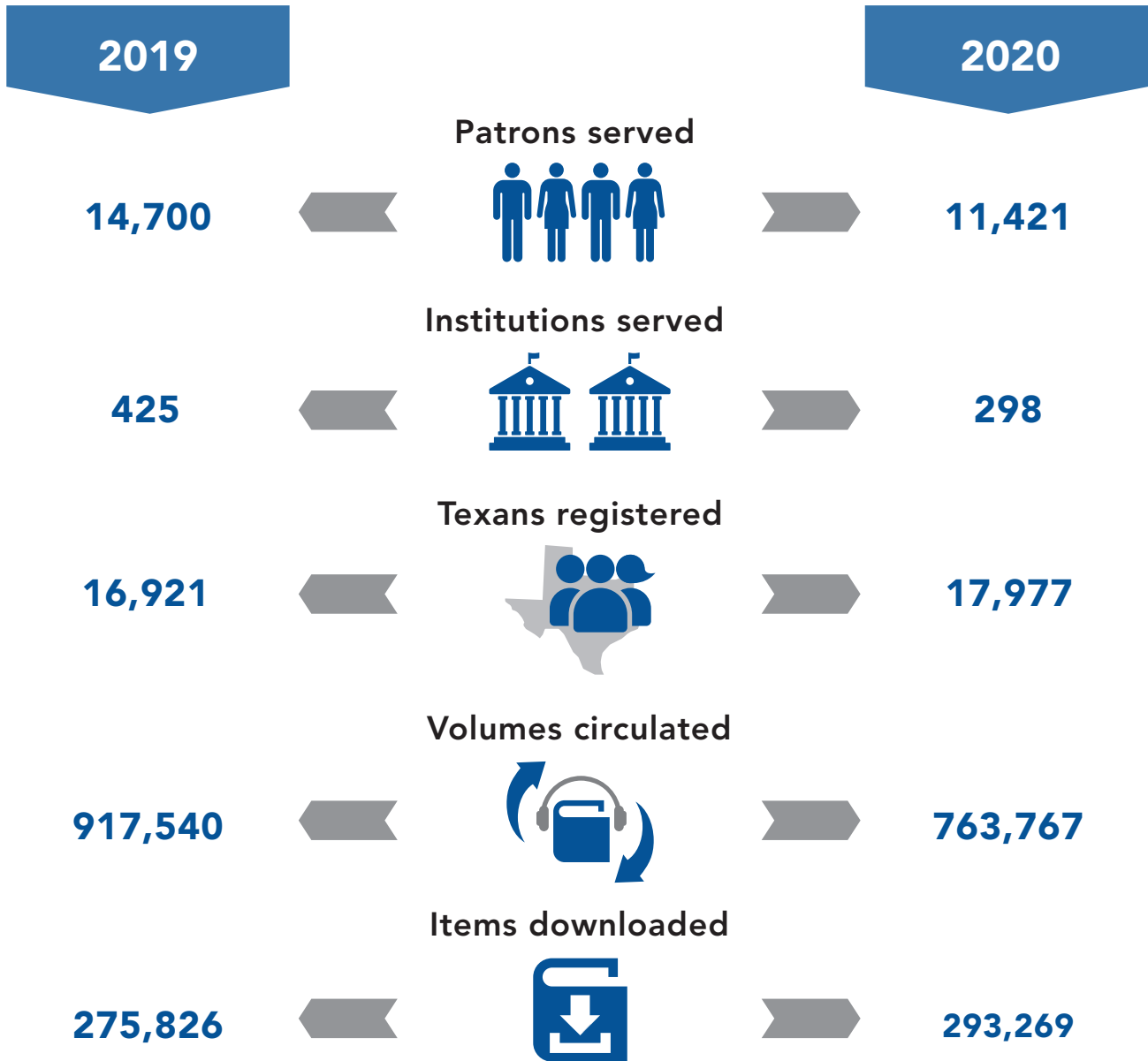
- 188 volunteers
- 8,789 hours
- \$98,858 value of volunteer work hours
- 71 new books and 34 magazine issues
- 350 books uploaded to BARD
- 279 conversions

In FY 2020

- 110 volunteers
- 4,033 hours
- \$47,687.44 value of volunteer work hours
- 35 new books and 31 magazine issues
- 266 books uploaded to BARD
- 231 conversions



Statistics for Talking Book Program



Average cost per person/Institution served: \$129

What do you get: average 80 books, delivery, and customer support (tech support and reader services)



Texas Center for the Book

TSLAC's [Texas Center for the Book](#) (TCFB) works to stimulate public interest in books, reading, literacy, and libraries. The Center builds partnerships with library professionals, educators, authors, publishers, and booksellers who provide support to our shared mission of promoting a love of literature throughout the Lone Star State. The Texas Center for the Book also serves as a state affiliate for the national Center for the Book program, administered by the Library of Congress.

One of the TCFB's primary functions is to **support literacy at all levels**. The annual **Letters About Literature Texas** competition invites students in grades 4 through 12 to write a letter to an author. Each year, thousands of entries are submitted. Winners receive an award and are recognized at a special awards ceremony. The annual Texas Center for the Book **Literacy Award** has honored qualified nonprofit organizations that have made outstanding contributions to increasing literacy in Texas.

The TCFB administers several programs to help **foster a love of reading**. The **Texas Great Read** is a book selected to represent the flavor of Texas during the National Book Festival, held in early September each year in Washington, DC. All states offer a title and promote reading and a celebration of literature. Lone Star Día is the Texas celebration of **Children's Day, Book Day** (El día de los niños, el día de los libros), which occurs at the end of April. Informally known as Día, this year-long, multicultural celebration links children and families to books. Additionally, **Read Across Texas**, a statewide community reading program, encourages communities to engage in challenging, insightful, and transformative conversations. TSLAC selects a theme, suggests titles, provides discussion guides, and offers support with book packets, as funds allow.

The TCFB also works to **celebrate Texas authors**. Since 2016, the **Texas Authors Celebration** has served as the agency's kick-off event for the Texas Book Festival. This annual event showcases the Texas Great Read and its author, as well as other Texas writers and illustrators, many of whom have used TSLAC's archival and library collections to research their books. The Texas Book Festival, the Writers' League of Texas, and the Texas Library and Archives Foundation, Inc. all partner to make the event possible. Most recently, TCFB launched **#TXBookChats**, a series of virtual discussions on Texas writers, the writing process, and publishing in Texas. This new program is the agency's first foray into exclusive public online programming.



Winners of the Letter About Literature Texas competition are honored each year at the Texas Association of School Librarians meeting at the Texas Library Association Annual meeting. Here, the 2019 winners are pictured with State Librarian Mark Smith, Center for the Book Coordinator Rebekah Manley, and Assistant State Librarian Gloria Meraz.





Administrative Services

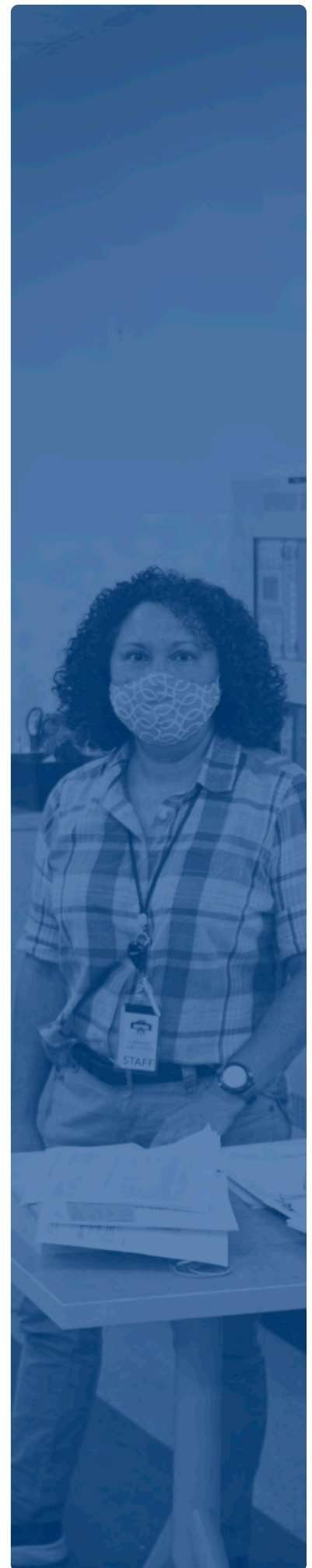
The agency's Administrative Services functions include the executive office, information technology, human resources, general counsel, records management, facilities management, accounting, grants management, purchasing, communications, and support services. These functions are vital to the management of the agency's internal business operations ensuring fiscal accountability, conformity to state and federal statutes and rules, adherence to high ethical standards, support and training for staff, and cost-effective and secure management of state resources.

With the addition in FY 2019 of an agency general counsel as authorized by the Legislature, TSLAC has been able to make several organizational improvements to achieve greater efficiency and oversight of agency operations, including routinizing rules adoption and consolidating contract management functions. TSLAC has also converted a purchasing position to a contract coordinator to achieve internal audit recommendations for a more effective oversight of procurement and contracting processes.

Information technology services operations implemented strategies to enhance the agency's cybersecurity. In addition to managing the workflow and security issues of a newly telecommuting workforce (with many employees not previously equipped to work from home), the ITS team provided additional training and support for on-site and teleworkers.

The agency's purchasing, accounting, and contracts operations supported major facilities-related projects in FY 2019 and 2020, including facilities repairs at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty and the retrofit of a state facility on Promontory Point in south Austin that will serve as an auxiliary storage facility for the State Records Center. These projects are under contract with the Texas Facilities Commission and represent substantial progress for the agency.

The communications office implemented several new programs to support staff, including opportunities for staff to gather in-person (pre-COVID) and virtually thereafter. Communications staff also managed the agency's social media advertising campaign, provided current updates to the public on access to TSLAC services throughout the pandemic, and increased participation in the agency's social media presence. The communications office also assisted in implementing new virtual programming and developed partnerships with other agencies to increase awareness of TSLAC resources and programs.







Appendix A: Commission Grants

LIBRARY GRANTS

DETAILS

Each library or service organization applying for a grant submits a grant packet, including a detailed project description, timeline, and budgetary breakdown. Abstracts from the successful FY 2019 and FY 2020 applicants can be read below.

FISCAL YEAR 2019

Texas Reads Grants - FY 2019

Arlington	Arlington Public Library System	\$10,000
Austin	Central Texas Library System, Inc	\$9,517
Balch Springs	Balch Springs Library Learning Center	\$6,100
Bay City	Bay City Public Library	\$7,900
Bryan-College Station	Bryan-College Station Public Library System	\$4,664
Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Public Libraries	\$8,370
El Paso	El Paso Public Library	\$9,989
Houston	Harris County Public Library	\$10,000
Irving	Irving Public Library	\$4,391
Levelland	Hockley County Memorial Library	\$6,500
McAllen	McAllen Public Library	\$10,000
Seven Points	The Library at Cedar Creek Lake	\$5,000

[Arlington Public Library System — ArlingCon Authors, \\$10,000](#)

ArlingCon, the Arlington Public Library's annual, one-day festival, takes place in the summer and provides an opportunity for the community to experience the comic convention culture locally, in a family-friendly and easily accessible venue. A 2019 author visit will be geared for ArlingCon participants and will feature a discussion and Q&A session. This project celebrates reading, diversity, community engagement and collaboration.

[Balch Springs Library Learning Center — Space Exploration @ the Library, \\$6,100](#)

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme for 2019 is space/space exploration. The Balch



Springs Library-Learning Center is requesting funds to set up a NASA display in the library for two weeks during its Summer Reading Program (SRP) to include an Apollo spacesuit, Apollo helmet, planet display, and space food samples exhibits. The library plans to buy and display non-fiction, space-themed books to enhance the learning experience. Each well, it will showcase educational entertainers and have space-themed crafts and space movies for the SRP.

[Bay City Public Library — Early Literacy Rotating Collection Kits, \\$7,900](#)

The Bay City Public Library seeks funding to introduce Early Literacy Rotating Collection Kits to early learning centers in Bay City, Texas. These kits will feature materials that will be conducive to developing early literacy skills for children ages one to four, enhancing knowledge of early learning tools for caregivers for this age group, and developing a lifelong love of learning and libraries.

[Bryan-College Station Public Library System — Texas Reads ESL Expansion Program, \\$4,664](#)

The Mounce Library Adult Literacy volunteer-based ESL program (founded in 2012) has expanded in two ways. The ESL students who have been with the program are growing in their English language attainment levels and are in need of textbooks at higher ESL levels. The program has also expanded in participation and now meets at two locations. To accommodate the needs of this popular expanding ESL program and the student participants, the library seeks funding to purchase more skill-level appropriate textbooks for both locations.

[Central Texas Library System, Inc \(CTLS\) — Reading Dogs Across Texas \(Austin\), \\$9,517](#)

The Central Texas Library System will collaborate with 17 public libraries across Texas—from Bay City to West and Fort Davis to Mt. Pleasant—to provide reading therapy dogs to assist reluctant readers in improving their reading skills by reading to a non-judgmental canine. This type of program has been very successful in the Austin area and many places around the country. Libraries in farther-flung locations have no dogs and handlers nearby with the needed training. This grant hopes to eliminate that problem by providing funds for training the dog handlers and a library staff member to connect libraries with nearby dog/handler teams where they exist.

[Corpus Christi Public Libraries — 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: Turning Readers Into Leaders, \\$8,370](#)

Corpus Christi Public Libraries plans to revamp their 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. This new venture will provide the youngest residents of Corpus Christi with the services and resources necessary to become literate members of the community, preparing them for academic, social, and personal success. Extensive community outreach, special programming, and milestone celebrations will encourage families to enroll their children in the reading program and reap the benefits of early literacy and family bonding. With the guidance and assistance of library staff, parents will be expected to support their children and each other in this vital endeavor.



[El Paso Public Library — Little Star City Readers, \\$9,989](#)

The El Paso Public Library (EPPL) seeks funding to launch the nationwide initiative, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, using a theme that celebrates El Paso culture, named after the city's star on the mountain landmark. The program targets children from birth to four years old and their parents and caregivers to provide them with resources and encouragement to promote early literacy and school readiness. The program will be a new component to EPPL's early literacy efforts to tie into and launch during EPPL's 23rd annual Día de los niños/Día de los libros event and summer reading club. Community engagement and outreach will bring this program to WIC center waiting rooms, Headstart, and other agencies.

[Harris County Public Library — Read it, See It!, \\$10,000](#)

Read It, See It! is a book-to-movie book club designed for students between the ages of 10 and 13. These students are considered reluctant readers or non-readers who are reading at or below grade-level. The program will serve as an intervention for struggling readers, using technological innovations attractive to this age group to introduce literature. The goal is to develop and encourage a love of reading among middle school students. Students will read five books from a designated list of diverse titles. From there, the program will include vibrant book discussions, analytic sessions on book-inspired movies, interactive online activities, and introductions to new technologies.

[Hockley County Memorial Library — 2019 Summer Reading Program: A Universe of Stories \(Levelland\), \\$6,500](#)

The Hockley County Memorial Library will host exhibits from the Johnson Space Center throughout the summer reading program to expose students to the variety of information and benefits provided by space exploration. The library will also host an astronaut or speaker from one of the NASA space centers at one of the weekly story times to present information on being an astronaut or what NASA does and how reading influences their lives.

[Irving Public Library — Hispanic Heritage Celebration with Author Carmen Agra Deedy, \\$4,391](#)

Irving Public Library's East Branch will present an author event featuring Cuban-American author Carmen Agra Deedy during Hispanic Heritage month in September-October 2018.

[McAllen Public Library — McAllen Book Festival - Author Visit, \\$10,000](#)

TSLAC funds will support the McAllen Public Library (MPL) by covering costs to invite an author to the 2018 McAllen Book Festival, an event designed expressly to promote literacy and the love of reading among children and teens in the Rio Grande Valley. The McAllen Book Festival is a celebration of culture and imagination linking young readers with authors, performers, and publishers on the doorsteps of the library. The invited author's goal is to teach kids coding and immerse patrons in technologically-charged literature in an economically disadvantaged, historically low-literacy area.



The Library at Cedar Creek Lake — Cedar Creek Lake Summer Reading Program (Seven Points), \$5,000

The library provides summer programming each year for both the youth and adult population to promote reading and educational programs hosted at the library. With volunteers, staff, and educational programs and reading logs, the library will offer summer reading programming five days a week during June and July. Funding will support a summer hire, theme-related books and activities and age-appropriate educational programs.

