



TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

2021 - 2022 Biennial Report



VISION

Texans will have robust access to information and resources they need to live informed, productive, and enriched lives.

Our mission is to serve Texans now and into the future by preserving, protecting, and providing access to information and delivering services that enrich their lives. We will accomplish this by:

- Preserving the archival record of Texas for current and future generations
- Assisting government agencies in the maintenance of their public records
- Supporting the essential work of libraries in fostering education, opportunity, and lifelong learning
- Providing library services to Texans who are unable to read standard print

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Cover image: Sofia and her son enjoy the new space while looking at some of the new books made possible by a TSLAC 2022 Community Advancement Package Grant. The Patrick Heath Public Library in Boerne was awarded a TSLAC CAP Grant to upgrade and expand the children's collection of Spanish and bilingual materials, plus furnishings. Approximately 40 books were purchased. Made possible with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Grant #CAP-22053.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am proud to present the 2021-2022 Biennial Report for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). Our Commission and team of dedicated staff have worked with commitment and diligence in delivering information services, programs, and resources to help Texans learn, succeed, and benefit from the preservation of and access to public records. The agency continued its critical work over the last years while also undertaking new initiatives to fulfill our mission and support state priorities by providing “Texans the information they need to be informed, productive citizens.”

- We developed the Office of Statewide Digital Opportunity to bring focus on state and federal broadband and digital access opportunities for libraries and their communities across Texas.
- Working in collaboration with multiple partners, including the State Broadband Development Office and private partners, TSLAC has engaged with leaders statewide to plan for and implement systemic and sustainable digital access and literacy for Texans.
- With input from educators and the public, the agency completed a robust solicitation for e-resources

for the TexShare (for public and higher education libraries) and TexQuest (for K-12 schools) programs, which offer educational materials, databases, and resources to libraries that elect to participate, providing broad and meaningful access to quality information resources.

- The State Local and Records Management Division conducted training for thousands of state and local officials and held the first annual local government meeting for records management officers, an important next step in supporting the professional management of public records and ensuring access and transparency.
- TSLAC also began new imaging projects for state agencies at the State Records Center at Shoal Creek, and continued accepting additional records for storage while opening the annex storage facility in South Austin at Promontory Point, which was approved and funded by the 86th Legislature.
- The Talking Book Program welcomed over 4,000 new patrons, implemented an outreach campaign that reached more than 6 million Texans, outpaced other states with our contribution of

Texas recordings, and developed a new initiative to support digital literacy needs for this at-risk clientele.

- Working throughout the pandemic, TSLAC staff welcomed the public and researchers in our reading rooms and, in order to help visitors experience the power of primary sources, added more than 30,000 historical materials and nearly 1.5 million digital files to our Texas Digital Archive while also creating in-person exhibits, including A Home for Texas History, which celebrated the 60th anniversary of the construction of the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building.
- The agency completed its required five-year evaluation (2018-2022) of the state’s work deploying federal funds from the Institute for Museum and Library Service (IMLS), as well as an approved plan for the next five years (2023-2027).
- Through the Texas Center for the Book, we supported the designation of five new national Literary Landmarks across the state to increase awareness of Texas’ literary heritage and increase literary tourism in communities.



- Using \$8.4 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, TSLAC supported grants and programs at local libraries, as well as developed statewide programs to support recovery and digital access efforts.

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.

It is an honor to undertake the critical work of the agency with our dedicated commission and hardworking staff. We look forward to sharing our accomplishments in serving the people of Texas.

Sincerely,

Gloria Meraz, Director and Librarian

Texas State Library and Archives Commission



ABOUT THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION (TSLAC)

The [Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#) has been serving the people of Texas for more than a century. Since 1909, when the state founded the agency, we have been supporting the reading, learning, and historical preservation needs of Texas and its people.

Going back to the days of the Republic, there has always been an official library and archives of Texas. While fulfilling our unique and longstanding place serving Texas government, the State Library and Archives Commission mission is also to ensure that citizens have information they need to lead informed, productive, and fulfilled lives.

We accomplish this mission through four main areas:

- Archives and History: TSLAC preserves the archival record of Texas, supports research, and makes primary resources available to the public ([Archives and Information Services Division](#)).
- Libraries and Learning: We assist public, academic, and school libraries across the state in meeting the needs of their communities and students ([Library Development and Networking Division](#)).
- Access to Public Records: TSLAC is responsible for helping public agencies maintain their public records ([State and Local Records Management Division](#)).
- Reading Services: We support the reading needs of thousands of Texans with disabilities preventing them from reading a standard book ([Talking Book Program Division](#)).

Our divisions accomplish their work from four 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 and State Records Center Annex at Promontory Point 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

- Digital Access and Opportunity
- Education and Research Literacy
- Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity
- Open Government and Public Information
- The Historical Record of the State
- Technology and Global Communications
- 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 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 2021 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.

Statewide Records Management: Digitization, Storage, and Training

Digital Access: Broadband and Beyond

Workforce Development and Economic Growth

The State Archives: Texas History at Your Fingertips

Statewide Records Management: Digitization, Storage, and Training

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. FY 2022 saw the continuation of TSLAC's cooperative project with the Texas Department of Transportation Right of Way Division with the release of records from the Lubbock, San

Angelo, and Laredo Districts and updates to the Right of Way Division custom search tool.

Impact

In FY 2021

- Staff completed a total of **994,706 documents scanned, with 2,544 scans made by on-demand** requests.
- Using Archive Writer, staff **committed 1,417,308 images to Microfilm**.

In FY 2022

- Staff completed a total of **772,939 documents scanned digitally, including 2,258 scans made by on-demand** requests.
- Using Archive Writer, staff **committed 1,511,308 images to Microfilm**.

In FY 2021 and 2022 SLRM hosted the **annual e-Records Conference** in collaboration with the Texas Department of Information Resources. This flagship annual state and local government records management conference drew hundreds of RM professionals and provided training in policies, best practices, and resources for maintaining digital records. The 2021 e-Records was offered online and drew 656 registrants and 479 live attendees. In 2022, SLRM resumed the in-person conference, with registrations filling up early. The event was a success, including 303 in-person attendees and 68 on-demand online viewers. The on-demand option allowed an additional two state agencies, six institutions of higher education, and 16 local governments to access these educational opportunities. 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.

Digital Access: Broadband and Beyond

Opportunity and participation in today's world is tied to digital access and skills, and digital access is the modern metric for communities—and individuals—in having affordable, robust, and reliable access to broadband, as well as mastery of communication technologies. National and state policy makers have worked aggressively to implement legislation advancing information infrastructures and programs to support digital access. These priorities mirror the longstanding work of libraries supporting meaningful access to

information. They also align with TSLAC’s strategic goals and are supported through agency programs and activities.