Impact Grants - FY 2019

Arlington	Arlington Public Library System	\$9,974
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Arlington	Arlington Public Library System	\$10,000
Arlington	University of Texas at Arlington	\$10,000
Balch Springs	Balch Springs Library- Learning Center	\$10,000
Bedford	Bedford Public Library	\$10,000
Bedford	Bedford Public Library	\$9,940
DeSoto	DeSoto Public Library	\$9,874
DeSoto	DeSoto Public Library	\$8,038
DeSoto	DeSoto Public Library	\$9,949
El Paso	El Paso Public Library	\$9,900
El Paso	El Paso Public Library	\$7,825
El Paso	El Paso Public Library	\$10,000
Houston and Pasadena	San Jacinto College District	\$4,372
Levelland	Hockley County Memorial Library	\$6,758
McAllen	McAllen Public Library	\$6,000
McAllen	McAllen Public Library	\$10,000
Plano	Plano Public Library System	\$8,570
Smithville	Smithville Public Library	\$10,000
Southlake	Southlake Public Library	\$10,000
Southlake	Southlake Public Library	\$10,000
Wylie	Rita & Truett Smith Public Library	\$10,000



Arlington Public Library System — Small Business and Leadership Program, \$9,974

Arlington Public Library seeks to implement a new series of programs for small business owners and other leaders in the community. This six-month pilot program will include intermediate to advanced level computer classes, expert led workshop sessions on topics of interest to small businesses, and a leadership book club series.

Arlington Public Library System — Multicultural Storytimes, \$10,000

Arlington Public Library will implement the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program for the pre-K audience, encouraging young children and their parents/caregivers to read together and prepare for success in school. One hundred backpacks with 10 books each will be assembled and available for checkout through Arlington Public Library locations. Participants will be able to track their performance with reading logs.

Arlington Public Library System — Nonfiction Children's E-content, \$10,000

The Arlington Public Library wishes to expand its shared e-content service to include nonfiction materials for children.

Balch Springs Library Learning Center — GED Student Support @ the Library, \$10,000

The Balch Springs Library is currently hosting GED classes provided by Eastfield Community College. The GED students are required to log onto a support site that helps them with their studies. The library would like to support those students with the tools necessary to succeed, namely, 15 laptop computers and a mobile charging station. The computers will also help Eastfield ESL (English as a Second Language) students access online resources.

Bedford Public Library — L.A.P.S.: Literacy Apps for Positive Screen-time, \$10,000

The Bedford Public Library will create a mobile digital literacy collection using Launchpad technology to educate and provide parents with opportunities for positive screen-time for children 0-5 years through award-winning educational content apps.

Bedford Public Library — English & Citizenship To Go, \$9,940

The Bedford Public Library requests funds to expand its English as a Second Language (ESL) offerings through Launchpad technology. With this award, BPL intends to purchase five different English language learning titles from Playaway Launchpad, the Pre-Loaded Learning Tablet. Specifically, these titles are: Learn U.S. Law, Learn English Grammar, Learn English Phrases, Learn English Spelling, Learn English Writing. The English learning community will benefit greatly from an interactive learning tool that is not constrained by scheduling, classroom capacity and lack of access to a computer or the Internet.



DeSoto Public Library — The DeSoto Public Library “Fashion / Sewing” Studio, \$9,874

The DeSoto Public Library plans to create a fashion/sewing studio that will offer patrons professional level software, hardware, sewing machines, and additional tools and training to enable them to digitally sketch, design, pattern, and create a garment or other project. In doing this, the Library hopes to help foster creativity and imagination and to also help patrons develop valuable technical, design and sewing skills that they can utilize to pursue education, career, and entrepreneur interests.

DeSoto Public Library — 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program, \$8,038

The DeSoto Public Library plans to promote early literacy by targeting pregnant DeSoto mothers for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. The goal is to register 200 babies and mothers, who over the course of a year will receive 8 different packets of literacy resources, including a total of 20 free board books, information regarding library programs and literacy opportunities, reading logs to track 1000 books progress.

DeSoto Public Library — My Digital Life: Innovate, Inspire, and Impact Your Community, \$9,949

The DeSoto Public Library will create and offer several new programs inspired by the upcoming Texas Library Association’s 2019 conference theme, “Connecting to Innovate, Inspire, and Impact.” This new program series will introduce new ways for the DeSoto community to utilize library resources including creating innovative new business concepts and product prototypes; inspiring them to organize and take control of their digital lives by learning best practices for scanning, archiving, and preserving family photos; and encouraging them to make an impact on the environment and their community by helping them to go green by eliminating clutter and learning the best methods for storing digital copies of personal, financial, medical, and other important documents instead of filling up multiple filing cabinets full of printed paper.

El Paso Public Library — Become A Digital Citizen Superhero!, \$9,900

The El Paso Public Library Armijo Branch will develop a “Become a Digital Citizenship Superhero!” program engaging teens and young adults in learning nine digital citizenship principles. The nine principles will be compared to the principles in U.S. Citizenship utilizing the new Bloxels program. Bloxels is a hands-on platform for kids to build, collaborate, and tell stories through video game creation. Students can use colored blocks to design their superhero citizen character and settings to tell their own digital citizenship stories.

El Paso Public Library — Super-Size Lite Brite Board, \$7,825

Memorial Park Branch Library would like to propose a “Super-Size Movable Lite Brite Wall.” The primary use of the movable wall is to promote “emergent literacy,” also known as “reading readiness” or “Story Time,” by allowing children to express themselves through drawings and writing. The program is geared to young children not attending school or those in half-day programs. When not in use, the movable wall would be placed in the Children’s Area so that it could be enjoyed by children up to 10 years old.



El Paso Public Library — Teen Tech Time, \$10,000

Teen Tech Time is a teen program with a focus on information and technology-based education that coincides with current and future academic enrollment. The goal of this program is to incorporate mobile devices, 3D printers, STEAM surfaced technology, and the appropriate charging stations to develop, familiarize, and strengthen the usage of information and technology.

Hockley County Memorial Library — Grow with 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, \$6,758

Hockley County Memorial Library will implement the Grow with 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program for the preschool audience. The purpose is to encourage parents and caregivers to read to young children and prepare for success in school. In conjunction with the preschool story time, the program will be used to encourage reading, expose readers to a variety of topics and genres, and build a foundation for school.

McAllen Public Library — Get Started with Computer Basics, \$6,000

McAllen Public Library (MPL) proposes to establish its “Get Started with Computer Basics Program” with TSLAC funding. The program offers patrons an eight-week computer basics literacy course that will be provided three times per year. The program also seeks to improve patrons’ technology and business skills to enhance the region’s workforce readiness. Funding will be used to print and bind 40 textbooks and 100 student workbooks from a local printing company, which will also support the proposed program.

McAllen Public Library — STEM & Storytime Backpack Program, \$10,000

McAllen Public Library (MPL) proposes to expand its STEM & Storytime Backpack Program with TSLAC funding. The award will fund the purchase of materials needed to create 40 STEM and 40 Storytime backpacks, increasing MPL’s inventory of backpacks from 12 to 92. The proposed project is an innovative approach to address illiteracy and STEM deficiencies in McAllen, a historically impoverished area, and will provide patrons enhanced access to STEM and literacy materials.

Plano Public Library System — 3D Printing Across Plano, \$8,570

Plano Public Library serves a well-educated and technology-savvy community, with many patrons eager for more in-depth technology instruction including 3D printing. To make 3D printing classes and services more accessible across Plano, Plano Public Library (PPL) plans to add 3D printing services and instructional classes to its libraries at opposite ends of the city: Harrington in east Plano and Parr in far west Plano.

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library — STEAM Kits @ SPL, \$10,000

Smith Public Library wishes to create STEAM kits to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) concepts to children from preschool to high school. Children will learn about various scientific concepts, engineering, math, and art through the kits. The kits will include a hands-on activity plus a book and/or DVD component.



San Jacinto College District — Improving Access to Physical Collections, \$4,372

The San Jacinto College library system proposes a program designed to improve and increase access to its libraries' physical collections (the catalog) for our San Jacinto College community by purchasing a cataloging enhancement product. Through the concerted efforts of all campus library personnel, this program seeks to enhance the gateways to the collection, examine ways in which it can open new avenues to information access, and provide the latest technologies for information access at all San Jacinto College libraries. The goals of these efforts and technological upgrades are to better prepare students in search techniques and research skills, and to provide updated and effective methods of information retrieval and instruction for faculty and staff.

Smithville Public Library — Digital Literacy for the Smithville Workforce, \$10,000

The Smithville Public Library, in partnership with the Smithville Independent School District, the ACE Afterschool Program (Parent University), and the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce, plans to establish a curriculum in digital literacy and use the course materials to provide workforce and technology training to the unemployed and under-employed residents and small business owners of Smithville and the surrounding area. The program will help patrons gain the job and marketplace skills they need to be successful in the workforce and/or as business entrepreneurs. Courses will be offered throughout the year and will be recorded and available in an archive as a "webinar" for future reference and online training.

Southlake Public Library — Summer Reading Enhanced, \$10,000

The Southlake Public Library requests funding to support the development of more age-targeted programs and hands-on workshops to support the enhancement of summer library activities and respond to community requests for elevated programming for youth and adults. The proposed program will be offered in a two-phase approach to launch a new initiative mid-summer that offers unique opportunities for hands-on learning and skill development which lends itself to all ages and stages of life. The first phase of the program is a traditional style summer reading program.

Southlake Public Library — E-Content Delivery Listening for Summer, \$10,000

Southlake Library wishes to promote reading on the go for busy seniors, adults, and families with a summer initiative called Listening for Summer. The program will provide and promote downloadable eAudio resources as an option to summer (and year-round) reading.

University of Texas at Arlington — VR/AR and Game Development Station, \$10,000

UTA Libraries requests \$10,000 to build a virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) station to help students prepare and participate in the growing VR/AR game development industry. Gaming generated \$109 billion in global revenue in 2017 and employed 65,678 people in the U.S. Beyond gaming, analysts anticipate significant growth in VR/AR relating to health sciences and retail. Building on UTA Libraries' value of



“democratizing access,” we propose to develop this VR/AR station in the library so that all students may test and develop their skills in preparation for the jobs of tomorrow.

TexTreasures Grants - FY 2019

Arlington	University of Texas at Arlington	\$25,000
Austin	Austin Film Festival	\$33,000
Dallas	Southern Methodist University	\$25,000
Denton	University of North Texas	\$24,998
Edinburg	University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley	\$16,993
Houston	Houston Community College	\$24,988
Houston	Houston Public Library	\$34,975
Kingsville	Texas A&M University Kingsville	\$24,861
Sweetwater	Sweetwater County-City Library	\$34,908

[Austin Film Festival — Austin Film Festival Archive \(Austin\), \\$33,000](#)

Austin Film Festival’s (AFF) Archive, housed at The Wittliff Collections (TWC) at Texas State University collects, preserves, and shares oral histories from film, television, and media creators that detail the process of bringing their stories to the screen. Unique from other collections, this curation provides intimate access to the process behind the finished product, compiled from more than 24 years of digitized and recorded panels and masterclasses captured during AFF’s renowned Writers Conference and year-round events. Funding from this grant would go toward digitizing material from 2003-2006, subsequently closing the gap between prior digitization initiatives, yielding 12 consecutive years of archived and available content.

[County-City Library — Flying High in the Texas Sky - Preserving the WASP Legacy \(Sweetwater\), \\$34,908](#)

In partnership with The National WASP WWII Museum, the Sweetwater County-City Library seeks funding of \$34,908 to continue the preservation and digitization project for the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) archives. Located in Nolan County, the WASP museum collects and preserves the contributions made by American women pilots to victory during WWII. WASP documents, correspondence, photographs, and journals during 1942-1944 depict a new age of American women entering the male dominated world of aviation. As a continuation to previous TexTreasures grants, this collaboration project will safeguard the museum’s valuable materials and provide open access to their digital content on the West Texas Digital Archives and the Portal to Texas History.



Houston Community College — HCC Historical Fashion Collection, \$24,988

Houston Community College (HCC) seeks funding to continue the digitization of 280 costumes from its Historical Fashion Collection and make them accessible through an in-house fashion database created by the HCC Library. The costumes in the collection date back to 1750 with a large segment of the collection having Texas provenance. Creating and improving digital access will provide the opportunity for people in Texas and throughout the world to see vintage costumes that were part of the state's history and assist with the preservation of the collection. The collection will also be available through the SharedShelf database. The initial report on the program may be accessed at: <http://fashionarchive.hccs.edu/>

Houston Public Library — Texas Films Revealed – Take Three, \$34,975

The Houston Public Library and the Houston Metropolitan Research Center (HPL/HMRC), in partnership with The Texas Archive of the Moving Image (TAMI), will continue to digitize and make widely accessible historically important and previously unavailable Texas films. Staff from HPL and HMRC will work with contractors to describe the films using standard metadata practices that make them more findable for the public. The films, currently in the HMRC collection and recording significant events in Texas from 1940s to 1970s, are in fragile and deteriorating condition. Digitization will preserve their content and make them accessible state-wide through the TAMI online library, the Houston Area Digital Archives, and multiple HMRC programs. A representative selection of the films will be available for streaming from the TAMI library and as a gateway link to the HMRC website.

Southern Methodist University — Texas Banknotes: The National Period, 1865-1935 (Dallas), \$25,000

The DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University (SMU), holds an exceptional collection of National Bank Notes, 1865-1935, representing 349 Texas towns and hundreds of individual Texas banks. The DeGolyer Library and Norwick Center for Digital Solutions (nCDS), both units of SMU Libraries, are requesting a TexTreasures 2019 grant of \$25,000 to digitize and make available on the Internet 556 Texas National Bank Notes comprising 1,668 files. The freely accessible files may be used for many purposes, including the study of Texas history, banking, commerce, numismatics, and genealogy.

Texas A&M University Kingsville — George O. Coalson Annotated Bibliography of South Texas Historical Resources, \$24,861

South Texas Archives, (STA) at the Jernigan Library, Texas A&M University-Kingsville seeks funding to create catalog records, digitize, and physically preserve the George O. Coalson Annotated Bibliography of South Texas Historical Resources collection. Coalson's collection consists of 46,000 notecards containing evaluations, and citations to primary and secondary sources, from pre-Columbian times to 1995, focused on South Texas history. The funding would allow STA to hire graduate students to catalog and digitize records, and to rehouse



the collection ensuring preservation. To make the collection accessible STA will upload the finding aid and access to the collection to four portals.

University of North Texas — Borderland Newspaper Digitization Project - Part III (Denton), \$24,998

This proposed grant project is the third and final installment of the Borderlands Newspaper Digitization Project awarded to the UNT Libraries by TSLAC in FY 202017 and FY 202018. This project will digitize an additional 25,000 pages of newspapers for a collection total of more than 75,000 pages from eighteen counties near the Texas border. These counties stretch along southeastern Texas, near the Mexican border, including counties near the Rio Grande Valley of Jim Hogg, Zapata, and Brooks, spanning through south Texas and border counties, including Duval County, Maverick and Terrell, up to Reeves County in western Texas.

University of Texas at Arlington — Expanding the Texas Disability History Collection, \$25,000

UTA Libraries requests \$25,000 to support the digitization of additional materials for the Texas Disability History Collection (TDHC). The TDHC website, initially funded by a TexTreasures grant in FY 202016, showcases Texas’s central role in the disability rights movement and reveals the impact of disability rights on ordinary people’s lives. Additional funding would support the digitization of newly acquired collections and in-depth coverage of legacy collections, making many more materials available online, as well as enabling UTA to add audio description to digitized videos, significantly expanding accessibility for users with visual impairments.

University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley — Contaminación II, \$16,993

The Border Studies Archive (BSA) at UTRGV’s Library collects and preserves documentation of the lives, culture and history of borderlanders and emphasizes acquiring high quality, in-depth narratives composed of aural, material and visual documentation. This proposal seeks funding to continue transferring and making accessible VHS tapes that record a significant event, contaminación, in the lives of a Mexican American community in the Rio Grande Valley. In McAllen, a toxic plume seeped under a neighborhood that effected approximately 180 Mexican American families. The BSA requests \$16,993 to finalize the process of digitizing, cataloging and making accessible unique materials related to the event.

Library Cooperation Grants - FY 2019

Bulverde and Spring Branch	Bulverde/Spring Branch Library	\$40,000
Dallas	Amigos Library Services	\$75,000



Amigos Library Services — Enhancing SimplyE for All Web-Based Devices, \$75,000

SimplyE, an open-source app, was initially developed by the New York Public Library and currently enjoys support by libraries, consortia, and state libraries. The goal of SimplyE is to make it easy for patrons to borrow e-books (and ultimately e-resources) from libraries.

As a second-year request, Amigos Library Services will extend the functionality of the mobile app to computers and laptops by creating a web-based service that includes functionality and an interface similar the one used by the SimplyE app, making it more accessible to those who do not use mobile devices such as smartphones or tablets or those that prefer to use their library’s public computers.

Bulverde/Spring Branch Library — Rolling Library DIY - Year 2, \$40,000

This collaboration between public libraries within 40 miles of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, including the towns of Boerne, Blanco, Canyon Lake, Johnson City, and New Braunfels, will continue a second year of sharing DIY materials and equipment, aka “makerspace” materials, training for library staff, programming ideas for guided DIY workshops, which will progress into more advanced, autonomous use of the equipment by community members and a network of colleagues with whom to share expertise. The participating libraries will continue to carry out their respective community’s lifelong learning goals more effectively by providing adults and youth with increased opportunities to advance their abilities from using and tinkering to experimenting and creating in a safe environment while our close proximity allows for easy access to technical help when needed.

Special Projects Grants — FY 2019

Abilene	Abilene Public Library	\$75,000
Arlington	Arlington Public Library System	\$62,318
Arlington	University of Texas at Arlington	\$74,994
Buda	Buda Public Library	\$41,525
Dallas	Dallas Public Library	\$75,000
Dickinson	Dickinson Public Library	\$4,620
El Paso	El Paso Public Library	\$44,826
Fort Worth	Texas Wesleyan University	\$68,205
Frisco	Frisco Public Library	\$30,037
Georgetwon	Georgetown Public Library	\$69,743



Huntsville	Lee College	\$75,000
Lake Travis	Lake Travis Community Library	\$75,000
Mercedes	Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library	\$3,563
San Angelo	Tom Green County Library System	\$68,302

Abilene Public Library — APL Mobile Lab, \$75,000

Abilene Public Library seeks to equip each of its three branches with a Mobile Lab consisting of 20 laptop computers to use for programs, computer classes, and in-house use so patrons of all ages will be able to learn new skills as well as hone their existing technology skills. The mobility of laptops, as opposed to PC workstation units, will allow for flexible and diverse programming at the library branches. The laptops will also afford staff the flexibility to provide outreach opportunities throughout the community.

Arlington Public Library System — Outreach Team, \$62,318

The Arlington Public Library System will form an outreach team to provide programs and conduct a year-long survey to assess outreach needs in the city. Program options will include parent education, early literacy, and afterschool programs. The team will use Savannah Orange Boy software to identify zip codes with a low number of library cardholders and who would most benefit from regular outreach programs or bookmobile visits. The library will partner with the Arlington Housing Authority, Arlington ISD, and other organizations to reach families not currently utilizing library resources. This is the first of a two-phase initiative. During the second phase, staff will analyze year one results, identify locations needing resources, and develop a plan for providing outreach most effectively.

Buda Public Library — Buda Public Library Makerspace Program, \$41,525

Buda Public Library proposes to expand the current Makerspace Program by continuing the Pop-Up Makerspace with materials that circulate to the local school district and by stocking maker materials in a designated space in the new library facility.

Dallas Public Library — Applied ELL, \$75,000

Dallas Public Library (DPL) requests a second year of funds to support staff costs associated with the provision of Applied English Language Learning (ELL) Classes. The classes go beyond what was previously offered by the Library or other literacy service providers by adding customized curriculum that addresses language-learning for specific domains of community life and the workplace.

Dickinson Public Library — Savvy STREAMers, \$4,620

Dickinson Public Library seeks to create a Savvy STREAMer program that will engage youth through a



makerspace. The Savvy STREAMers project seeks to implement a library-supported community makerspace where patrons of all ages can learn about electronics, exercise their creativity, design and prototype their creations, collaborate with others in their area, explore the art of programming, and provide exposure to technologies they wouldn't see otherwise. This program seeks to provide equal opportunities for all to explore a fun curriculum with a focus on science, technology, robotics, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STREAM).

[Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library — Adult ESL Program \(Mercedes\), \\$3,563](#)

Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library proposes an Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) Program offered to the community. In partnership with the Mercedes Independent School District ACE (Afterschool Centers on Education) Program, the library will provide free enrollment to Mango Languages, an online language-learning tool that is also available as an application for download to electronic devices, and monthly in-person classes. The grant will provide all the equipment and technology—computers and projector and screen—necessary to aid the adults while the ACE Program will follow up weekly with the students at their ACE center.

[El Paso Public Library — El Paso Public Library Work PLACE \(Public Literacy Access for Careers & Entrepreneurship\), \\$44,826](#)

The El Paso Public Library will open doors for a new business facility to address the unique needs of residents in the borderland community. A key objective of the EPPL Work PLACE is to tackle the challenge of underemployment. Grand funding will provide staffing, small business software, and supplies. As a collaborative partnership, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will provide in-house staff to assist job seekers and resume drafting assistance Monday through Friday. Citywide, both the TWC and El Paso Community College Center for Adult Education will also act as referral agencies to send those in need of assistance and grow a customer base.

[Frisco Public Library — InstaSTEM Activity Stations, \\$30,037](#)

Frisco Public Library (FPL) will create 6 Insta-STEM Mobile Activity Stations to offer hands-on, self-paced STEM learning for elementary-aged students and promote awareness of STEM career fields. Library staff will hire two college Insta-STEM interns, partner with area learning organizations, engage teen volunteers, and effectively utilize limited Library space. These stations will be quickly and easily deployed in the Library after school, on weekends, on school breaks, and at outreach visits.

[Georgetown Public Library — Community Resources Coordinator, \\$69,743](#)

Georgetown Public Library requests a third year of funding to support its community resources coordinator position. In November 2016, the Georgetown Public Library hired a licensed social worker to work with key nonprofit social service organizations in Georgetown, Texas, that provide services to seniors, residents with disabilities or limited mobility, low-income families with children, and the homeless; meet with patrons in



need of those resources that may exist outside of the library; interview high-need patrons, assessing their most immediate needs, and referring them to community resources when possible; track the patron needs that are not able to be met within Georgetown and shares that data with other service providers, city staff, and community groups with the goal of increasing social service capacity within Georgetown; serve on the City of Georgetown’s task force on homelessness, the transit working group, the Emergency Transition Housing Coalition; and serve as a staff liaison for the Georgetown Commission on Aging. This applicant is also one of the recipients of the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

[Lake Travis Community Library — Lake Travis Community Library Bookmobile - Year Three, \\$75,000](#)

The Lake Travis Community Library requests a third year of funding to pay for the salaries of the Outreach Librarian and Outreach Library Assistant to continue and expand their popular bookmobile service. The bookmobile serves people in the district who are unserved or underserved due to physical, economic, social, geographic, or other barriers. In its first year and a half of service, 630 new library accounts were issued, and almost 18,000 people checked out more than 34,500 items. The library also plans to launch a homebound delivery service led by the outreach librarians.

[Lee College — Resources for Educational Advancement and Development \(READ\) \(Huntsville\), \\$75,000](#)

The Libraries of Lee College Huntsville Center (LCHC) and Windham School District (WSD) will collaborate to create a course-reserve program for LCHC students in all prison locations served by Lee College (currently 8). To develop potential students, and support current ones, LCHC plans to develop collections for education and career resources, self-help, and graphic novels. These collections will be available to all library patrons in the LCHC-served units. Use of books acquired for course reserves would only be restricted to LCHC students for limited times. Otherwise, they would be available for all library patrons. The intent is to add identical resources for all libraries in these units. The resources purchased will be owned by WSD Library Services.

[Texas Wesleyan University — Wesleyan Makers Lab \(Fort Worth\), \\$68,205](#)

The Eunice & James L. West Library at Texas Wesleyan University hopes to create a collaborative learning environment for various types of learners in the form of a makerspace. The space will engage users and give them opportunities to use technologies that they would not usually have access to. The lab will cater to new and emerging courses at the university and will eventually serve the local community.

[Tom Green County Library System — STEAM Central \(San Angelo\), \\$68,302](#)

In its third year funding request, Tom Green County Library (TGCL) seeks to build on STEAM Central, a library supported community makerspace and outreach service point that, with the help of community organizations,



local businesses, artists, and hobbyists, provides a place to share knowledge, access tools and equipment, and participate in maker programs for all ages. STEAM Central also provides outreach kits and programs for schools and organizations in the community. Funds are needed for staffing, outreach kits expansion, continued curriculum development, and additional equipment.

University of Texas at Arlington — Reconceptualizing Makerspaces for Elementary Students with Learning Disabilities, \$74,994

UTA Libraries requests funding to reconceptualize STEAM and maker literacies activities for elementary school children with learning disabilities. UTA Libraries will purchase STEAM and maker technology for Crow Elementary School (Arlington) and The Novus Academy (Grapevine). Project interns will perform initial testing and curriculum pairing, install technology in partner schools, and provide technical support and training. UTA will disseminate findings and best practices for implementing universally accessible makerspaces and STEAM labs and establish a loanable K-12 tech program for UTA education students and alumni.

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Library Grantsmanship Academy Grants — FY 2020

Andrews	Andrews County Library	\$25,000
Brady	McCulloch County Library	\$25,000
Canyon	Canyon Area Library	\$24,950
Cleburne	Cleburne Public Library	\$25,000
Eastland	Centennial Memorial Library	\$24,999
Elgin	Elgin Public Library	\$24,724
New Waverly	New Waverly Public Library	\$24,766
Van Alstyne	Van Alstyne Public Library	\$21,154

Andrews County Library — Out of the Box Thinkers and Tinkers (Andrews), \$25,000

The Andrews County Library will create a maker space to allow out of the box thinking and tinkering for teens. In creating this Makerspace area, it will meet a need for cultural enrichment and technological opportunities that are not provided currently in town. Staff will work with the local middle school and high school librarians to market and promote this new program to the teen population

Canyon Area Library — 55 By 5 (Canyon), \$24,950

The Canyon Area Library will implement a program to support early brain development and promote reading



success in school. The library will provide families with children ages birth to five years old access to 50 books, which parents will circulate through 10 books at a time, and through five brain development activities.

[Centennial Memorial Library — Empowering Kids Through Creativity \(Eastland\), \\$24,999](#)

The Eastland Centennial Memorial staff will provide an after-school robotics class and a digital art manipulation class for youth. The outcome of these classes will be to improve the children's attitude about learning, their comfort levels with technology related activities and their willingness to interact with their peers. Being involved in this program will give them a place to learn, be productive and connected in a positive way to their peers.

[Cleburne Public Library — Making @ The Library, \\$25,000](#)

The Cleburne Public Library (CPL) will implement a maker initiative, Making @ The Library, with three components: The Maker Corner, Maker Classes, and Maker Kits. CPL will develop a library-supported, sustainable makerspace called The Maker Corner where community members can explore, develop, build, and stimulate their creativity in a dedicated makerspace. Through Maker Classes, the library will provide community instruction and free and equal access to tools and equipment for independent use. Additionally, circulating Maker Kits will be made available for home use to extend, enrich, or add to making opportunities available in The Maker Corner and the Maker Classes.

[Elgin Public Library — Read to Me, \\$24,724](#)

Elgin Public Library proposes reaching out to parents of pre-kindergarten children whose first language is not English and mentoring them in how to read with their youngster on a frequent basis. Programming will include a bilingual speaker series for parents which will be videoed and made available online, brain engagement activities, and books for children to read at home. The end goal is to provide children with the necessary skills to start school and be successful.

[McCulloch County Library — Teach STEM Well and Let Them Lead the Way \(Brady\), \\$25,000](#)

The McCulloch County Library will build on its success with STEM programs to guide graduating youth to postsecondary education through a countywide STEM 2.0 program. This module-based STEM program will last one year and will include the assistance of local technology-based employers to bridge the gap between knowledge learned in classrooms and skills used in the workforce. This will increase job readiness for the remaining technology-driven industries – healthcare, wind energy, and agriculture – and decrease the need for government assistance due to low paying jobs.

[New Waverly Public Library — Technology is Your Friend, \\$24,766](#)

The New Waverly Public Library in partnership with the local school district will institute an afterschool



program where youth are able to access and complete schoolwork via the internet, access TexShare databases for college preparation, and be exposed to robotics and other activities in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

Van Alstyne Public Library — Computer Skills Academy for Adults, \$21,154

The Van Alstyne Public Library proposes The Adult Computer Skills Academy, a program to address the problem of poor computer literacy rates in certain sectors of the adult population of Van Alstyne and surrounding communities. The Skills Academy will offer two six-week modules, the first for beginning level computer users and the second for intermediate level users, which will repeat twice. The Academy will target seniors, job seekers, and adult Spanish speakers and cover computer basics, email, search engines, and social media.

Texas Reads Grants — FY 2020

Arlington	Arlington Public Library System	\$10,000
Balch Springs	Balch Springs Library Learning Center	\$6,725
Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Public Libraries	\$10,000
Dallas Public	Dallas Public Library	\$10,000
Hondo	Hondo Public Library	\$1,950
Honey	Honey Grove Library & Learning Center	\$7,500
Lancaster	Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library	\$5,530
Laredo	Laredo Public Library	\$10,000
McAllen	McAllen Public Library	\$6,000
Midland	Midland County Public Library	\$10,000
Robstown	Nueces County Keach Family Library	\$10,000
Sachse	Sachse Public Library	\$4,500
San Angelo	Tom Green County Library System	\$9,543
Seven Points	The Library at Cedar Creek Lake	\$4,978

Arlington Public Library System — El Día de los Niños and El Día de los Muertos, \$10,000

The Arlington Public Library System will sponsor an author and/or illustrator for two multicultural events hosted at the Library. Día de los niños is a free annual celebration that promotes literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Throughout the event, children are introduced to different cultures through a variety



of crafts, bilingual storytimes, and performances, including folklórico and lion dancers. El Día de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Latin America and the Arlington Public Library where the community celebrates and promotes literacy and multicultural art. Grant funding would be used to bring a diverse author to these events to present on writing and empower children to become writers/illustrators.

Balch Springs Library Learning Center — Summer Reading Kickoff: Fairy Tale & Fantasy Comic Con @ the Library, \$6,725

The Balch Springs Library would like to hold a Comic Con at the start of our summer reading program that will focus on fairy tales and fantasy throughout the summer. The target audience is teens and tweens, but we want our Comic Con to be a family friendly event and will invite the whole community to participate. The theme for the 2020 Collaborative Summer Library program is Fairy Tales/Mythology/Fantasy, so we want to incorporate this theme into the whole summer, with a kickoff Comic Con that will get teens to the library.

Corpus Christi Public Libraries — Tiny Libraries for Tiny Tots, \$10,000

In support of the State Library's goal to provide access to early childhood and family literacy resources and school readiness initiatives of the United Way Success By Six Coalition (SB6), Corpus Christi Public Libraries (CCPL) has been developing, for the past four years, the Tiny Libraries for Tiny Tots (TLTT) satellite program. TLTT consists of two types of collections that are checked out and rotated amongst nine day-care centers located in at-risk neighborhoods. One collection is for use by the educators, the other by families. The one for families allows them to borrow onsite. This one-stop access eliminates issues related to transportation, often cited as reasons for not visiting the library.

Dallas Public Library — Reader's Advisory Expansion, \$10,000

Through this program, Dallas Public Library (DPL) will encourage customers to read more and foster a love of reading in the community. The library will use new digital media to reach readers through podcasts and video. With TSLAC support, DPL will enhance its new Story Center, a place for customers to share, read, and write stories, and to engage in workshops and book discussions. Through bi-weekly podcasts and videos, customers will learn about titles from a variety of genres and how to request book recommendations tailored to their interest by a literary expert- DPL's personal librarians. Customers will participate in Face-book Live book discussions with personal librarians and other library staff.

Hondo Public Library — Hondo RAD - Read and Discuss Texas, \$1,950

Hondo Public Library started an evening reading and discussion group called RAD (Read and Discuss) Texas in 2018 for adult and senior patrons. HPL would like to develop a Texas authors' themed program to add to our existing program sets for this group to increase male participation and fulfill patron requests. HPL seeks to develop a five-book Texas mystery series. Ten copies of each title would be purchased for the participants'



use and kept as a kit to check-out to other libraries after HPL's program is complete. HPL would hold monthly programs from January through May 2020 with a 30-minute speaker presentation on the book, author, book's relationship to the overall theme, location or setting, etc. followed by a book discussion.