Over the last two years, TSLAC has strengthened its work advancing digital opportunity through training, grants, and resources. Using funds made available by the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the agency covered the costs of technology equipment for libraries, 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 to increase access to digital resources and programs. TSLAC has also collaborated with the Texas Broadband Development Office to identify projects, such as grant programs for infrastructure expansion at libraries and digital access services. This work includes providing training, support, equipment, and resources for Texans, including individuals with visual disabilities.

TSLAC has implemented strategies for expanding the state’s ability to serve Texans through libraries and to equip communities to build and sustain digital access at the local level. In addition to the activities noted above, TSLAC has formalized its Office of Statewide Digital Opportunity, which is to be a central hub for Texas libraries for planning, assessment, research, funding, and projects.

Impact

Libraries Connecting Texas Broadband Support Program

TSLAC assists public libraries in navigating the application process to obtain federal E-rate discounts for high-speed internet, potentially lowering the cost by as much as 90 percent. The project, called **Libraries Connecting Texas (LCT)**, not only provides professional support to libraries for completion of the E-rate application process, but TSLAC also makes funds available to help defray any increased costs for a year for Internet service.

In Texas, a majority of public libraries are eligible for an 80% discount, with more than a quarter eligible for a whopping 90%. That means most participating libraries only have to pay 10-20% of their Internet costs, with E-rate paying the rest of the bill. High-speed Internet (aka “broadband”) is a necessity in public libraries, and E-rate is the chief means to support and sustain this crucial service as costs rise and demand increases.

E-rate is the main method available to public libraries to acquire and afford faster speed, and then continue to sustain those costs into the future. Faster speed means that Texas libraries are able to continue providing the myriad services that heavily rely on high-speed broadband and have rapidly become the lifeline for living successfully in the 21st century. E-rate is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

In FY 2021

- TSLAC assisted **160 libraries in LCT to successfully apply for \$1.3 million in E-rate funding.**
- 34 of these libraries **increased their internet speeds by an average of over 308%.** Cochran County Love Memorial Library had the largest increase which as from 5Mbps to 1Gbps.

In FY 2022

- TSLAC assisted **181 LCT libraries to successfully apply for \$1.14 million in E-rate funding.**
- 25 of these libraries **increased their bandwidth by an average of 1266%.**

Overall

- LCT applications now represent **61%** of E-rate funded library applications in Texas.
- The average price per Mbps for LCT libraries has dropped from **\$5.23** per Megabit to **\$1.60** per Megabit.
- The average bandwidth for LCT libraries has increased from around **45** Mbps to **522** 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 **34%.**

Feedback from LCT program participants:

“This is an amazing program! The E-rate Central team is knowledgeable, responsive, and helpful. The first year I had to navigate the e-rate process they walked me through each step, so I felt confident when I hit the submit button. It was an enormous relief to have this team available for a call or email whenever I had a question, problem, or concern. Knowing I have this support make the e-rate process much less scary and confusing.” – Bonnie Pierson, Bastrop Public Library

“As usual, I am eternally grateful to TSLAC funding the LCT program. (Not as grateful as my staff, though!) Dealing with E-rate without LCT is a little like fixing my car without a mechanic. I know what it is doing and what I want it to do, but I have no clue HOW to get there! LCT is the mechanic, and they are AWESOME!!! And, unlike so many mechanics, they never, ever act like I am stupid, dumb, or have ALREADY asked that very same question half a dozen times. They are unfailingly nice and competent. Please don’t ever stop funding the program (at least not until I retire!)” – Donna Pierce, Library Director, Krum Public Library

“LCT through the services of eRate Central has resulted in increasing our communities access to high-speed Internet services and as such, has been one of the most useful

and helpful resources that I have utilized from the Texas State Library. The staff at eRate Central have always provided great customer service. I hope this program will continue for years to come. Through the assistance of this program, we were able to increase from 40Mbps upload speed about five years ago to 1GB. As a small community library director, navigating eRate solo was overwhelming. This program has made it accessible.” – Susan Chandler, Nesbitt Memorial Library

Case Study: Digital Navigators Grant Program

Digital Navigators are trusted individuals who assist community members with all aspects of digital access: home internet connectivity, devices to connect to the internet, and the digital literacy skills to take advantage of that connection and device. The Digital Navigators grant program funded ten Texas public libraries to develop a navigator program in partnership with a community organization. Grantees were awarded full funding for staffing and devices, provided training from Literacy Minnesota, and received year-long support from a TSLAC staff-led community of practice. A total of \$1.6 million dollars was allocated to the following libraries for their Digital Navigator program:

- Austin Public Library
- Brownsville Public Library
- Dr. Hector P Garcia Memorial Library (Mercedes)
- Dublin Public Library
- Harris County Public Library
- Lakehills Area Library
- Lubbock Public Library
- Martindale Community Library
- Pottsboro Area Public Library
- Wilson County Public Libraries

Using the Digital Navigator framework, grantees developed a program that met their communities’ unique needs, geography, and culture. Some highlights from the grantee programs are:

Lakehills Area Library, serving a small rural bedroom community of San Antonio, has a sizable senior population and was a major focus of their digital navigator program. Navigators provide digital literacy classes adapted from AARP’s Senior Planet and assist residents in signing up for the Affordable Connectivity Program. Lakehills Area Library also founded and hosts the Bandera County Interagency Coalition to ensure that local organizations can share digital access resources and partners to uplift the community.

Due to Harris County Public Library’s large geographic area, their digital navigator program focused on providing one-on-one assistance and appointments in and outside

of the library. Over the course of a three month period, they provided over 600 residents with assistance at four high-need library branches.

Further south in the Rio Grande Valley, navigators at the Dr. Hector P Garcia Memorial Library designed a six-week digital literacy skills course paired with a device giveaway for their residents. Over the course of three months, they taught 50 students and gave away the same number of devices with laptops, mice, and headset. Instruction is offered in English and Spanish to rave student reviews. A quote from one of their student’s follows:

A current student, Mr. Rodriguez, a male in his late fifties, recently came to the library and was excited to tell the Digital Navigators that he had a job interview scheduled. It was not something he would have felt comfortable applying to before, so he credits the course as the basis for his digital literacy abilities. He will be graduating this week with three certifications: Basic Computer Skills, Internet Basics, and Using Email. Mr. Rodriguez came in multiple times, outside of his scheduled classes, to use the computer to print out resumes and inform the staff of his interview progress. We are all rooting for him and hope for the best outcome in his career endeavors.

Libraries are uniquely positioned to implement a Digital Navigators program because of their ubiquity, relevance, and long-term investment in bridging the digital divide through access to computers, Internet, electronic resources, and digital skills. Libraries are also strategic community partners, engaging organizations to work collaboratively to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Resource Options for Libraries Statewide

Access to knowledge is the basis for success, both personal and communal. TSLAC provides a broad array of resources and services that libraries can make available to their communities and institutions. There is no question 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 access to 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 are curated, and local libraries and schools can opt to participate in these programs. These resources add to the agency's own digital collections of archival materials, library research materials, genealogical resources, and other unique agency collections.

“Thank you for your service that provides so much enjoyment for my 93-year-old mother. Believe me, I am not exaggerating, your ‘Talking Books’ keep her going; without them she lapses into a forlorn emotional state.”

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 TBP annually serves more than 20,000 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.

Impact

Note: The most recent TSLAC Public Libraries Annual Report contains data from local fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Libraries are accredited for FY 2022, stats from local fiscal year 2020. Libraries are accredited for FY 2023, stats from local fiscal year 2021.

In Public Libraries' Local Fiscal Year 2020

- Through TSLAC's cost-leveraging, we helped libraries statewide achieve a cost avoidance of **\$243,536,697** for electronic library resources.
- Number of online resources used: **114,046,665**
- Number of Texans benefiting from TSLAC sponsored programs or grants: **1,185,150**
- Number of librarians trained or assisted: **33,792**
- Total Library Circulation (Physical and Digital): **85,330,907**
- Total Digital (Downloadable) Circulation: **19,517,939**
- Total In-Person Visits to Public Libraries: **23,089,559**
- Total Annual Use of Public Computers: **2,741,935**
- Total Interlibrary Loan Requests Received: **290,178**
- Total Interlibrary Loan Requests Filled: **101,172**

In Public Libraries' Local Fiscal Year 2021

- Through cost-leveraging, TSLAC helped libraries statewide achieve a cost avoidance of **\$262,113,877** for electronic resources.
- TSLAC reported on the 2019 statistics for Texas public libraries. TSLAC worked in partnership with public libraries to support staff, equip facilities, and provide resources.
- Total cost avoidance realized for libraries statewide: **\$262,113,877**
- Number of online resources used: **140,477,041**
- Number of Texans benefiting from TSLAC sponsored programs or grants: **241,948**
- Number of librarians trained or assisted: **25,809**
- Total Library Circulation (Physical and Digital): **89,093,262**
- Total Digital (Downloadable) Circulation: **23,788,002**
- Total In-Person Visits to Public Libraries: **23,081,498**
- Total Annual Use of Public Computers: **2,741,642**
- Total Interlibrary Loan Requests Received: **324,065**
- Total Interlibrary Loan Requests Filled: 109,839

Value of TSLAC Talking Book Program for Texas Public Libraries

- Using a standard market rate for an audiobook of \$20, the combined value of the 1,113,504 materials circulated and downloaded in FY 2021 is \$ 22,270,080.
- For FY 2022, the combined value of the 1,086,344 materials circulated and downloaded is \$21,726,880.

Workforce Development and Economic Growth

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission received a special appropriation from the 87th Legislature to support workforce initiatives in Texas public libraries. Public libraries already provide unique educational resources to support community members, students, entrepreneurs, and businesses, including free or low-cost access to:

- Business technology, such as computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, and 3D printers
- High-speed broadband via wired connections and Wi-Fi
- Meeting space to work, study, or collaborate
- Databases and other electronic resources related to business development, market research, funding opportunities, job searching, and more

- Expertise and assistance from library staff and volunteers in using computers, searching databases, and making community connections

TSLAC is building on this foundation by focusing on expanding access to electronic resources and developing strong partnerships in the Texas workforce community.

TSLAC's first full-time Workforce Development Consultant began work in January 2022, establishing new partnerships with, including, the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy and Learning (TCALL), Workforce Solutions Alamo and other workforce development boards, Literacy Texas, the Texas Department of Information Resources, and SCALEUP, a research project of Texas State University dedicated to ensuring the success of minority-owned businesses. In these partnerships, TSLAC not only serves as a booster of the concept of libraries as workforce development partners, but also as a trusted communicator, a convener, and a catalyst that promotes greater community cohesion by providing value to partners through an in-depth knowledge of the benefits of partnering with public libraries to reach and support increased numbers of job seekers, local businesses, and entrepreneurs. TSLAC also provides relevant information to local public libraries to share with their constituents and imparts ways libraries can create or enhance their workforce and small business development services through, for example, the formation and the leverage of strong local alliances.

This work exemplifies one of TSLAC's essential roles: the State Library as an aid and an advocate for more possibilities, opportunities, and prosperity for public libraries and the communities served by libraries across Texas. Looking ahead, TSLAC will:

- Increase communication and collaboration with Texas workforce stakeholders and libraries, using the information gathered (e.g., from surveys, targeted discussion groups, etc.) to inform TSLAC's offerings to libraries.
- Bring together workforce partners and libraries to spotlight the value and the mutual benefits their collaboration brings.
- Create library workforce development training opportunities using input from partners and library workers.
- Launch webpages with one-stop information related to library workforce development.

TSLAC leveraged a recent request for proposals for electronic resources to expand access to workforce development resources included in the TexShare database program.

Resources purchased include:

- Udemy – instructions for adults who want to gain new skills for a new job, advance in their current profession, or deepen a personal interest.
- Gale Business: Entrepreneurship – help users learn how to start, finance, or manage a small business.

New resources were implemented in October 2022.

The State Archives: Texas History at Your Fingertips

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, the holdings of the Texas State Archives provide a historical foundation for present-day governmental actions and are an important resource for Texas studies.

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.

The **Texas Digital Archive (TDA)**, the official repository for the state's archival electronic records, experienced significant growth in FY 2022. The TDA now offers **more than 130 terabytes (TB) of digital records**—up from 80 TB in 2021—and will only continue to increase.

Staff regularly add new electronic collections to support access to 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.



The TSLAC booth at the 2022 iWork Youth Career Exploration Event, which was hosted by Workforce Solutions North Central Texas, provided students with information on the lifelong ways their local public libraries could continue to support their career and entrepreneurial goals, and this booth served as a library card registration station during September's Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Impact

In FY 2021

- Archives staff **digitized 30,299 historical materials** and processed records by adding digital cataloging information to **make a total of 1,419,770 additional files representing 111,987 unique archival items available** online to the public.
- TDA staff **added 18.41 terabytes (TB) electronic records**, consisting of both newly digitized records and born digital items, for an **increase of 1,419,770 files**.