[Honey Grove Library & Learning Center — Read With Me, \\$7,500](#)

Honey Grove Library & Learning Center will work with the schools to implement a new afterschool literacy program to identify and enroll students reading at or below grade level. Students will come to the library—after school—for a fun, but educational reading experience. Volunteer and paid staff will serve as tutors to lead readers through programs designed to improve their reading but to learn to read for pleasure.

[Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library — Bluebonnet Book Bunch, \\$5,530](#)

The Bluebonnet Book Bunch is a program designed to accompany the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library (LVML) summer reading club in June and July. The program mission aligns with the Texas Bluebonnet Award's (TBA) in that the library wants to encourage Lancaster children, specifically children in grades 3-6, to read more. Each week the library will host the Bluebonnet Book Bunch program which will consist of a book discussion, a reader's theater, book trailers, activities, crafts, and a special visitor that accompanies the theme for that week. The library will promote the TBA's "Read five, then decide" where children in grades 3-6 will finish five of the 20 TBA books and then vote on their favorite.

[Laredo Public Library — Laredo Book Festival, \\$10,000](#)

The Laredo Book Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary in December 2019. The annual event promotes reading and instills enthusiasm for literature, authors, and the arts. Through puppet shows, author readings, literary mascots, workshops, and crafts, the community comes together to enjoy what is best about literature and books. For the past two years, we have also showcased a popular author. In 2017 and 2018 respectively, Matt de la Peña and Adam Gidwitz were the headliners. For the 10th anniversary of Laredo Book Festival, the Laredo Public Library seeks funding for a high-profile children's author to conduct a presentation and workshop for the participants.

[McAllen Public Library — FY 2020 Texas Reads, \\$6,000](#)

McAllen Public Library (MPL) will invite a professional Author-Illustrator-Cartoonist to the 2019 South Texas Book Festival, an event designed expressly to promote literacy and the love of reading among children and teens. The invited presenter will help children and young adults discover the importance of trying and taking creative risks, learning from mistakes, finding a creative voice, and how decisions made today impact the future.

[Midland County Public Library — Library Lunches 2020 \(Midland\), \\$10,000](#)

Midland County Public Libraries request funds to support the Library Lunches program from May through August 2020. In collaboration with the West Texas Food Bank, the Library will host the USDA's Summer Food



Service Program. The Library Lunches program will address both the immediate and long-term needs of the thousands of Midland County families living in food insecure households by providing complete meals for children while offering concurrent programming to promote literacy and library usage. Library and community resources and daily activities will complement weekly adult and youth programs presented by library staff and community partners.

[Nueces County Keach Family Library — Sensory Backpacks: Young Learners of the Heart, \\$10,000](#)

Nueces County Keach Family Library plans to initiate sensory backpacks (Young Learners of the Heart) in Pop Pop's Place at Robstown, Texas, to provide an all-in-one, take home kit designed for families to help children build life skills and social skills and improve reading comprehension. The Backpacks will help children on the autism spectrum or sensitive to sensory overload by providing books, writing activities, tips for caregivers and sensory items. The program targets area youth up to 19 years of age, lower income, at-risk teens, and the intellectual disabled with the goal of providing them access and instruction in using current book subjects on mindfulness, sensitivity and anxiety.

[Sachse Public Library — Early Literacy Support Kit Collection, \\$4,500](#)

The Sachse Public Library will create a new collection of Early Literacy Support Kits and lead a series of "open house" programs to introduce parents to the new collection. The goal for this project is to teach the importance of early literacy and give parents of children from birth through age six additional tools and resources to help their children develop early literacy skills.

[The Library at Cedar Creek Lake — Cedar Creek Lake E-Reader Book Club Initiative \(Seven Points\), \\$4,978](#)

The Library at Cedar Creek Lake proposes to implement two E-Reader based book clubs, a bi-weekly teen book club and a weekly adult book club, through the purchase of e-reader devices and three sets of 48 e-books. In the interest of expanding to a broader audience and reaching reluctant readers, the library will host two films each month, based upon the current books being read by the book clubs. Through this program, the library will serve as a venue for people to meet, interact, learn, exchange ideas and information, and grow.

[Tom Green County Library System — Read, Write, and Roll \(San Angelo\), \\$9,543](#)

Read, Write, and Roll will explore literature through games and games through literature, developing literacy skills for emerging new readers, reluctant juvenile readers, and lapsed adult readers. Literacy through games creates opportunities for disparate community members to interact socially, improving the library's role as a community hub. Engaging the community with this non-traditional format will draw new users to the library and help patrons rediscover the joy of reading and imagination. Additionally, the library seeks to build more diverse community collaborations and partnerships through these literary game programs.



TexTreasures Grants — FY 2020

Arlington	University of Texas at Arlington	\$24,909
Austin	Austin Film Festival	\$35,000
Burleson	Burleson Public Library	\$24,820
Dallas	Southern Methodist University	\$25,000
Denton	Denton Public Library	\$24,820
Denton	University of North Texas	\$24,914
Fort Worth	Fort Worth Public Library	\$25,000
Galveston	Rosenberg Library	\$24,896
Harlingen	Harlingen Public Library	\$24,990
Hillsboro	Hill College	\$13,236
Houston	University of Houston	\$34,925
Kingsville	Texas A&M University Kingsville	\$25,000

[Austin Film Festival — Austin Film Festival Archive, \\$35,000](#)

Austin Film Festival (AFF) seeks support for the continued preservation of its On Story Archive. Housed at the Wittliff Collections at Texas State University, the Archive collects, preserves, and shares oral histories from film, television, and media creators that detail the process of bringing their stories to the screen. Compiled from 25 years of recorded panels and master classes captured during AFF’s renowned Writers Conference and year-round events, this unique curation provides intimate access to the process behind the finished product. Funding would go toward digitizing video from 2007-2010 Festivals, marketing pieces and trailers, year-round event recordings, photographs, script reading tapings, and other ancillary materials.

[Burleson Public Library — Burleson Public Library Historic Newspaper Project, \\$24,820](#)

Burleson Public Library seeks to digitize approximately 24,000 newspaper pages in partnership with the University of North Texas and their Texas Digital Newspaper Program. Once digitized, these pages will be made available to the public free of charge on the Portal to Texas History. The Library seeks to complete digitization efforts that began in 2016.

[Denton Public Library — Denton Record-Chronicle Digitization Project, \\$24,820](#)

The Denton Public Library is requesting funds to digitize the Denton Record-Chronicle (DRC), beginning with issues published in 1908 through the end of 1938. The digitized images will be added to the collection of



Denton County Newspapers accessible through the University of North Texas Libraries' Portal to Texas History. This is a multiphase project that will result in the digitization and free accessibility of all issues of the DRC, one of the oldest surviving newspapers in Denton County.

Fort Worth Public Library — Jubilee Theatre Collection, \$25,000

Fort Worth Public Library seeks funding to support the arrangement, description, and preservation of the records of Jubilee Theatre. Jubilee Theatre creates and presents works that give voice to the African American experience, while attracting a diverse and multicultural audience. A finding aid to the collection will be created and made available online to facilitate access to the records. The project will culminate with a public exhibit and slide presentation at Fort Worth Public Library to increase awareness of the collection and the history of Jubilee Theatre.

Harlingen Public Library — Valley Morning Star Digital Archives Project, \$24,990

As the only designated repository for the Valley Morning Star, the library endeavors to ensure accessibility of the newspaper for people researching their family history, for policy makers and researchers seeking to understand the historical context of border issues, and for long-range preservation of an important piece of Cameron County history. The library will digitize the newspapers from August 1981-September 1995. The library will also coordinate efforts to promote the service and educate people on how to use the Digital Archives.

Hill College — The Light Crust Doughboys Are Still on the Air (Hillsboro), \$13,236

The Hill College Library will create access to, catalog and preserve the papers of long-time Light Crust Doughboy's band leader, Marvin "Smokey" Montgomery, and other members of the 88-year-old band. This growing, unique hidden collection includes music, photos, correspondence, ephemera, and artifacts, including items and correspondence once belonging to historical figures like W. Lee O'Daniel, former governor of Texas. This is a multi-year project to digitize, catalog, and create a finding aid for researchers to use this rare collection and a permanent home for the traveling exhibit now in storage.

Rosenberg Library — Galveston Tribune Newspaper Project (Galveston), \$24,896

The Rosenberg Library proposes a project to digitize early issues of the Galveston Tribune, comprising at least 23,000 pages beginning in 1887. The Galveston and Texas History Center at the Rosenberg Library owns a nearly complete run of the Galveston Tribune (Evening Tribune) newspaper, spanning the years 1885 to 1965. Digitized newspapers will be made freely available on The Portal to Texas History (<https://texashistory.unt.edu>) for use by students, scholars, genealogists, and anyone interested in Galveston and Texas history. Digitization and metadata activities will take place at the University of North Texas Libraries in the Digital Newspaper Unit.



[Southern Methodist University — Historic Texas Photographs and Imprints Project: Documenting the Lone Star State, ca. 1830-1923 \(Dallas\), \\$25,000](#)

The DeGolyer Library of Southern Methodist University (SMU) holds a substantial body of historic photographs and imprints, primarily ca. 1830-1923, that illustrate and document developments throughout the state of Texas. The DeGolyer Library and Norwick Center for Digital Solutions (nCDS), both units of SMU Libraries, are requesting a funds to digitize and make available online 350 of these photographs and 9,375 pages of imprints under the “Historic Texas Photographs and Imprints Project.”

[Texas A&M University Kingsville \(TAMUK\) — George O. Coalson Annotated Bibliography of South Texas Historical Resources Year 2, \\$25,000](#)

South Texas Archives is requesting funding to continue creating catalog records for the George O. Coalson Annotated Bibliography of South Texas Historical Resources for researchers and classes at TAMUK. The Archives will employ 3 graduate students to continue creating catalog records for Coalson’s Bibliography in ArchivesSpace. A Finding Aid linked to records will be loaded to 3 portals and will link to a Libguide web tool for ease of use.

[University of Houston — Texas Art Project Microfilm Digitization: Women and Underrepresented Communities in Texas Visual Arts, \\$34,925](#)

The University of Houston Libraries (UHL) and the Museum of Fine Arts Houston Library (MFAH) and Archives request funding for a collaborative project to digitize and make accessible online more than 100 reels of microfilmed archives documenting women and underrepresented communities in the Texas Art Project. UHL and MFAH will get the microfilm digitized by a qualified digitization service provider, and will hire graduate student assistants to work with archivists and librarians to process and describe the new digital archives with finding aids and metadata. The digitized archives will become openly accessible online through the UHL Digital Library, and files will be preserved in UHL’s Archivematica digital preservation system.

[University of North Texas — Byrd Williams Family Photography Collection Digitization Project \(Denton\), \\$24,914](#)

This project will provide funding for UNT Special Collections and Digital Projects Unit staff to select, digitize, and describe 3,000 items from the Byrd Williams Family Photography Collection. Items selected for digitization will include work of the first three generations of William’s family photographers, and will include digitization of sensitive nitrate film negatives which are especially prone to physical degradation. Once digitized and described, these resources will be loaded into the Portal to Texas History for public access.

[University of Texas at Arlington — Ettatorials: Digitizing the Etta Hulme Papers, \\$24,909](#)

UTA Libraries requests funding to support the digitization of 10,000 original artworks and associated materials from the Etta Hulme Papers. Hulme, editorial cartoonist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram from 1972-2008, was



a trailblazer for women in the field of cartooning. She was one of the first female cartoonists to have her work syndicated and the first woman to win the Best Editorial Cartoonist Award. The items to be digitized document her career as an artist and an advocate for women and show the evolution of her artistic process. The items will be made available to the public through a dedicated website and the UTA Libraries Digital Gallery.

Regional ILS Collaborative Grants — FY 2020

Abilene	Abilene Library Consortium	\$74,664
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[Abilene Library Consortium — Abilene Library Consortium Regional Shared Integrated Library System, \\$74,664](#)

The Abilene Library Consortium (ALC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit, desires to increase multi-type and multi-size library collaboration across the region through an expansion of its current shared integrated library system (ILS). The primary goal of the project is to improve service, lower costs, and allow for the cost-effective inclusion of libraries of all types across the region. This multi-year cooperative project seeks funding for the planning phase in year 1 to develop a functional pricing and service model that would allow the current ALC member libraries to migrate to a high-functioning, lower cost ILS when the current vendor contract ends, and include additional libraries across the region to participate cost-effectively. A secondary goal of the project is to share the developed service and support model with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for use in other regions across Texas.

Special Projects Grants — FY 2020

Arlington	Arlington Public Library System	\$53,293
Arlington	University of Texas at Arlington	\$74,508
Dallas	Dallas Public Library	\$75,000
Dickinson	Dickinson Public Library	\$4,000
El Paso	El Paso Public Library	\$74,496
Fort Worth	Texas Wesleyan University	\$54,793
Frisco	Frisco Public Library	\$75,000

[Arlington Public Library System — Outreach Team, Year 2, \\$53,293](#)

Year two of this outreach project will focus on encouraging early learning in Arlington. The library outreach team formed in year one will provide programs and continue surveying families of young children to assess



needs. Program options will include parent education, early literacy, and regular bookmobile visits. The team will partner with Arlington Independent School District (AISD) and other organizations to reach families not currently utilizing library resources. The outreach team will make routine visits with the bookmobile to sites that were successful during the year 1 to assess impact of regular visits over a 9-month period. The team will continue providing early learning programs at Arlington ISD Family Engagement rooms for parents of young children and will also research and identify new locations outside the AISD partnership that would benefit from early literacy programs. The focus of year two is to disseminate early learning programs to new partners and reach caregivers who do not currently use the library.

[Dallas Public Library — Applied ELL, Year 3, \\$75,000](#)

Dallas Public Library (DPL) requests a third year of funds to support Applied English Language instructors. The classes these instructors develop and teach enhance the Library's existing suite of Adult Education and Literacy Programming. As the demand for quality English language learning (ELL) opportunities in Dallas grows, DPL provides this critical user population with access to language learning classes. The classes go beyond what was previously offered by the Library or other literacy service providers. Classes scaffold from the previously established ELL program model, with the addition of customized curriculum that addresses language-learning for specific domains of community life and the workplace.

[Dickinson Public Library — Savvy STREAMers 2.0, \\$4,000](#)

Dickinson Public Library seeks to improve the Savvy STREAMer program that was founded as a 2019 Special project grant and further develop the STREAM services offered at the library by supplementing original programming with additional supplies, allowing them to distribute the program's impact to a larger audience and offer more intensive outreach to nearby organizations and schools.

[El Paso Public Library — Work PLACE \(Public Literacy Access for Careers & Entrepreneurship\), Year 2, \\$74,496](#)

During the first year of this TSLAC grant-funded innovative entrepreneurial program, the El Paso Public Library has offered numerous workshops, training opportunities, one-to-one sessions, outreach opportunities, and webinars. The Library Work PLACE (Public Literacy Access for Careers & Entrepreneurship) program has also provided access to dedicated workspaces, access to technology (computers, printers, fax services, scanning services), access to online materials and reference services. During year two of the Work PLACE project, the El Paso Public Library will continue to expand the program to all twelve library facilities located throughout the city and offer a speaker series on related topics (10 presentations).



Frisco Public Library — Frisco Public Library Community Engagement Van, \$75,000

Frisco Public Library will expand on the InstaSTEM mobile activity stations that offer hands-on, self-paced STEM learning for elementary-aged students and promote awareness of STEM career fields. The Library will design and customize a Community Engagement Van to provide community digital literacy, STEM learning opportunities, library card registration, and promote library digital collections at community events, FISD schools, senior communities, new immigrant population gathering places, low-income housing communities, childcares, and afterschool programs. The Library will further expand its visibility and services into the community with the new van.

Texas Wesleyan University — TXWES Makers Lab, Year 2 (Fort Worth), \$54,793

The FY2019 Special Project grant gave us an amazing opportunity to bring new technology to our students and community. The interest in the lab has skyrocketed since its installation. To ensure that the lab continues to adapt to its students, is frequently staffed, and provides access to items students can use off campus, Texas Wesleyan is requesting funds to: continue the growth and maintenance of the lab; hire a qualified student worker; and purchase equipment that is easily transportable. This will help not only the lab but will also help facilitate the lab's outreach in the community.