The TDA implemented multiple improvements in FY 2021 while continuing to add new collections. The TDA was restructured to streamline access to all government collections under one umbrella. A tool added to the TDA enabled movement of all TSLAC website-hosted custom search pages, the Historic Flags exhibit, and help/search tips to the TDA site for a seamless user experience. The cooperative project with the Texas Department of Transportation continued with additional Right of Way Division records being added to the system. Collection material digitized by Ancestry began to be added, starting with Capitol Building Payroll index cards. Among other collections added to or expanded in the TDA were Texas Supreme Court M case files, Texas Department of State Post Office records, Texas Adjutant General's Department Civil War military rolls, Texas Secretary of State legislative bills and resolutions filed (General

and special laws), Price Daniel audiovisual materials and related papers, Texas State Archives Broadside and printed ephemera collection, and Texas Constitutions.

- In FY 2022, archives staff **digitized 104,351 historical materials** and processed records by adding digital cataloging information to **make an additional 168,103 items available** online to the public.
- In FY 2022 the TDA **added 49.61 TB electronic records**, consisting of both newly digitized records and born digital items for an **increase of 1,756,339 files**.

FY 2022 saw the continuation of TSLAC's cooperative project with the Texas Department of Transportation Right of Way Division with the release of records from the Lubbock, San Angelo, and Laredo Districts and updates to the Right of Way Division custom search tool. Texas Comptroller's Office Confederate pension applications digitized by Ancestry were also released in several stages throughout the year and remains a continuing project. Texas 3rd Court of Appeals records were added to the TDA as part of a cooperative project with page-level index information added as a Reference Tool filterable table. Among other collections added to or expanded in the TDA were Texas Supreme Court M Case files, Texas Parks and Wildlife Division Battleship Texas ships plans and records, Texas Department of State records of legislative and executive bodies prior to the Republic, Allan Shivers audiovisual materials, José Bernardo Maximiliano Gutiérrez de Lara papers, the William Barret Travis letter from the Alamo, and the Texas Declaration of Independence.

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, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (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 newly-established office of General Counsel repatriated judicial and Republic era records.

Impact

FY 2021

- 369.9 cubic feet and 7.88 TB of records were processed, including 212.9 cubic feet and 2.7 GB of backlog records.
- 22 online events and educational activities offered.

FY 2022

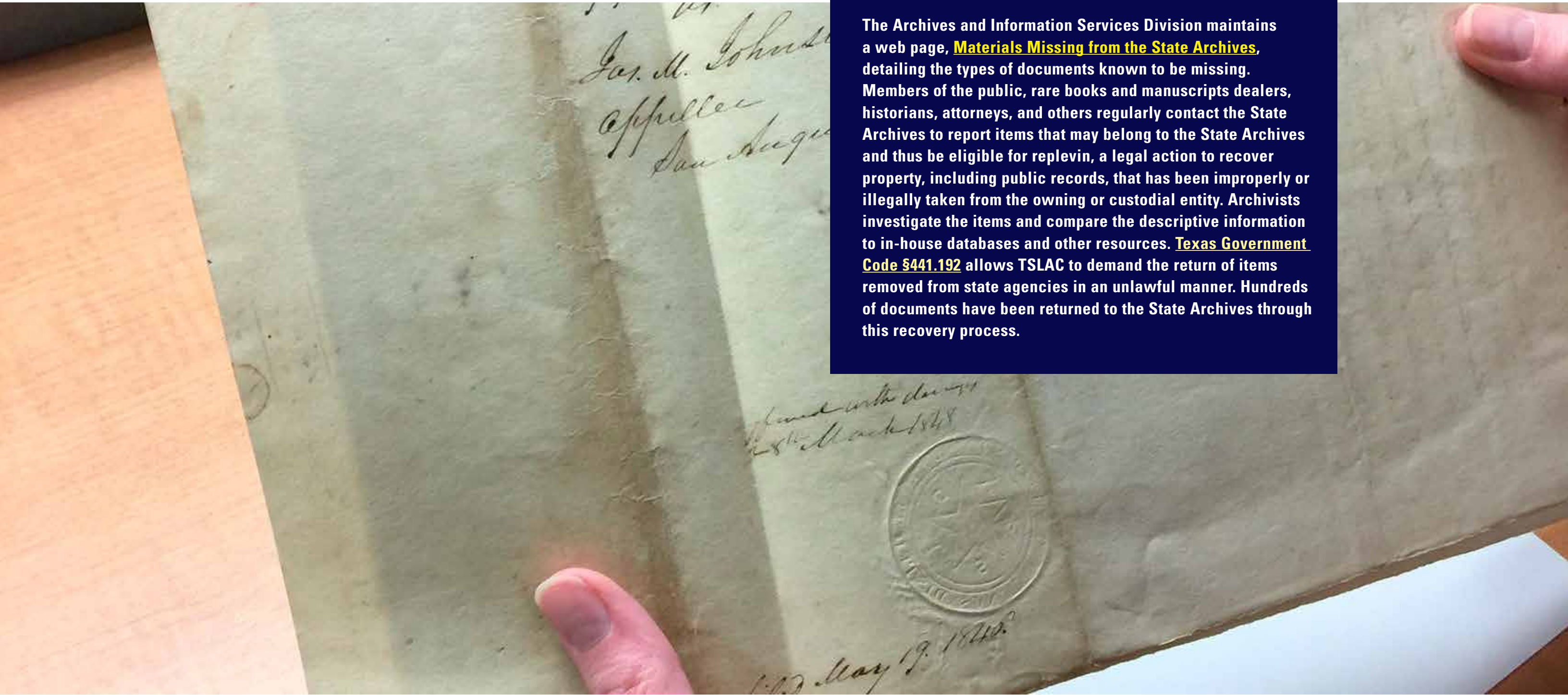
- 777.53 cubic feet and 7.08 TB of records were processed, including 243.01 cubic feet and 2.38 GB of backlog records.
- 9 tours, 9 in-person educational and training events, and 16 online events were held at by ARIS at the Lorenzo de Zavala Building, and 3 tours and 2 in-person events were held at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty.

“Your staff goes above and beyond their normal responsibilities to assist researchers. I have been using the archives for many years and they have always been extremely help and always very courteous.” – State Archives visitor, October 2020

Sampling of public responses to the agency’s public service

July 2022	All of the staff were very professional and courteous! Peggy was exceptionally helpful with my questions regarding a program for my students when we visit later this fall. I appreciate her willingness to help me convey to my students the value of the Archives and how it can benefit them in their research! My thanks to everyone who helped me today!
June 2022	The lady was extremely knowledgeable, courteous, showed us how to perform searches—an oasis of great and useful info. Many thanks.
September 2021	The archive librarian was very helpful at arranging a visit. From phone to email to arrange the in-person visit, the team was top-notch.
June 2021	I wanted to let you know how much I truly appreciate your assistance in locating city directory information vital to our family history research. Your timely efforts have made it possible to fill in the gaps in more recent history.
June 2021	I wish there were more librarians in the world. Especially like yours! Thank you again!
February 2021	Your staff is excellent! I cannot believe the level of service they provide and the efficiency in which they provide it. They are incredibly helpful. Well done!

October 2020	Your service was excellent. I received the information the same business day you responded, which was the next business day after my voicemail to you. Great service! Thank you.
October 2020	I just wanted to say THANK YOU! I was able to point students to the State Archives for some of their research and to remind them of the Library of Congress and National Archives and Records Administration as other potential resources beyond Google! I also was incredibly impressed with the turnaround time with my request. THANK YOU for answering a new librarian’s questions.



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 Archives 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.

KEY LEGISLATION FROM THE 87TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION



Texas Legislature

The 87th Legislature approved additional funds for TSLAC's work supporting access to information. The agency received a total of \$3.75 million to support the operations of library resource sharing programs (including an FTE to help support the program), grants for technology and equipment to libraries, workforce development related programs and training, and staff to help process and make available TSLAC's archival holdings.

Other Legislation

[HB 4202](#) allowed any Texas work colleges to be eligible for participation in the TexShare library consortium.

This action paved the way for many Texas students to benefit from the agency's e-resources.

[SB 1177](#) established a task force to evaluate state-owned artifact collections and resulted in research findings supporting the need for expanded state curatorial facilities, including expansion of need spaces for TSLAC archives and storage for state records managed by the State and Local Records Management Division.

[SB 1917](#) directed additional public outreach efforts for aging adults with visual impairments and specified the Talking Book Program as one of the resources available to this target group.

The legislature also adopted HB 2056 and SCR23 related to work planning the state's bicentennial celebration (2036) and the nation's semi quincentennial celebration (2026). TSLAC will support these efforts as they develop.

HB 5 provides for the expansion of broadband in Texas by establishing the Texas Broadband Development Office in the Texas Comptroller's Office and setting out the roadmap for state action. TSLAC has been actively engaged with the BDO and partnered on an application for federal broadband funding.

Federal Funds

TSLAC received \$8.4 million through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021 from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

TSLAC ARPA projects and grants were designed to help communities respond directly and immediately to the pandemic as well as to related economic and community needs. The Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program made it possible for libraries to expand their services and resources and helped increase access to information and technology. The

Texas Telehealth Grant Program provided libraries with the equipment and resources needed to facilitate a telehealth project at their facilities. The Texas Digital Navigators Grant Program, which is still being deployed, helps libraries develop and implement a unique Digital Navigator program to help close the digital divide in their communities.

The Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program awarded grants to 26 Texas libraries to reach residents through digital opportunity efforts, particularly in support of education, health, and workforce development. Spending priorities included services that meet the needs of communities, including costs such as personnel, technology, training, materials, supplies, equipment, and associated indirect costs, as well as resources and services improving literacy, furthering formal and informal learning, and supporting workforce development.

ARPA funds have also provided relief for local public, school, and academic libraries for participation in the TexShare and TexQuest programs, as well as supported statewide research and digital literacy support for clients of the Talking Book Program.

On November 5, 2021, Congress passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which in addition to funding for roads and other physical assets, included directives and funding related to broadband and digital access. In addition to \$42.5 billion laid out for broadband deployment, the measure includes \$2.8 billion for the Digital Equity Act. The state application for and use of these funds will be coordinated through the Texas Broadband Development Office in the Comptroller's Office. TSLAC has been collaborating with the BDO on how libraries and TSLAC can further state broadband priorities. The BDO has submitted a TSLAC application for funding from the U.S. Treasury Department for funding to support access in rural Texas libraries.



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 the 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, one for general research and reference and the other 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 archives department manages the specialized work of acquiring, appraising, preserving, and describing archival state records in paper, electronic, and other formats, and 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 Archive built in 1984 and four historic structures are located on the 127-acre property.

Public Access

The Archives Reading Room at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin has been open to the public continually since May 4, 2020—the only library operated by a state agency providing full service to citizens from the earliest days of the pandemic. The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty has also been open continually since May 2020, and the museum since September 2020.

In FY 2021, reference staff answered 3,573 research requests submitted via email alone. Staff responded to requests from 123 state agencies. In FY 2022, reference staff answered 3,309 research requests via email and responded to requests from 160 state agencies.

FY 2021

Number assists with TSLAC archival and library holdings: 3,761

Satisfied customers: 95%

Web resources used: 5,688,903

FY 2022

Number of assists with TSLAC archival and library holdings: 4,406

Satisfied customers: 89%

Web resources used: 4,468,517

TSLAC specialists are also continuing to increase the number of digitized archival materials available for the public. The [Texas Digital Archive](#) has grown to 131 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.

In FY 2021 the Archives and Information Services division served on-site patrons in 427 separate appointments in the Archives Reading Room. In the same time period, the ARIS reference team responded to 3,573 remote email queries, not including telephone correspondence. There were 123 reference requests from other state agencies. Staff used 4,541 materials from the library and archives collections to assist researchers with their questions and provided 55,129 printed copies and digital scans to patrons. Web resources accessed by researchers during this period totaled 5,688,903, with a customer satisfaction rate of 95% for a total of 3,761 staff assists.

In FY 2022 ARIS served on-site patrons in 480 separate appointments in the Archives Reading Room. In the same time period, the ARIS reference team responded to 3,309 remote email queries, not including telephone correspondence. There were 160 reference requests from other state agencies. Staff used 8,707 materials from the library and archives collections to assist researchers with their questions and provided 115,844 printed copies and digital scans to patrons. Web resources accessed by researchers during this period totaled 4,468,517, with a customer satisfaction rate of 89% for a total of 4,406 staff assists.

TSLAC continues to receive Texas state agency and federal publications as part of the State Depository Program and Federal Depository Program, respectively. In FY 2021, 2,098 print and 406 digital state publications and 6,638 print and 20,118 federal publications were received. In FY 2022, 1,152 print and 374 digital state publications and 8,492 print and 20,316 federal publications were received.

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 more than **26 million eligible Texans, 1,283,414 full time equivalent students and faculty and staff in academic institutions**, as well as approximately **111,975 members (healthcare workers, doctors, nurses) or employees of libraries of clinical medicine**.

TexQuest serves about 72% of public and charter school students in Texas.