University of Texas at Arlington — Preparing School and Public Librarians to Engage Children with Learning Differences in Making Activities, \$74,508

UTA Libraries request funding to support a four-stage project focused on preparing school librarians to create and facilitate maker-based curricula in their schools to support the needs of students with learning differences. The funding will: support the creation of maker curricula with targeted learning outcomes that integrates motor skill development strategies; provide professional development opportunities for triads of public school personnel to practice authoring maker curricula and administering such programming in their institutions; support half-day Saturday camps for students with learning differences focused on making and motor skill development; and create an open repository of maker curricula appropriate for children with learning differences.

Border City Grants

Edcouch	City of Edcouch	\$400,000
Penitas	City of Penitas Library	\$400,000
Harlingen	City of Harlingen	\$400,000
Sullivan City	Sullivan City	\$400,000



City of Edcouch — Equipment, furniture, supplies and services for new library, \$400,000

The City of Edcouch will purchase needed equipment, furniture, supplies and services for the opening of the first library within the city limits.

City of Penitas Library — Mobile library, \$400,000

The Penitas Library will purchase a mobile library to provide library services to rural parts of its community and mobile library services at community events around the Rio Grande Valley.

City of Harlingen — Self-service library kiosk, \$400,000

The library will expand resources throughout the community by opening a self-service library kiosk to serve people who have limited access to the public library. Community members will be able to check out and return materials using RFID technology. The grant will support converting collection information for this purpose and to purchase a library van to support the maintenance of the kiosk.

Sullivan City — Planning for new library, \$400,000

Assistance in non-construction elements is needed to complete planning, construction, and equipping of a new library for Sullivan City.



Appendix B: TSLAC CARES Grants

TSLAC CARES Grants – Cycle 1, awarded July 2019

Allen	Allen Public Library	\$16,529
Atlanta	Atlanta Public Library	\$21,096
Austin	Austin Public Library	\$49,975
Bastrop	Bastrop Public Library	\$7,902
Boerne	Patrick Heath Public Library	\$7,913
Bonham	Bonham Public Library	\$22,726
Bowie	Bowie Public Library	\$24,598
Brady	McCulloch County Library	\$24,986
Brenham	Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library	\$24,258
Buda	Buda Public Library	\$17,500
Carrollton	Carrollton Public Library	\$15,400
Dallas	Dallas Public Library	\$42,484
Denton	Texas Woman's University	\$49,980
Gatesville	Gatesville Public Library	\$21,838
Harlingen	Harlingen Public Library	\$25,000
Irving	Irving Public Library	\$43,685
John City	Johnson City Library	\$19,199
Kaufman	Kaufman County Library	\$19,242
Kennedale	Kennedale Public Library	\$8,997
Laredo	Laredo Public Library	\$50,000
Little Elm	Little Elm Public Library	\$16,799
Marathon	Marathon Public Library	\$25,000
Mesquite	Mesquite Public Library	\$23,708
Nacogdoches	Judy B McDonald Public Library	\$13,126
North Richland Hills	North Richland Hills Public Library	\$20,357



Pottsboro	Pottsboro Area Public Library	\$24,852
Rio Grande City	Rio Grande City Public Library	\$25,000
Robstown	Nueces County Keach Family Library	\$49,671
Round Rock	Round Rock Public Library System	\$25,000
San Angelo	Tom Green County Library System	\$50,000
San Antonio	University of Texas at San Antonio	\$49,991
San Antonio	BiblioTech	\$49,999
San Antonio	San Antonio Public Library	\$50,000
Schertz	Schertz Public Library	\$24,702
Terrell	Riter C. Hulseay Public Library	\$24,101
The Colony	The Colony Public Library	\$7,571
Weslaco	Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library	\$24,937
Wylie	Rita & Truett Smith Public Library	\$24,909

[Allen Public Library, \\$16,529](#)

Allen Public Library will use grant funds to purchase a mobile check-out unit and a library document station to help serve community needs and enable social distancing. These resources will allow patrons to access library resources with less contact to other persons or staff.

[Atlanta Public Library, \\$21,096](#)

The Atlanta Public Library will use grant funds to expand its wi-fi capacity and enable better social distancing for in-person use of the facility. Additionally, the library also requested support for cleaning supplies and materials needed to serve the public.

[Austin Public Library, \\$49,975](#)

The Austin Public Library will use grant funds to provide Chromebooks and 150 hotspots to help close the digital divide in the Austin area. Targeted but not limited to students needing access from home, increased connectivity will mean that citizens will be empowered to access educational, government and medical resources, pursue employment, and connect with family. TSLAC CARES funds will also support the purchase of plexiglass dividers to be used in the library to enhance safety for persons accessing computer stations.



Bastrop Public Library, \$7,902

Bastrop Public Library will use grant funds to support the addition of hardware, software, accessories, and furniture needed to implement both contactless and touchless self-checkout options for users.

BiblioTech (San Antonio), \$49,999

BiblioTech will use TSLAC CARES funds to purchase 180 hotspots for distribution to high school seniors in Bexar County in partnership with the San Antonio Independent School District and the Harlandale Independent School District. These hotspots will allow students to connect to the classroom and will offer their parents access to resources to continue their own online training and job application process. These hotspots will also give these students and families readily available access to the entire digital collection of BiblioTech, the country's first all-digital public library.

Bonham Public Library, \$22,726

Bonham Public Library will use grant funds to reduce direct patron/staff contact without reducing customer service, and to improve technical services while allowing for social distancing and limits on the number of patrons in the library. This includes the purchase of self-serve checkout kiosks, a hands-free print and payment station, expansion of wi-fi access to new outdoor seating areas, wi-fi hotspots and tablets that may be checked out for use at home, and video equipment for the development of online programming.

Bowie Public Library, \$24,598

Bowie Public Library will use grant funds to purchase technology, including laptops for check-out, printers for public use, and mobile hotspots. The library plans to augment this technology with materials specifically designed to support the needs of job seekers.

Buda Public Library, \$17,500

Buda Public Library will use grant funds for equipment to enable the creation and deployment of virtual community programming as well as take-home activity kits to continue supporting learning.

Carrollton Public Library, \$15,400

Grant funds will enable the Carrollton Public Library to increase internet accessibility to library users by purchasing 40 mobile hotspots and service for weekly circulation. Mobile hotspots will be available to residents to assist with schoolwork, job hunting, and technical skill building as they cope with the ongoing limitations and closures due to COVID-19. Mobile hotspots will provide safe, convenient internet service to Carrollton residents.



Dallas Public Library, \$42,484

Dallas Public Library requested funds for the purchase of chrome books, wired mice, USB drives, carrying cases, and console management subscriptions in order to provide access to computers and internet access to individuals who would otherwise not be able to have it. The program is aimed at helping to bridge the digital divide and balance the technological inequity faced by low-income citizens.

Gatesville Public Library, \$21,838

Gatesville Public Library requested funds for 10 hotspots and 10 laptops and capacity for wireless printing for patrons, as well as equipment to enable the library to produce and offer virtual programming for students. The library additionally requested funds for personal protective equipment for staff.

Harlingen Public Library, \$25,000

Grant funds will provide Harlingen Public Library with a self-checkout service designed to allow community members to safely borrow materials, pay fines, and learn about library resources and local services. It also protects library staff by reducing the need for them to closely interact with library patrons. Broadly, the purpose of the self-checkout system is to help community members access library resources and local information while protecting the health and safety of patrons and library staff.

Irving Public Library, \$43,685

Irving Public Library will use the grant to fund the purchase of three contactless/self-service stations for with six tablets for checkout. The tablets will enable our users to access the library's resources while remaining safe and socially distant. The library also requested support for cleaning supplies.

Johnson City Library, \$19,199

The Johnson City Library is partnering with four community-based organizations to address digital inclusion needs that have substantially grown during COVID-19 crisis.

Judy B McDonald Public Library (Nacogdoches), \$13,126

Grant funds will enable the Judy B. McDonald Public Library to provide online homework help, hotspots, and laptops for community. The library will subscribe to an online homework help program providing tutoring for students of all ages and career assistance for veterans. Hotspots will be loaned to apartment complexes for use by their residents in community or laundry rooms, and the library will partner with the city's Recreation Center to offer roaming internet service in area parks and neighborhoods with its Center vehicle. In addition, the library will continue working with the local school district to provide resources and will make laptops available for checkout by the families of City employees.



Kaufman County Library (Kaufman), \$19,242

Grant funds will provide Kaufman County Library with higher wireless bandwidth, nine laptops, and six space-saving desktop workstations to serve the library's online learners. Increasing the library's bandwidth allows students to upload and/or download larger amounts of content and increase data transfer capabilities. The laptops and workstations will be set up in meeting rooms and other designated areas to provide access while maintaining social distancing.

Kennedale Public Library, \$8,997

Grant funds will provide Chromebooks & hotspots for checkout so that patrons who cannot afford internet services will be able to access technology as needed from home. Providing this service will allow residents to apply for unemployment, search for jobs, apply for needed government services and participate in vital telehealth services. Mobile printing and mobile self-check will also assist community members by offering access to high-demand faxing, copying, printing services, as well as self-check that enables patrons to quickly get in and out of the library.

Laredo Public Library, \$50,000

Laredo Public Library requested grant funds to purchase laptops to circulate to citizens, equipment to create online programming with high-quality production value, and provide STEM resources and learning kits to support instruction.

Little Elm Public Library, \$16,799

Little Elm Public Library will use grant funds to increase its mobile hotspot lending program, secure remote access software to allow library staff to provide technology support remotely to the library patrons, and upgrade computers for public use.

Marathon Public Library, \$25,000

Marathon Public Library requested grant funds for mobile hotspots, iPads, equipment for virtual programming, and personal protective equipment. The library is focused on providing a greater means for the community to access the internet as well as library resources.

Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library (Weslaco), \$24,937

Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library will use grant funds to expand digital services and the library's hotspot lending program. The library also requested support for equipment to facilitate curbside services, expand outdoor wireless capacity, and implement virtual programming, as well as support for cleaning supplies.



McCulloch County Library (Brady), \$24,986

McCulloch County Library requested funds to satisfy the educational needs of McCulloch County students with the addition of 54 laptops, 25 iPads, and 42 sets of noise canceling headphones to augment the library's public technology collection.

Mesquite Public Library, \$23,708

Mesquite Public Library will use grant funds to purchase hotspots and equipment to create a Job Seeker Support initiative. The library also requested support for furniture to help implement social distancing.

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, \$24,258

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library will use funds to increase community digital inclusion. By partnering with Brenham ISD, the library will purchase a distance learning bundle which includes LTE Chromebooks, hotspots, and a data plan. The library will also secure an interactive white board to support programming needs and workforce resource materials.

North Richland Hills Public Library, \$20,357

To meet the need for social distancing, contact-less circulation, and effective curbside delivery, the Library will use grant funds to obtain software that will support stand-alone checkout kiosks, contact-less circulation through a mobile app checkout, and curbside delivery management. Implementing these services will de-anchor patrons from circulation desks and limited, stationary self-check stations. The Library anticipates library users will check out more materials, benefit from increased efficiency of curbside pickups, and report increased satisfaction.

Nueces County Keach Family Library (Robstown), \$49,671

The goal of the Nueces County Libraries TECH2Go is to help eliminate digital inclusion barriers in Nueces County. Grant funds will support the purchase of a self-service station to check out tablets, laptops, hotspots, increased internet and wi-fi speed that will reach into the library's parking lot, enhanced website capabilities for users, video equipment for remote programming, and an online tutoring program for young and adult learners.

Patrick Heath Public Library (Boerne), \$7,913

The Patrick Heath Public Library will use grant funds to reimburse purchases made to keep the community of Boerne safe and allow broad use of the library building and technology access. The library purchased an automated temperature check station for the front of the library, regular building sanitization, social distancing signage and markers, sneeze shields and a portable hand sanitization station.



Pottsboro Area Public Library, \$24,852

Pottsboro Area Public Library will use grant funds in an innovative project to partner with the Educational Broadcast Service to use reserved spectrum to provide home internet access to teachers and high school and college students without such access. The TSLAC CARES grant will fund the purchase of 40 routers to receive the EBS spectrum signal in selected low-income students' homes within reach of the signal.

Rio Grande City Public Library, \$25,000

The Rio Grande City Public Library will use grant funds to purchase laptops and workstations to support the needs of a community with limited access to computers and internet at home. This will allow the library to more adequately meet the needs of its patrons, giving more students access to computers in order to fulfill class requirements, as well as allowing more adults to apply for and take advantage of resources available to them in response to COVID-19, such as unemployment benefits and job searches. Funds will also support the purchase of 3D supplies to print face masks and shields for the community.

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library, \$24,909

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library will use funds to support learning at home (and providing back up for parents) by providing access to an online tutoring service. The library will also purchase 25 mobile hotspots for checkout and will facilitate remote access by adding Chromebooks and software to better enable chat and online customer services.

Riter C. Hulsey Public Library (Terrell), \$24,101

Riter C. Hulsey Public Library will use grant funds to purchase eight new laptops for public use as well as new circulating hotspots to facilitate home internet access. Additionally, the library will procure equipment to allow for contact-free service by securing a self-checkout kiosk and other equipment to allow patrons to access library services while minimizing physical contact.

Round Rock Public Library System, \$25,000

Round Rock Public Library System requested funds to support contactless and curbside services. The library will add exterior outdoor lockers that will allow patrons (who will be provided codes when they request the checkout of materials or technology) to pick up resources 24/7.

San Antonio Public Library, \$50,000

San Antonio Public Library will use grant funds to focus on digital inclusion in its COVID-19 response by increasing use and awareness of its free wi-fi in parking areas by boosting signals where needed and designating increase use areas. Additionally, the library will expand the reach of the library's wi-fi through the retrofit and redeployment of four existing library vehicles, which will be sent throughout the city in areas of need to provide free wi-fi in parks and other areas at regularly established times.



Schertz Public Library, \$24,702

Schertz Public Library will use grant funds to purchase equipment and software to create virtual programming and in-demand e-books. The Library will also purchase access to popular online crafting resources, as well as content that will enhance educational and professional goals. Funds will also support creating a safe environment for community users with contactless check-out and extra monitors that will enable library staff to assist patrons one-on-one without close contact.

Texas Woman's University (Denton), \$49,980

Texas Woman's University Libraries' program will provide mobile hotspots and laptops to students who reside in lower economic neighborhoods. Funds will give these students long term access to the digital tools they need to adequately access their courses online; needed data, information, and knowledge; and the necessary digital tools to successfully complete their coursework. Such access provides economically challenged undergraduate and graduate students at TWU with the same equitable access as is provided to more affluent students, thus narrowing this portion of the digital divide.

The Colony Public Library, \$7,571

Grant funds will enable The Colony Public Library to expand internet service outside the walls of its building to the parking lot, meeting a community need for strong, accessible, 24/7 freely available wireless internet. Once installed, the library will connect with Lewisville Independent School District and other local social service organizations to raise awareness about this resource throughout the county.

Tom Green County Library System (San Angelo), \$50,000

Tom Green County Library will use grant funds to install permanent hot spots throughout the community, with a particular emphasis on rural, outlying communities. TGCL will work with San Angelo ISD and the county's rural school districts to identify areas where students who receive free and reduced school lunch services reside, targeting those areas for public, communal hot spots. Placing hot spot stations throughout the community will get Internet services closer to where people live and work, allowing them to complete online tasks without the need to come to, or in, the library's four walls. Grant funds will also support expansion of the library's popular hot spot lending program, the purchase of PPE, and 3D supplies to develop protective gear in-house.

University of Texas at San Antonio, \$49,991

University of Texas at San Antonio will use grant funds to support student needs by purchasing 54 additional laptops for student use. The library anticipates immediate use for these devices as many students do not have sufficiently robust personal technology to meet course requirements.



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Alamo	Sergeant Fernando de la Rosa Memorial Library	\$23,137
Alpine	Alpine Public Library	\$19,482
Big Spring	Howard College	\$11,064
Big Spring	Howard County Library	\$16,489
Brownwood	Brownwood Public Library	\$11,406
Carthage	Sammy Brown Library	\$5,623
Cedar Park	Cedar Park Public Library	\$24,605
Corpus Christi	Texas A&M Corpus Christi	\$25,000
Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Public Libraries	\$20,504
Denton	Denton Public Library	\$20,929
Devine	Driscoll Public Library	\$18,162
Dickinson	Dickinson Public Library	\$23,958
Edinburg	Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library	\$25,000
Gainesville	Cooke County Library	\$9,444
Goldthwaite	Jennie Trent Dew Library	\$11,585
Housto	Houston Public Library	\$50,000
Lake Travis	Lake Travis Community Library	\$16,103
Longview	Longview Public Library	\$20,000
McAllen	South Texas College	\$50,000
Rocksprings	Claud H. Gilmer Memorial Library	\$24,928
Rowlett	Rowlett Public Library	\$4,415
Seguin	Seguin	\$24,480
Seven Points	The Library at Cedar Creek Lake	\$6,889
Smithville	Smithville Public Library	\$21,830
Victoria	Victoria Public Library	\$24,985



Alpine Public Library, \$19,482

Alpine Public Library will improve services to the community by updating aging technology. Funds will support the purchase of workstations, a wireless printer, and Wi-Fi hotspots and Chromebooks for home use. Grant funds will also support online resources to enhance childrens' literacy, including a summer reading program. Further, Alpine Public Library will purchase video equipment that will allow them to provide online content and programming for children and adults.

Brownwood Public Library, \$11,406

The Brownwood Public Library will use grant funds to provide hotspots and tablets to students and community members to help bridge the digital divide. The library will also use the funds to support tutoring services and will create a series of workshops to help unemployed patrons find, apply for and succeed in their search for a job. Additionally, the library also requests support for cleaning supplies and a distanced Summer Reading Club.

Cedar Park Public Library, \$24,605

Cedar Park Public Library will address the needs of patrons without reliable Wi-Fi by creating a "Wi-Fi Porch" on a covered colonnade that will extend the wireless Internet reach outside the building for 24 hours a day. Funds will support the acquisition of a new, segmented network for external wireless use and additional access points. The "Wi-Fi Porch" will also contain outdoor furniture allowing socially distanced seating within the wireless range. The Library also plans to acquire online homework help and other electronic resources to assist students learning remotely and those are who looking for employment. The Library will also develop take-home STEM craft kits to support online learning.

Claud H. Gilmer Memorial Library (Rocksprings), \$24,928

Internet access is a luxury item in many areas of Edwards County. According to Broadbandnow, 60% of residents are still severely limited in wired broadband choices. The Library will purchase mobile hotspots with unlimited data, laptops and Chromebooks that may be checked out, a device charging cart and transport bags for the equipment.

Cooke County Library (Gainesville), \$9,444

The Cooke County Library is requesting funds to aid the library with programs, and tools to increase community access to vital technologies and services during COVID-19 and after. This includes a Wi-Fi booster, Wi-Fi hotspots, support for educational programming, materials for STEM kits, and a 3-D printer. Additional funds are needed for library initiatives that will support prevention, preparation and response to the COVID-19 emergency.

Corpus Christi Public Libraries, \$20,504

Corpus Christi Public Libraries (CCPL) will develop ten kits that will consist of a laptop, webcam, microphone,



projector and related accessories. These kits will be checked out to daycares so that they can participate in the libraries' interactive live stream storytime and craft programs.

Denton Public Library, \$20,929

Grant funding will be used to provide public access Wi-Fi in three library parking lots and the library's Reading Nook Park area, expand the library's circulation Wi-Fi hotspot collection with 15 additional hotspots, and purchase additional ebooks and digital audiobooks to better meet the increased demand for digital materials.

Dickinson Public Library, \$23,958

The Dickinson Public Library will purchase new public computers and study carrels to provide a safe social distancing environment, along with additional furniture, laptops, and a job search database. The library plans to initiate a job search outreach by setting up pop-up job search classes in area apartment complex community rooms.

Driscoll Public Library (Devine), \$18,162

Funds are requested to provide a Wi-Fi extender for the library. Outdoor furniture will allow patrons to access the internet remotely and safely. Driscoll Public Library will also purchase hot spots for patron check out as well as time and print management software that will allow staff to monitor and assist computer users remotely. Funds will also support safety supplies such as disinfectants, signage and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library (Edinburg), \$25,000

The Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library serves Edinburg and Hidalgo County, an area with a poverty rate twice the national average and one that has been hit hard by the COVID pandemic. With the onset of a school year based on remote learning, students are struggling to keep up in an already-disadvantaged environment due to poverty, language, and/or technology barriers. Grant funds will increase digital access by expanding the Library's Wi-Fi radius, purchase a mobile broadband router to turn the library's van into a mobile hotspot, purchase an electronic tutoring database to assist students with homework, turn the library's meeting room into a safe center where staff can assist parents and students by purchasing plexiglass barriers, and purchase a UV book sterilizer to sanitize returned materials.

Houston Public Library, \$50,000

Developed by Houston Public Library (HPL) in partnership with Alief Independent School District (AISD), HPL Cares and Connects aims to bridge the digital divide exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program will foster the already established relationship between HPL and AISD, which began in 2018 via the Learning Link program to support student education. HPL Cares and Connects will support remote learning by providing



Smarter HotSpot devices and one-year data plans to 75 AISD students who do not have a computer or Internet access at home. Smarter HotSpots will come pre-loaded with apps for online classes, Learning Link access, and provide content filters and malware protection.

Howard College (Big Spring), \$11,064

Needs arising in Howard College libraries due to COVID-19 include creating a clean, safe, and usable physical space, providing resources for instructors teaching online, assisting students taking courses online, as well as the general public, and eliminating staff involvement in some services to reduce exposure to COVID-19. Howard College libraries plan to meet these needs by creating a Zoom Room, adding more online course functionality in study rooms, providing the means to social distance while working in the physical library space, providing cleaning stations, offering self-checkout, and providing users with tools to meet their at-home needs.

Howard County Library (Big Spring), \$16,489

Howard County Library will acquire materials that will enable them to support literacy and education while face-to-face children's programs are unavailable, provide internet access for community members without this service, and provide contactless service to keep library patrons safe. Funds will support the acquisition of literacy tablets loaded with educational materials, STEAM Kits that can be checked out, Wi-Fi hotspots for patron checkout, additional access points to extend internet services outside the library building, a self-checkout kiosk, and video equipment to create quality online programming.

Jennie Trent Dew Library (Goldthwaite), \$11,585

The Jennie Trent Dew Library will provide digital access and inclusion for Mills County residents in a safe environment during and after COVID 19 pandemic. Funds will support the acquisition of protective equipment within the library, laptops for enhanced access for patrons, audio-visual equipment, and a Zoom license that patrons can use for meetings, telehealth, and other business.

Lake Travis Community Library, \$16,103

Library staff have identified reliable and affordable internet access as a key need in the community following the pandemic. Grant funds will be used to expand and enhance Wi-Fi service at the main library, increase the number of mobile Wi-Fi hotspots for checkout, work with community partners to establish Wi-Fi hotspots in areas of need throughout the district, and add secure and confidential mobile printing services. Project partners include Lake Travis Crisis Ministries, Partners in Hope, Armadillo RV Park, Lake Travis Inn & RV Park, La Hacienda RV Resort & Cottages, Apache Shores Property Owners Association, and Highway 71 Mobile Home Park.

The Library at Cedar Creek Lake (Seven Points), \$6,889

As a means of promoting social distancing and continuing to provide service to the community in a safe manner, The Library at Cedar Creek Lake plans to lessen the traffic accumulating at the circulations desk by



installing acrylic health shields and implementing new self-checkout options within the library through both a kiosk and app. Additionally, the library intends to upgrade Wi-Fi and Internet capabilities with new routers and a mesh networking system in order to provide more consistent and reliable coverage both within and directly outside the library.

Longview Public Library, \$20,000

Longview Public Library will purchase a one-year subscription to BrainFuse, an online tutoring service that will enable the library to continue to assist children even if they cannot visit the library to study. The Library also will acquire a book sanitizer that will reduce the days that returned books must be quarantined.

Rowlett Public Library, \$4,415

The Rowlett Public Library seeks funding for Plexiglass barriers to safely reopen public computer stations, and Envisionware Central Management software to allow staff to remotely assist patrons using public computers.

Sammy Brown Library (Carthage), \$5,623

Sammy Brown Library will purchase a soundproof interactive booth so that patrons can privately access telehealth, conduct private business, attend Zoom meetings, pursue online learning, and pursue creative interests. Funds will also support the purchase of laptops that include audio and video capabilities so that patrons without internet access can access online resources.

Seguin Public Library, \$24,480

The City of Seguin has high poverty levels and has seen recent rapid growth. When Covid-19 hit, access to the library became technology-focused and resources were strained. With 70% of community children receiving reduced or free lunches and the average income of \$48,782, there is little household income to spend on internet and computers. This project, Bridging Seguin's Digital Divide, will provide funding for 20 loanable hotspots and equipment to produce quality video programming for the community.

Sergeant Fernando de la Rosa Memorial Library (Alamo), \$23,137

The City of Alamo Sgt. Fernando De La Rosa Memorial Library serves as the community education hub and strives to update technology and services for its constituents. The goal of the Digital Lend project is to upgrade library technology so that patrons can check out mobile technology and provide patrons a COVID safe facility. This program will allow Alamo residents to check out mobile hot spots, provide mobile tablets for community use at library, will update library technology and develop a program brochure.

Smithville Public Library, \$21,830

The Smithville Public Library (SPL) proposes "Connected Smithville: Resources and Services to Enhance Digital Inclusion," designed to address COVID-related digital challenges. The library has partnered with the Smithville



Area Chamber of Commerce, the Smithville Community Gardens, and Smithville Independent School District to create increased access to the internet and devices, and develop and co-host training programs that help local businesses become more resilient by enhancing their virtual business presence. Funds will be used to establish an annex with internet, onsite computer stations, a printer/scanner, devices for check-out for use at other Wi-Fi locations, enhanced electronic resources, as well as professional trainers for classes to conduct video classes.

South Texas College (McAllen), \$50,000

South Texas College proposes a program that will provide technology support to traditional students transitioning to online classes because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The program will focus on special populations such as individuals with disabilities, single parent, single pregnant woman, or displaced homemakers, and/or the economically disadvantaged. Students will receive internet access with unlimited data via mobile hotspots without incurring any cost.

Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, \$25,000

The Mary and Jeff Bell Library will purchase a laptop checkout kiosk. Readily accessible laptops, reserved for student use, will support digital inclusion and equity by providing students who do not have laptops with devices that will enable them to navigate online classes. In addition, a laptop checkout kiosk will help facilitate circulation in the library while minimizing COVID-19 spread by reducing close contact interactions between staff and students.

Victoria Public Library, \$24,985

Victoria Public Library will address community needs highlighted by the COVID pandemic: the digital divide, need for private workspace, and the need to connect with others, even if in a virtual environment. Funds will provide internet access outside of its walls to community members, create a private meeting space for individuals to take care of their school or work-related needs and remain socially distant, and bolster its virtual programming to deepen interaction between patrons and the library.



Appendix C: Other Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

TEXAS CENTER FOR THE BOOK

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE: 2020

Level I Grades 4-6

- 1st Place Winner: Avinash Kumar (Austin) for his letter about The Super Life of Ben Braver by Marcus Emerson.
- 2nd Place Winner: Adelaide Cowden (Austin) for her letter about Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
- 3rd Place Winner: Nylah Qureshi for her letter about The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani

Level II Grades 7-8

- 1st Place Winner: Sarah Rose (Lubbock) for her letter about The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
- 2nd Place Winner: Elisa John (Edinburg) for her letter about A Dog's Purpose by Bruce Cameron
- 3rd Place Winner: Jasmine Jeremiah (Austin) for her letter about The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Level III Grades 9-12

- 1st Place Winner: Gabrielle Avena (Driftwood) for her letter about A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara
- 2nd Place Winner: Ella Johnson (Austin) for her letter about Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- 3rd Place Winner: Cecilia Longoria (Mission) for her letter about Looking for Alaska by John Green

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE: 2019

Level I Grades 4-6

- 1st Place Winner: Asha Blewett (Addison) for her letter about Moon at Nine by Deborah Ellis
- 2nd Place Winner: Chloe Nguyen (Addison) for her letter about Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
- 3rd Place Winner: Lukas Palys (Addison) for his letter about The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Level II Grades 7-8

- 1st Place Winner: Danielle Weatherwax (Dallas) for her letter about Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas
- 2nd Place Winner: Rachel Herskovits (Dallas) for her letter about When Mama Wore a Hat by Eleanor Schick



- 3rd Place Winner: Simon Sy (Edinburg) for his letter about Les Miserables by Victor Hugo

Level III Grades 9-12

- 1st Place Winner: Evelyn Wilson (Houston) for her letter about Turtles All the Way Down by John Green Ellis
- 2nd Place Winner: Haley A. Jústiz (Austin) for her letter about The Lux series by Jennifer L. Armentrout
- 3rd Place Winner: Colby Menefee (Buffalo) for her letter about We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

TEXAS CENTER FOR THE BOOK TEXAS LITERACY AWARD

The award honors a qualified 501(c)3 organization that has made outstanding contributions to increasing literacy in Texas. The program is funded by the Texas Library and Archives Foundation, Inc.

2019 Literacy Award Winner: \$2,000 Award

- The mission of Books are Gems is to inspire children and empower families through literacy. All children who visit the bookstore may select six free children's books (one new book and five gently used books) per month at no cost. Teachers may take up to 25 used children's books twice per school year and have access to the Teacher Resource Room, where everything is free. Books Are GEMS partners with El Paso schools and organizations to distribute free books to children through various events organized throughout the year.

2019 Honorable Mention Award Recipients: \$500 Awards

- Inside Books Project, founded in 1998, receives written requests from inmates for books and resource guides and sends publications back to them. In 2014, more than 18,000 requests were received, and Inside Books provided more than 35,000 free books to prisoners.
- Teen Bookfest by the Bay was founded in 2015 by a group of Corpus Christi Bay area school and public librarians for the express purpose of planning and providing an annual book festival for local teens.

2020 Literacy Award Winner: \$2,000 Award

- Books to the Border, a project of Trinity University Press, is an innovative, newly expanded initiative that focuses on early childhood literacy in one of the country's most economically challenged regions. Their goal is to give one free book to every child aged from infancy to age five living along the United States-Mexico border.



2020 Honorable Mention Award Recipients: \$500 Awards

- The Rotary Club of Wimberley provides a series of programs under the theme “Rotary Loves Readers.” These programs include reading initiatives within local schools, library seminars, nursing home book clubs, book giveaways, and scholarships.
- The Leaders Readers Network cultivates a national network of leaders who provide books, supplies, and projects to support early literacy in underfunded schools.