FY 2021

Cost avoidance realized for libraries statewide: \$243,536,697

Number of online resources used: 114,046,665

Number of Texans benefiting from TSLAC sponsored programs or grants: 1,185,150

Number of librarians trained or assisted: 33,792

FY 2022

Cost avoidance realized for libraries statewide: \$262,113,877

Number of online resources used: 140,477,041

Number of Texans benefiting from TSLAC sponsored programs or grants: 241,948

Number of librarians trained or assisted: 25,809

archival and library holdings: 4,406

Satisfied customers: 89%

Web resources used: 4,468,517

Accreditation

Public libraries are accredited in the Government Code 441.127(a), Library Systems, under the authority of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

In FY 2021

- 507 Texas public libraries were accredited
- 326 branches and 13 bookmobiles

In FY 2022

- 498 Texas public libraries were accredited
- 338 branches and 14 bookmobiles

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 and local agencies**. Through its **State Records Center** at 4400 Shoal Creek Boulevard and the new records storage facility located at Promontory Point in South Austin, opened in 2021, 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, again on a full cost recovery basis.

On the digital lead: How does TSLAC support the use and care of electronic records?

As state agencies rely increasingly 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 unit 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.



ABOVE: Former Director and Librarian, Mark Smith and Commission Chair, Martha Wong cut the ribbon officially opening the State Records Center Annex at Promontory Point. Back row: Commissioner Darryl Tocker, Commissioner F. Lynwood Givens, Craig Kelso, SLRM director, and Commissioner Art Mann.

FY 2021

Cubic feet of records maintained for government bodies: 410,578
of officials assisted or trained: 13,413
% of state agencies with approved retention schedule: 97.72%
% of local governments with approved retention schedules: 76.35%
Cost avoidance achieved for records storage: \$139,882,000

FY 2022

Cubic feet of records maintained for government bodies: 407,976
of officials assisted or trained: 12,766
% of state agencies with approved retention schedule: 100%
% of local governments with approved retention schedules: 74.68%
Cost avoidance achieved for records storage: \$158,327,000

The Talking Book Program (TBP) has provided reading materials in recorded, Braille, and large print 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 more than **one million items each year** to more than 20,000 patrons statewide (an increase of nearly 50% since 2020). The program is a lifeline for the blind, visually impaired, and disabled, and no other state or non-profit 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), as 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.

Testimonial from family of patron who passed away (series of emails):

Your services have been delightful to my mother—she was a lover of books and you filled her with so much joy.

[She] passed with her talking books cassette player by her side.

She had listened to it all night long.

Your book service was excellent. It was a joy for her to receive books, she was excited when she would receive new books—and with the absence of her sight, it helped her continue the joy of knowledge and learning.

The **Talking Book Program's Duplication on Demand** service was launched in FY 2019. This popular service allows patrons signed up to have 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.

Volunteer Recording Studio

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.

In FY 2021

- **39 volunteers**
- **685.5 hours**
- **\$8,212.29 value of volunteer work hours**
- **11 new books** and **34 magazine issues**
- **292 books uploaded to BARD**
- **281 conversions**

In FY 2022

- **72 volunteers**
- **2,943.55 hours**
- **\$35,263.73 value of volunteer work hours**
- **35 new books** and **34 magazine issues**
- **288 books uploaded to BARD**
- **253 conversions (23 commercial audiobooks provided by NLS)**

Case Study: TBP Summer Reading Program

Summer 2022 was the first summer reading program presented by TBP. It included extensive book lists that matched the theme Oceans of Possibilities, as well as 18 activities with instructions for patrons of all ages to try.

In addition, we hosted four well-attended virtual programs: a summer kickoff party, a book club for adults, a virtual aquarium visit with the Texas State Aquarium, and a talk with Dr. Vermeij, a blind marine biologist.

We incentivized joining the summer reading program by offering a prize bag to the first 100 people who signed up (we hit that number in 2 days) Enrollees who submitted a book review were also entered in a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card.

A total of 380 patrons signed up. 75% of them were youth who qualified for service with a reading disability rather than a visual or physical disability. 181 participants were aged

0-10, and 96 were adults over 20. Our oldest participant was 104 years old!

All respondents to the end of summer gave the overall program 4 or 5 stars. 34 people said they learned something new, and 21 said they read more this summer than usual.

Feedback from patrons:

"This Summer Reading Program was exciting! I learned a lot, especially during the meeting with the Texas State Aquarium! I...was able to ask many questions and it eventually came to my preference in the end. The cartridges were fun to listen to... and I was able to request

many of them by email. I have never visited the library before and would love to. The staff is very kind, according to what the librarian wrote in her emails to me. I would love to participate next summer, maybe get more braille books this time!"

"I love reading. Due to life issues didn't get to read quite as much as I would have wanted to but I'm always reading something, and I love BARD."

"Really enjoyed the incentives to do more reading and to submit book reviews. I am on my fourth book and will easily get in five reviews before August."

Testimonial about Book Club:

In the last years of her life, my mother gradually lost most of her vision. Listening to books became a tremendously important part of her everyday life.

One day I was looking at your website and came across information about your book club. What a serendipity! My mom participated in the book club for the last several years of her life. She really looked forward to book club night.

I want you to know that the work you do every day is very important and greatly enhanced the quality of life my mom enjoyed. Many, many thanks for the service and assistance your organization and staff provided to my mother so that she could continue to enjoy her great love of books.

Best wishes to all of you as you continue doing your work that uplifts so many people.