READ ACROSS TEXAS BOOK AND PROGRAM GRANT 2019

- Heritage Middle School, Lubbock
- Driscoll Public Library, Devine
- Lillie Russell Memorial Library, Lindale
- Joe A Hall High School & Community Library, Venus
- Sterling County Public Library, Sterling City
- West Public Library, West
- Buttercup House Inc., Borger
- Westside Branch of El Paso Public Library, El Paso
- Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville
- Mineola Memorial Library, Mineola
- Livingston Municipal Library, Livingston
- Wilson County Public Library, Floresville
- City of Wolfforth Library, Wolfforth
- Spicewood Community Library, Spicewood
- Rusk Public Library, Rusk
- Denton Public Library, Denton
- Universal City Public Library, Universal
- Austin ISD Library Media Services- AISD Book Club, Austin
- Leon Valley Public Library, Leon Valley
- Centennial Memorial Library, Eastland





- United South High School 9th Grade, Laredo
- Onalaska Public Library, Onalaska
- Hughes Springs Area Public Library, Hughes Springs
- Pearsall Public Library, Pearsall
- Penny Payte McLeaish LRC, Mission
- Lobit Middle School, Dickinson
- B. L. Gray Junior High School, Mission
- Charlotte Public Library, Charlotte
- Johnson City Library, Johnson City
- Bandera Public Library, Bandera
- Lloyd and Dolly Bentsen Elementary Library, McAllen
- Nueces County Keach Family Library, Robstown
- Comfort Public Library, Comfort
- Waco-McLennan County Library, Waco
- Perez Elementary, Austin
- Texas Woman's University Blagg-Huey Library, Denton
- Palacios Community Conversation, Palacios
- Muleshoe Area Public Library, Muleshoe
- Harlingen Public Library, Harlingen
- Azle High School (Library), Azle
- Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries, Corpus Christi
- Mesquite High School Library, Mesquite
- North Mesquite High School Library, Mesquite
- West Mesquite High School Library, Mesquite
- Horn High School Library, Mesquite
- Howard County Library, Big Spring
- Blanche K. Werner Public Library, Trinity



- Temple Public Library, Temple
- Evelyn Meador Library, Seabrook
- Richardson Interfaith Alliance, Dallas
- New Table, Austin
- Compassionate Austin, Austin

LONE STAR DÍA GRANTS 2020

- Reed Elementary Library, Cedar Park
- C.L. Milton Elementary School, Laredo
- Schertz Elementary, Schertz
- Clinton P Russell, Dallas
- John Ireland Elementary School Library, Dallas
- Barbara Jordan Elementary, Dallas
- McDougal Library @ Willow Bend Elementary, Lubbock
- Leonore Kirk Hall Elementary School, Dallas
- Ebby Halliday Elementary School, Dallas
- O.M. Roberts Elementary, Dallas
- Anita T. Dovalina Elementary School, Laredo
- D Brown Memorial Library, Rosebud
- Pharr Memorial Library, Pharr
- Jill Stone Elementary, Dallas
- Rio Grande City Public Library, Rio Grande City
- Daiches Elementary School, Laredo
- West Oso ISD, Corpus Christi
- City of Presidio Library, Presidio
- Hewitt Public Library, Hewitt
- Tolbert Elementary School Library, Dallas ISD, Dallas





- Dupre School, Lubbock
- Stevens Park Elementary, 2615 W. Colorado Blvd., Dallas
- Carroll Elementary- Sheldon ISD, Houston
- Crockett Elementary, Harlingen
- Alexander Elementary, Houston
- Union Hill Elementary, Round Rock
- Sterling County Public Library, Sterling City
- Cockrell Hill Public Library, Dallas
- Windle School for Young Children, Denton
- Gonzalez School for Young Children- Denton ISD, Denton
- Knox City High School, Knox City
- Sam Fordyce Elementary, Sullivan City
- Pittsburg Camp County Public Library, Pittsburg
- RISD Academy, Dallas
- Northrich Elementary School, Richardson
- Thurgood Marshall Elementary, Dallas
- Hoffman Middle School Library, Houston
- Spring Valley Elementary, Dallas
- OH Stowe Library, Haltom City
- West Birdville Elementary, Haltom City

TEXAS HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

2020 Advocacy for Archives Award acknowledges an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to ensure the preservation and availability of the historical record of Texas: **Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.**

2020 Distinguished Service Award recognizes an individual, archival institution, education program, or nonprofit/government organization that has provided outstanding leadership, service or contribution to the archives profession in Texas: **Dr. David B. Gracy II.**



Archival Award of Excellence recognizes significant achievements in preserving and improving access to historical records in any format by a Texas archival institution and individual achievements:

- **2020 Institution:** [Texas Archive of the Moving Image \(TAMI\)](#)
- **2020 Individual:** **Travis Williams**, Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, [St. Edwards University](#)
- **2019 Institution:** [C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections](#), University of Texas at El Paso Library
- **2019 Individual:** **Brenda Lincke Fisseler**, [Lavaca County Archives](#)

2019 TSLAC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN TEXAS HISTORY, \$2,000 MAXIMUM AWARD

- **Maggie Elmore** is a postdoctoral research associate at the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame. Elmore studies the Latino experience with social and political exclusion in the 20th century United States.
- **Deborah Liles**, who obtained her doctorate from the University of North Texas, serves as an assistant professor at Tarleton State University where she is the W.K. Gordon Chair of Texas History. Her current research focuses on the livestock trade and slave ownership during the Civil War.

2020 TSLAC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN TEXAS HISTORY, \$2,000 AWARDS

- **Sheena Lee Cox**, a PhD candidate at the University of Texas, was recognized for her dissertation research, focusing on Texas and Southwest borderlands.
- **Micaela Valadez**, a PhD candidate at the University of Texas won for her dissertation, "Drowning in the Alamo City: Fighting for Environmental Justice and Civil Rights in San Antonio, Texas 1950-Present."



Appendix D. Publications, Reports, and Conferences

PUBLICATIONS

- [Report of Reports: Prepared by State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education](#)
- [Local Government Records Act Bulletin D](#), September 2019
- [Texas State Retention Schedule](#), 5th Edition, April 2020
- [Strategic Plan for the Texas State Archives 2021-2025](#)
- [Texas State Library and Archives Commission Storage Expansion Analysis](#), December 18, 2019
- [Texas State Library and Archives Commission: Commissioner Training Manual](#)
- [The Implementation Plan for the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act \(Texas Government Code, Chapter 2051, Subchapter E\): The General and Special Laws Passed in a Regular or Special Session of the Texas Legislature and State Agency Rules Adopted in Accordance with Chapter 2001](#)
- [State Joint Curatorial Facility Feasibility Report](#), Texas Historical Commission, December 2018

BLOGS

- **The Director's Report with Mark Smith:** Insights and observations written by Mark Smith, State Librarian and Director of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Read all about the commitment and hard work it takes for our agency to provide a wide variety of services to the citizens of Texas.
- **Library Developments:** See all the library focused news and information from our Library Development and Networking division. Posts on available grants, webinars, professional development and continuing education, scholarships, the TexShare consortium, and many other services for Texas libraries.
- **The Texas Record:** Records management is an important function for any organization. Read how our government information analysts provide state and local governments consulting services and training (in-house and online) on topics like records retention, inventory, disposition, managing electronic records, and emergency planning.
- **TSLAC Conservation:** This blog highlights activity in the Summerlee Conservation Lab at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Posts focus on conservation treatment of book and paper items, conservation processes and decision-making, and conservation challenges within library and archives collections.





- **Out of the Stacks:** This blog highlights the resources, people, and activities of the Archives and Information Services division of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Posts focus on Texas history, library and archival resources from the TSLAC collections, and news about upcoming events and programs.
- **Texas Talking Book Program:** Read book reviews and recommendations by staff of the Talking Book Program, which provides free unabridged books in alternative formats for Texans unable to read standard print material due to visual, physical, or reading disabilities. Get new title updates, the travels of the public awareness coordinator, information available from the Disability Reference Center, and much more.

REPORTS

- **The Texas State Library and Archives Commission Reopening Libraries: Resource Guide** was created in May 2020. The guide provides a series of questions to consider with the library's governing authority when considering reopening the library's physical space.
- **Texas Libraries: Planning and Communicating the Library Message and Services Under COVID-19** is a TSLAC guide developed to assist librarians in planning and informing their communities of available services throughout COVID-19 health protocols.
- **Library Reopening Plans** (GoogleDoc) is a compilation of Texas library responses to TSLAC regarding reopening plans as of June 2020. Libraries are identified by population size.
- **2018 Texas Public Libraries Annual Report** (annual collection and publication of statewide data), data published online in FY 2019.
- **2019 Texas Public Libraries Annual Report** (annual collection and publication of statewide data), data published online in FY 2020.

CONFERENCES

- e-Records Conference, "Tackle Tough E-Records Challenges", November 16, 2018
- e-Records Conference, "Better Together in a Digital World: Security and Retention," November 15, 2019
- TexQuest Virtual Learning Conference: Digital Resources for Educators, June 23-25, 2020





- TSLAC/Interlibrary Loan/TexShare Virtual Conference, Thursday, August 6, 2020
- School Library Administrators Conference, held through the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference, April 16, 2019
- School Library Administrators Conference, held by the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference, available May 2020 as virtual programming



Appendix E: Partnerships

STATE AGENCIES

Texas Education Agency (TEA): TSLAC collaborates with TEA in areas related to school library programs and educational technology, program integration strategy, and curriculum in areas related to learning, reading, teacher and student resources, programming, digital inclusion, and services for students with visual disabilities or learning conditions impairing reading. In FY 2019, TEA and TSLAC launched a campaign to make parents aware of the free Talking Book Program resources available to eligible students. Additionally, TSLAC's school library coordinator worked with TEA curriculum staff on educator training on TSLAC K-12 electronic resources. TSLAC's school library coordinator also served on TEA's Long-Range Plan for Technology and Operation Connectivity.

Office of the Attorney General (OAG): TSLAC's general counsel and Archives and Information Services division worked in collaboration with the OAG to seek the return of alienated state records (i.e., records improperly removed from state custody). This process involves staff identifying such lost records once they are put up for sale.

Bullock Texas State History Museum: TSLAC is the primary lender of materials to the Bullock Museum. In FY 2019 and 2020, TSLAC loaned documents, government records, photographs, and artifacts to support the Bullock's exhibits.

The Texas State Preservation Board (SPB): TSLAC has partnered with the SPB to provide retail access to copies of materials in the State Archives. The agencies are collaborating to provide the public with a means to purchase high-quality archival replicas, with proceeds benefiting the work and educational purposes of the agencies.

Education Service Center 20 serves as the primary partner in the deployment of TSLAC's TexQuest program. An ESC serves as a central point for signing on districts with technical implementation, assisting with administration, providing training to school personnel, and developing school resources. Additionally, TSLAC is working with ESC 20 to assist 13 area libraries with access to broadband.

TSLAC's Texas Center for the Book partners with the **Texas Commission on the Arts** to co-present at the annual Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (January 25-27, 2019, and January 24-26, 2020) to discuss literacy, writing, and arts programs.

The Texas Department of Agriculture and TSLAC both work in the areas of broadband deployment to rural communities and grant opportunities. In FY 2019 staff of TDA and TSLAC coordinated information to more widely distribute information on grant opportunities and resources for rural communities.



FUNDERS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

The Texas Library and Archives Foundation, Inc. (TxLAF) is the official support organization for TSLAC. TxLAF is administered by a volunteer board who raise funds to promote learning, literacy, and the preservation of Texas history. In FY 2019 and FY 2020 TxLAF provided support for the Texas Authors Celebration (both years), the opening event for the “Women’s Power, Women’s Vote,” and “Setting the Texas Table” exhibits, 2019 and 2020 Texas Center for the Book Literacy Award and Honorable Mention, 2019 and 2020 Talking Book Program volunteer appreciation event, 2019 TSLAC Staff Development Day, and the 2018 and 2019 TSLAC Research Fellowship in Texas History.

The **Edouard Foundation** supported TSLAC initiatives for many years through contributions to the Texas Library and Archives Foundation. In FY 2019 and FY 2020, the foundation continued its support for Texas history fellowships and literary programs.

The **Texas Historical Foundation** supported efforts to preserve and provide access to the early Texas Supreme Court case files. This work involved the humidification, flattening, processing, and indexing of the files. Staff then moved on to digitization and metadata creation to ensure public access to these rare and important judicial records from 1840 to 1867, which are now available in the TDA.

ASSOCIATIONS AND NON-PROFITS

The **Texas Library Association (TLA)** is a key partner in deploying resources and training to the library community. In addition to annual conference opportunities, TLA convenes library interests throughout the state to provide input, support, and programming opportunities, including disseminating agency information and assisting with TSLAC program, such as the Letters About Literature Texas student competition.

The **Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)** facilitates promotion of TSLAC Research Fellowship in Texas History program, which is funded by TxLAF. TSHA promotes the award opportunity and recognized recipients at its annual conference.

The **Texas Book Festival (TBF)** has been a long-standing partner. TSLAC and TBF collaborated in programming for both the 2019 and 2020 Texas Teen Book Festival and Texas Book Festival. Additionally, TBF is a supporter of Texas Authors Celebration developed by TSLAC’s Texas Center for the Book and communications office. The event brings together Texas authors in celebration of current Texas literature and brings awareness to the agency’s archival collections.

The **Writers’ League of Texas** is a key partner for administration and promotion of the Texas Authors Celebration and partners with TCFB activities.

Texas Legal Services Center / Texas Law Help and the Texas RioGrande Legal Aid partnered with TSLAC to



develop the Texas Free WiFi Map, which provides current information to the public on available free WiFi spots throughout the state.

The **Texas Indie Writers Project** partnered with TSLAC in 2020 to recognize works by Scott Semegran of Austin and Michelle Rene of Dallas, which were chosen as the two best independently published books in Texas.

Lonestar Education and Research Network, or LEARN, is a non-profit organization that provides high-speed internet to higher education and K-12 entities across the state. TSLAC is partnering with LEARN to bring more libraries into that super high-speed network.

OTHER PARTNERS

Ancestry.Com is working with TSLAC to digitize records and make them available through both the State Archives and through Ancestry.com's platform, which offers digitized TSLAC collections free to Texas residents.

BiblioBoard, TeachingBooks/Book Connections, and HarperCollins have partnered with TSLAC to make the Texas Great Read freely accessible to Texans in e-book format during the Great Read fall and winter campaign. Additionally, these partners have developed reading resource guides to help readers and libraries discuss the book.

EBSCO and ProQuest, working in collaboration with TSLAC, offered additional materials free of charge to Texas residents. These materials related to health and COVID-19 topics and also included educational materials to help families support home learning during.





Appendix F: Public Exhibits, Outreach, and Programs

ARCHIVES RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SERVICES

TSLAC EXHIBITS

- [Setting the Texas Table](#): October 1, 2018 - May 24, 2019. Opening event: October 11, 2019
- [Women's Power, Women's Vote](#): June 11, 2019 - January 4, 2021. Opening event: June 18, 2019

SECOND SATURDAY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

- [Ancestry.com Texas Collections](#): Register to use TSLAC resources freely available through the Ancestry.com Texas Collection database. (September 2020).
- [Introduction to Newspaper Collections](#): Learn how to navigate the TSLAC newspaper collections and databases, how to find newspapers held by the Briscoe Center for American History (University of Texas at Austin), and get tips on searching the Portal to Texas History. (July 2020).
- [Searching the Census Online](#): Reference staff will guide participants in searching the United States Census via Ancestry.com, Family Search, and HeritageQuest and provide an introduction to non-population census information online. (July 2019).
- [Introduction to Texas County Records](#): Reference staff will provide an overview of the Texas county records available at TSLAC and how to use them. (October 2019).

PUBLIC EVENTS AND OTHER WORKSHOPS

- Personal Digital Archiving (October 12, 2019)
- Texas History Day research (October 16, 2019)
- Federal Depository Library Program Workshop (April 15, 2019)
- Archives Bazaars – Austin (October 28, 2018), DFW (October 14, 2018; November 2, 2019), Houston (November 17, 2019)
- Texas Flag Day – Montgomery (August 24, 2019)
- Texas State Historical Association Conference (February 28 – March 2, 2019; February 27 – 29, 2020)
- Austin African American Genealogy Conference (February 1, 2020)
- Real Places Historic Preservation Conference (January 16-17, 2019; January 29-30, 2020)
- Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Conference (August 1, 2019)
- AISD Digital Resources (November 7, 2018)



TALKING BOOK PROGRAM

The Texas Talking Book Program undertook a very active, statewide outreach strategy including print, radio, and television media; advertising; social media; and both in-person and virtual promotions at conferences, festivals, and meetings held statewide. Key partners included the American Council for the Blind of Texas Conference, National Federation of the Blind Texas Conference, Education Service Center Dyslexia Groups, San Antonio Lighthouse Low Vision Group. A list of other partner, co-sponsor, and outreach organizations is below.

September 4, 2018	Schertz Low Vision Club	Schertz, TX
September 7, 2018	Harris Co. Public Library (Youth Librarians)	Houston, TX
September 14, 2018	Colleyville Lions Club	Colleyville, TX
September 14, 2018	St. Joseph Village	Coppell, TX
September 15, 2018	FAPE in Spec. Edu Region 13 ESC	Austin, TX
September 18, 2018	Salado Rotary Club	Salado, TX
September 21-22, 2018	ACBT Conference/LUAT Group	Houston, TX
September 28, 2018	Austin Lighthouse	Austin, TX
October 10, 2018	Milam Country TRIAD Senior Expo	Cameron
October 13, 2018	Come Walk In My Shoes	Temple
October 18, 2018	White Cane Safety Day	Houston
October 20, 2018	AccessAbility Fest	San Antonio
October 22, 2018	Conservatory @ North Austin (Senior Living)	Austin
October 27, 2018	Let's Get Frank About Spec. Needs	Temple
November 1, 2018	Brookedale at Gaines Ranch	Austin, TX
November 7, 2018	Region 3 ESC Parent Involvement Conference	Victoria, TX
November 18-19, 2018	NFBT Conference	Fort Worth, TX
November 28-30, 2018	TWC Conference	Houston, TX
December 6-8, 2019	Parental Involvement Conf.- Region 16 ESC	Frisco, TX
December 14, 2018	ESC 11- Teachers Training	Webinar
January 9, 2019	ESC 11- VI Specialists Training	Webinar
February 9, 2019	Round Rock ISD- Destination Life Fair	Round Rock



February 11-12, 2019	Inclusion Works Conference- The Arc	Denton
February 15-16, 2019	Texas Optometric Conference	Austin
February 21-22, 2019	TX Transition Conference- Texas A&M	San Antonio
February 26, 2019	Rodriguez Elementary- Read Across America	Austin
April 15-16, 2019	TLA- Texas Library Association	Austin
April 18, 2019	VI Advocates Support Group	Houston
April 27, 2019	SPARC Conference	Lubbock
May 2, 2019	Fredericksburg Low Vision Group	Fredericksburg
May 4, 2019	Austin Low Vision Fair	Austin
May 17, 2019	NEISD Community Resource Fair	San Antonio
August 3-4, 2019	CHARGE Conference	Dallas
August 16-17, 2019	ACBT Conference	Austin
August 17, 2019	ACBT Conference (LUAT Group)	Austin
September 6, 2019	BACA Center Health & Info Fair	Round Rock
September 10, 2019	ARCIL Round Rock Presentation	Round Rock
September 16, 2019	Region 10 ESC Dyslexia Group	Richardson
September 20, 2019	Statewide Dyslexia Group	Webinar*
September 27, 2019	CRCIL Community Health Fair	Crockett
October 5, 2019	TWC White Cane Safety Day	McAllen
October 9, 2019	SA Lighthouse Caregiver Conference	New Braunfels
October 9, 2019	OAG Wellness Fair Day 1	Austin
October 10, 2019	OAG Wellness Fair Day 2	Austin
October 12, 2019	Come Walk In My Shoes	Temple
October 17, 2019	Houston White Cane Safety Day	Houston
October 19, 2019	Region 13 ESC Special Education Fair	Austin
October 21, 2019	Vision Loss in Older Adults Workgroup	Webinar
November 2, 2019	VISOR (Veteran's) Health Fair	Houston
November 6, 2019	Austin ISD Librarians Meeting	Austin



November 15-16, 2019	National Federation of the Blind Texas Conference	Austin
November 18, 2019	Jarrell ISD Presentation	Jarrell
November 21, 2019	San Antonio Public Library Presentation (Adults)	San Antonio
November 26, 2019	SA Lighthouse Senior Low Vision Group	New Braunfels
January 24, 2020	Region 4 ESC Dyslexia Leadership	Houston
January 30, 2020	TBP is Not Just for the Blind	Webinar
February 4, 2020	Hays ISD Dyslexia Conference	Kyle
February 12, 2020	Enclave at Cedar Park Assisted Living	Cedar Park
February 25, 2020	Katy ISD Parent Night (Dyslexia)	Katy
March 5, 2020	Conroe ISD Transition Fair	Conroe
March 7, 2020	San Antonio Low Vision Expo	San Antonio
May 13, 2020	Fort Worth Lighthouse	Virtual
July 23, 2020	#TXBookChat with TBP	Virtual
August 28, 2020	American Council for the Blind Texas	Virtual
January 9, 2019	ESC 11- VI Specialists Training	Webinar
February 9, 2019	Round Rock ISD- Destination Life Fair	Round Rock
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March 5, 2020	Conroe ISD Transition Fair	Conroe
March 7, 2020	San Antonio Low Vision Expo	San Antonio
May 13, 2020	Fort Worth Lighthouse	Virtual



July 23, 2020	#TXBookChat with TBP	Virtual
August 28, 2020	American Council for the Blind Texas	Virtual
September 25, 2020	Region 7 ESC Dyslexia Round Table	Virtual
September 25, 2020	Crockett Resource ILC	Drive-by
October 1, 2020	KSHN Party Line	Radio
October 3, 2020	Plano Lion's Club	Virtual
October 15, 2020	TLA District 1	Virtual
October 20, 2020	TWC Criss Cole Students	Virtual
November 6-7, 2020	NFBTX Annual Conference	Virtual
November 20, 2020	Region 1 ESC Dyslexia Specialists	Virtual

The TBP Book Club, held as a conference call, was successful in 2019 and continued throughout the pandemic in 2020.

TEXAS CENTER FOR THE BOOK

[Letters About Literature Texas](#): “How did an author’s work change your view of yourself or the world?” Every year, we ask students in grades 4-12 to answer this question. Letters About Literature Texas is a reading and writing competition in which students are asked to write a letter to an author. This program encourages a love of reading and promotes healthy self-expression. See Appendix C for list of winners.

- FY 2019: 1,617 Students Participated
- FY 2020: 1,317 Student Participated

[Texas Great Read](#): Every year, the TCFB chooses a Texas Great Read to encourage discussion around the book and to highlight the richness of the state’s literary landscape. The agency shares information and programming to support the Great Read and showcase the selection at the National Book Festival as part of a program promoted by the Library of Congress.

- FY 2019 Great Read: *What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan* by Chris Barton, illustrated by Ekua Holmes
- FY 2020 Great Read: *Butterfly Yellow* by Thanh Hà Lại

[Lone Star Día](#): Children’s Day, Book Day (El día de los niños, el día de los libros), or Día, is a multicultural celebration of children, books and diversity. Celebrated on April 30, this reading and literacy campaign connects children with books representative of diverse viewpoints and experiences. In FY 2020 TSLAC



partnered with FirstBook to provide multicultural book titles to eligible libraries with funds from the Texas Library and Archives Foundation. See Appendix C for a list of libraries that received books grants.

[Read Across Texas](#): Held every two years, this statewide program encourages communities to engage in challenging, insightful, and transformative conversations. TSLAC invites libraries and organizations across the state to participate in this initiative by using books to open dialogue. The 2019 theme was **Know Your Neighbor: Cultivating Communities of Compassion**. The agency develops user-friendly toolkit with all the necessary supplies for libraries to easily host programs and discussions for Read Across Texas. See Appendix C for a list of libraries that received books grants.

#TXBookChat, launched in June 2020, is a virtual program focuses on Texas authors, publishing, and books.

- July 9, 2020: Living a Life for the Books: Bethany Hegedus
- July 23, 2020: Texas Talking Book Program: What is TBP, and Who is Eligible to Receive Audio, Braille, and Large Print Books?
- August 6, 2020: Write NOW Session: Claire Campbell
- August 20, 2020: How to Draw From History- Developing Characters Today: Don Tate
- September 17, 2020: The Power of Stories with Dr. Norma E. Cantú
- October 8, 2020: Virtual Texas Book Festival 2020: An Inside Look
- November 19, 2020: Giving Voice to Hispanic Authors: Arte Público Press
- December 10, 2020: Engaging Middle Grade Readers with Crystal Allen

The **Summer Reading Program** is a statewide initiative to encourage reading among children during the summer months. TSLAC provides a program manual and subsidizes key program costs for all Texas public libraries. Each year, hundreds of thousands of students participate.

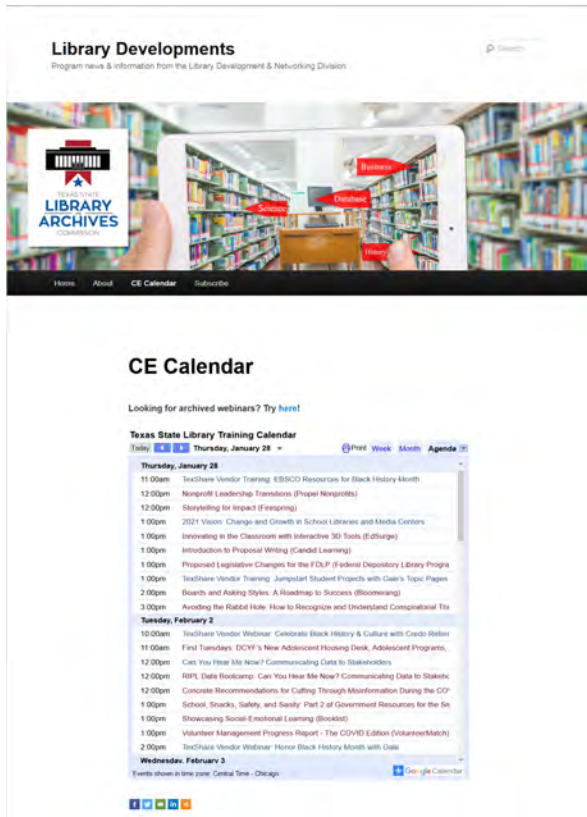
- FY2019: A Universe of Stories
 - Enrollment or registration (young children, children, teens): 153,428
 - Completion young children, children, teens): 53,373
 - Program attendance (includes adults/caregivers as well as children): 872,537
- FY 2020: Imagine Your Story
 - Enrollment or registration (young children, children, teens): 45,127

Note: The enrollment was affected by the closure of schools and libraries due to COVID-19.





Appendix G. Training and Professional Forums



Library Development and Networking division (LDN) staff provide a robust slate of training opportunities year around for library professionals. These trainings cover everything from library management, use of TSLAC resources, best practices in customer service, technology training, grants management, and programming for all ages, including workforce development and youth reading activities, such as the Summer Reading Program. **In FY 2019, staff provided training to 42,662 persons and 87,160 in FY 2020. Note, the large increase in FY 2020 reflects the expanded programming and demand resulting from the pandemic.**

Government information analysts and other staff in the State and Local Records Management (SLRM) division also offer year-long training programs on records management best practices, use of the TexLinx system (for state agency personnel accessing their state records in storage at the State Records Center), and maintaining current retention schedules. **In FY 2019, staff provided training and assistance to 9,356 public officials, and 9,723 in FY 2020.**

In partnership with the Texas Historical Records Advisory Board, Archives and Information Services division (ARIS) offers workshops and webinars of interest to archival professionals. Topics include emergency preparedness, building support for digital archives, risk assessment, and privacy and confidentiality. In FY 2019 four workshops were presented virtually and in-person in Austin and Houston. In FY 2020 two workshops and a multi-week training course (presented virtually) were offered.

Conference Participation

TSLAC staff participate in many local, state, and national forums offered by key partners and professional groups. TSLAC's activities include staff presentations, sponsoring educational programs, participating in exhibit halls. Key groups include: National Association of Government and Archives Records Administrators, Association of Records Management Administrators, Texas Library Association, Society of Southwest Archivists, Society of American Archivists, American Library Association, Texas State Historical Association, Chief Officers of the State Library Agencies, and many more at the local, state, national, and international level.



TSLAC Stakeholder Boards, Forums, and Organized Meetings

- The Library Systems Act Advisory Board advises the Commission on any matter related to the Texas Library Systems Act, including recommending changes in the “Rules for Administering the Library Systems Act,” and recommendations regarding public libraries that appeal the loss of accreditation. Five members serve for a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. The board met on October 10, 2018; June 12, 2019; May 18, 2020; and June 25, 2020.
- The Records Management Interagency Coordinating Council (RMICC) works with our State and Local Records Management division. The council reviews the activities of member agencies, studies other records management issues and makes biennial reports to the Governor and Legislature. RMICC also adopts policies that coordinate the members’ records management activities and makes other improvements to the Texas records management program. The group met on October 28, 2018; March 5, 2019; June 4, 2019; September 10, 2019; December 10, 2019; March 3, 2020; and June 2, 2020.
- The Texas Historical Records Advisory Board (THRAB) promotes awareness of historically valuable records through education and training; to foster and support the identification, preservation and effective public access to these records; and to advocate and encourage collaborative funding and resource sharing. THRAB works with our Archives and Information Services division. The board met on October 12, 2018, February 15, 2019; June 28, 2019; October 4, 2019; February 24, 2020; and July 21, 2020.
- The TexShare Advisory Board advises the Commission on matters relating to the TexShare program. It is an eleven-member board, with two members representing the general public, two members affiliated with four-year public universities, two members affiliated with public community colleges, two members affiliated with private academic institutions, and two members affiliated with public libraries. One member is at large without a specified affiliation. The board met November 30, 2018; June 10, 2019; November 22, 2019, and May 1, 2020.
- The State and Local Records Management (SLRM) division hosts an annual meeting in May each year with state agency records management officers and other staff.
- SLRM coordinates quarterly calls to update state agency records management officers and other staff.
- SLRM convenes ad hoc groups of representatives from government bodies to assist in updating retention schedules related to those groups. In FY 2019, SLRM convened a group to assist in the development of the revised State Retention Schedule.
- The Archives and Information Services (ARIS) division organizes an annual update with Regional Historical Resource Depository Institutions.



Appendix H: Agency Leadership, Locations, and Organizational Chart

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AGENCY LOCATIONS

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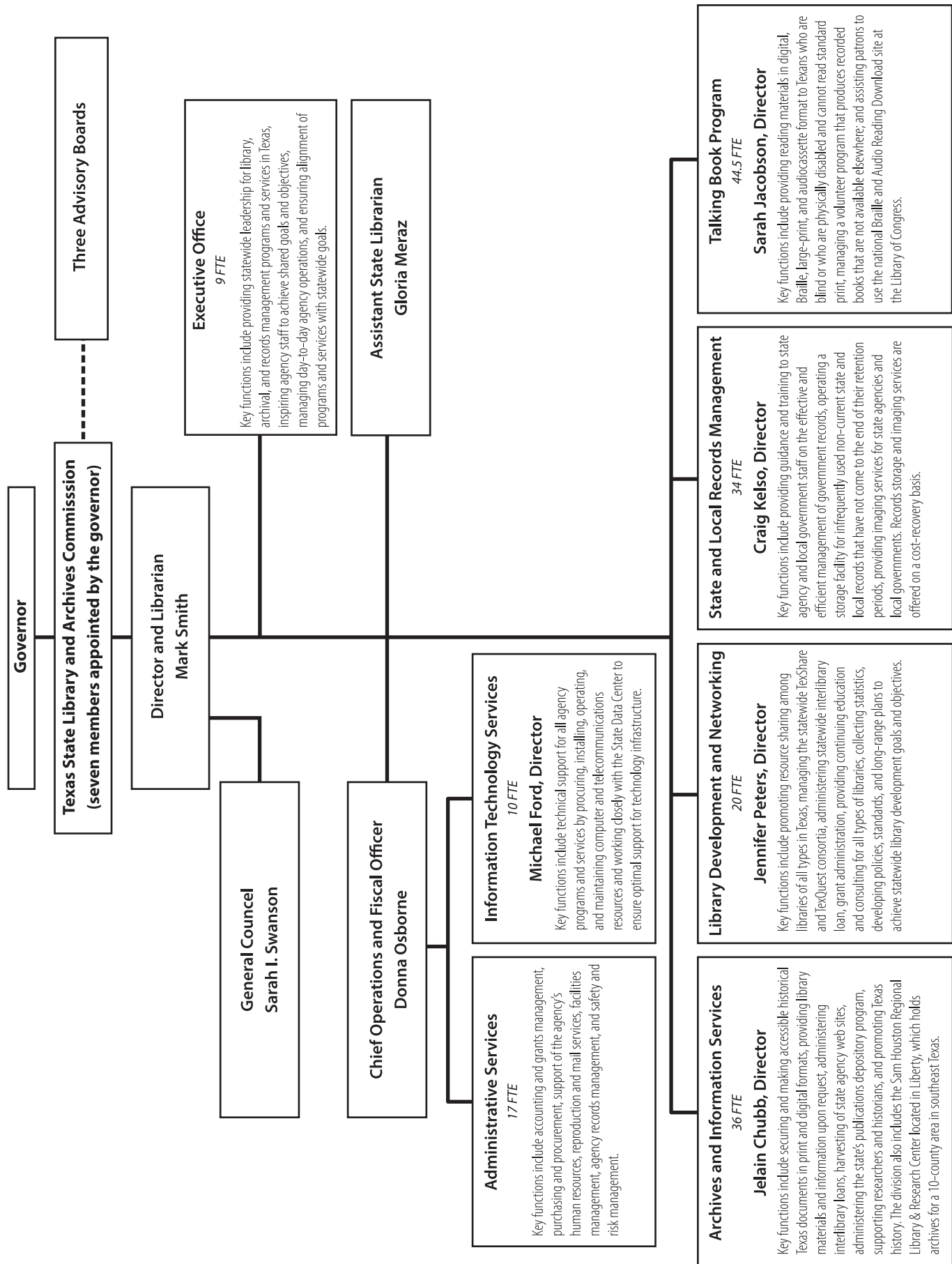
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