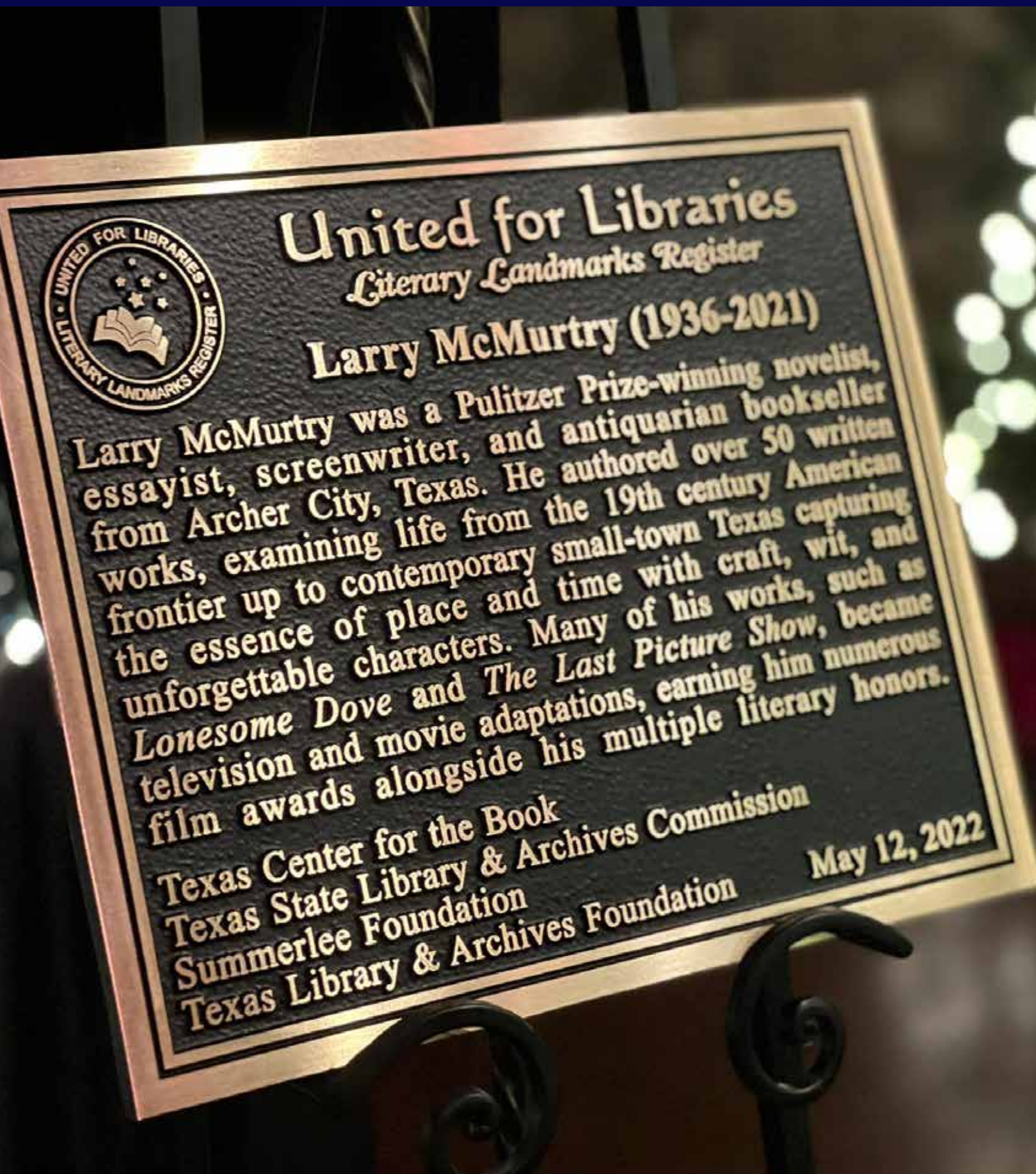
In FY 2021

Patrons Served: 18,050
 Institutions Served: 139
 # of volumes circulated: 624,568
 # of items downloaded: 280,128
 Average cost per person/Institution served: \$213.06

In FY 2022

Patrons Served: 20,843
 Institutions Served: 157
 # of volumes circulated: 585,906
 # of items downloaded: 266,709
 Average cost per person/institution served: \$295.26

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



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 competition invites students in grades 4 through 12 to write a letter to an author. Each year, thousands of entries are submitted from children statewide. Winners receive an award and are recognized at a special awards ceremony. The Texas Center for the Book Literacy Award has honored qualified non-profit 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 Celebration 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, TSLAC's Texas Authors Celebration has served as an agency kick-off event for the activities of the Texas Book Festival. This annual event showcases the Texas Great Read selection and author, as well as other Texas authors, many of whom have used the archival collections of TSLAC to research their books. The Texas Book Festival, the Writers' League of Texas, and the Texas Library and Archives Foundation 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. The new program is the agency's first foray into exclusive online public programming.



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, facilities management, risk management 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 efficiencies and oversight of agency operations, including standardizing rulemaking processes 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 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 IT 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 2021 and 2022, including installation of ornamental and chain link fencing to increase security at the State Records Center in Austin, and the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, continuing facility repairs such as an updated HVAC system at the Center, and the completion of the renovations on the state facility on Promontory Point in South Austin that now serves as an auxiliary records storage facility for the State Records Center. These projects, contracted with the Texas Facilities Commission, represent substantial improvements for the agency.



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 2021 and FY 2022 applicants can be read below.

Fiscal Year 2021

Snapshot:

Grant Program	Applicant Organization	Total Grant Fund	Legal Entity
Library Innovation Zone (Invitation Only)	Arlington Public Library System	\$750,000	City of Arlington
Library Services for Border Cities	Edcouch [Sergeant Juan Rodriguez] Library	\$400,000	City of Edcouch
Library Services for Border Cities	Harlingen Public Library	\$400,000	City of Harlingen
Library Services for Border Cities	Peñitas Public Library	\$400,000	City of Peñitas
Library Services for Border Cities	Sullivan City Library	\$400,000	City of Sullivan City
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2020 Cohort)	Atlanta Public Library	\$10,000	City of Atlanta
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2020 Cohort)	Balch Springs Library- Learning Center	\$10,000	City of Balch Springs
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2020 Cohort)	Bonham Public Library	\$10,000	City of Bonham

Grant Program	Applicant Organization	Total Grant Fund	Legal Entity
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only-Projects for 2020 Cohort)	Charlotte Public Library	\$9,998	City of Charlotte
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only-Projects for 2020 Cohort)	Dickinson Public Library	\$10,000	City of Dickinson
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only-Projects for 2020 Cohort)	Dublin Public Library	\$10,000	City of Dublin
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only-Projects for 2020 Cohort)	Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library	\$10,000	City of Brenham
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only-Projects for 2020 Cohort)	Riter C Hulsey Public Library	\$10,000	City of Terrell
Library Technology Academy 2021 (Invitation Only-Projects for 2020 Cohort)	The Library at Cedar Creek Lake	\$10,000	Cedar Creek Library Board
Regional ILS Cooperative Grant 2021	Abilene Library Consortium	\$75,000	Abilene Library Consortium
Special Projects 25 2021	Amarillo Public Library	\$23,897	City of Amarillo
Special Projects 25 2021	Eules Public Library	\$20,500	City of Eules
Special Projects 75 2021	Arlington Public Library System	\$28,750	City of Arlington
Special Projects 75 2021	Dallas Public Library	\$75,000	City of Dallas
Special Projects 75 2021	Denton Public Library	\$54,058	City of Denton
Special Projects 75 2021	El Paso Public Library	\$74,998	City of El Paso
Special Projects 75 2021	Grapevine Public Library	\$75,000	City of Grapevine
Special Projects 75 2021	Irving Public Library	\$75,000	City of Irving

Grant Program	Applicant Organization	Total Grant Fund	Legal Entity
Special Projects 75 2021	Judy B McDonald Public Library	\$9,510	City of Nacogdoches
Special Projects 75 2021	University of North Texas	\$74,970	University of North Texas
Special Projects 75 2021	University of Texas at San Antonio	\$72,777	University of Texas at San Antonio
Texas Reads 2021	Alicia Salinas Public Library	\$9,308	City of Alice
Texas Reads 2021	Allen Public Library	\$10,000	City of Allen
Texas Reads 2021	Bowie Public Library	\$6,882	City of Bowie
Texas Reads 2021	Dallas Public Library	\$9,500	City of Dallas
Texas Reads 2021	Honey Grove Library & Learning Center	\$9,200	Hall-Voyer Foundation
Texas Reads 2021	Laredo Public Library	\$10,000	City of Laredo
Texas Reads 2021	North Richland Hills Public Library	\$7,950	City of North Richland Hills
Texas Reads 2021	Speer Memorial Library	\$4,425	City of Mission
Texas Reads 2021	The Library at Cedar Creek Lake	\$5,000	Cedar Creek Library Board
TexTreasures Basic 2021	Lamar University	\$3,000	Lamar University
TexTreasures Original 2021	Abilene Christian University	\$25,000	Abilene Christian University
TexTreasures Original 2021	Arlington Public Library System	\$8,216	City of Arlington
TexTreasures Original 2021	Austin History Center	\$25,000	Austin History Center Association
TexTreasures Original 2021	Cleburne Public Library	\$24,820	City of Cleburne
TexTreasures Original 2021	Cooke County Library	\$25,000	Cooke County
TexTreasures Original 2021	Denton Public Library	\$24,820	City of Denton
TexTreasures Original 2021	Houston Public Library	\$35,000	City of Houston

Grant Program	Applicant Organization	Total Grant Fund	Legal Entity
TexTreasuries Original 2021	Rosenberg Library	\$24,896	Rosenberg Library Association
TexTreasuries Original 2021	Southern Methodist University	\$25,000	Southern Methodist University
TexTreasuries Original 2021	Texas A&M University Corpus Christi	\$24,999	Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
TexTreasuries Original 2021	Texas A&M University Kingsville	\$25,000	Texas A&M University Kingsville
TexTreasuries Original 2021	University of North Texas	\$24,906	University of North Texas
TexTreasuries Original 2021	University of Texas at Arlington	\$24,909	University of Texas at Arlington
TexTreasuries Original 2021	University of Texas at San Antonio	\$24,146	University of Texas at San Antonio

Library Technology Academy Grants — FY 2021

Atlanta Public Library

\$10,000

In partnership with the Cass County Genealogical Society and its members, the library proposes establishing a Memory Lab for personal digital archiving, which provides equipment for digitizing home movies and scanning photos and slides. Patrons will gain digital literacy skills on cyber-safety and security, as well as training on specific pieces of digitization equipment. The training and access to equipment provided will also support and promote small business and economic development opportunities in our rural community.

Balch Spring Public Library

\$10,000

Using stakeholder data to inform our decision, we propose focused on three areas for updating technology for our community. First, to improve our printing service, we will purchase additional printer/copier/coin box and credit card machine in our computer lab to assist with patron self-service. Second, we will purchase WiFi hotspots for community members that do not have home access. Third, in order to appeal to our teen population, we will purchase gaming equipment, in addition to a lockable storage cabinet, mobile charging stations and furnishings with electrical outlets.

Bonham Public Library

\$10,000

The Bonham Public Library proposes a multi-pronged approach to improve user access to library technology resources and put the library on a sustainable cycle of maintaining its technical resources. To do this, we propose upgrading staff computers to handle administrative tasks, purchase a self-service printing and scanning station; add self-checkout stations, develop a long-range plan for equipment replacement and upgrades, and finally providing technology training to all library staff so tech issues do not land on one person.

Charlotte Public Library

\$9,998

The objective of this project is to upgrade the technology and provide new software programs for stakeholders, specifically senior citizens with opportunities to learn how to use technology to their advantage. Through workshops and classes, seniors will develop a personal email account (including an understanding of the importance of secure passwords and ways to remember them), learn how to access banking, utility, and pursuit of personal interests (Skype or Face Time), obtaining travel tickets as needed, or to take a class online.

Dickinson Public Library

\$10,000

The Dickinson Public Library's project idea centers around adult learning programming for the community we serve. The library would like to add English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes and additional computer classes that provide skills that will help workforce sustainability. To meet these needs, we will purchase an interactive Vibe board, stand, laptops, and computer software subscription to assist us in providing programming for our project. To provide tools for English as a second language classes we are also planning to purchase MANGO, a language program that teaches language skills using conversational methodology.

Dublin Public Library

\$10,000

The Library proposes upgrading various technology services to meet their intention of creating a Healthy Space, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Purchases are tied back to three main points: Safety, Security, & Service. To address the library's safety needs we will create spaces for people using computers and their own devices. To address our security concerns we will install security cameras around the outside of the building. For basic service needs we have created a user-friendly layout for the entire library and we will update our equipment, including internet cabling, desktops and laptops, and install computer management software.

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library

\$10,000

The Library proposes the "Welcome to Your Library Program", which would foster a welcoming and comfortable environment for new and non-traditional library users, with a special focus on non-English speakers in our community. Through the use of portable translation tour guide system and laptops, library staff would conduct tours and digital literacy sessions in patron's native languages to begin building trust and bridge the language divide.

Riter C Hulsey Public Library

\$10,000

Our project, Mobile Tech Carts, seeks to change the lack of technology for teens. The Mobile Tech Cart will actually consist of two carts, which may be deployed simultaneously or one at a time. Each Mobile Tech Cart will be fully equipped with either a gaming system and VR technology. The carts will also be able to travel to our satellite facility, the Literacy Depot building.

The Library at Cedar Creek Lake

\$10,000

The Library at Cedar Creek Lake plans to implement new technology as a key element of expanding the library's small underserved teen area. The library intends to add a portable gaming station, an Oculus Rift S VR headset that will be paired with a new laptop for games and other virtual experiences as well as a media creation/editing station, complete with editing software and scanning and printing hardware. A television mounted to the wall in the teen area would also serve as a digital display for promoting events when the gaming station was not in use. This intends to fill a gap in technology services currently offered, while also giving area teens a space they can call their own with technology that fits their interests and needs.

Texas Reads Grants — FY 2021

Alicia Salinas Public Library

\$9,308

One focus of the Alicia Salinas Public Library (ASPL) is to provide programs and services to enhance literacy and to develop a joy of reading. The ASPL will provide a digital learning resource hub, with computers and software that will focus activities on improving these skills.

Allen Public Library

\$10,000

Allen Public Library will expand services to include digital literacy by purchasing three AWE Early Literacy stations. This project will supplement our existing programs for children and will be of benefit to our patrons in several ways: provide computer access to children that too young to receive library cards needed to use our internet computers, encourage positive learning interactions between children and caregivers, and provide access to activities for library visitors when no programs are scheduled.

Bowie Public Library

\$6,882

The purpose of the Book to Movie Book Club program is to encourage youth and adults in the community to come together in a unified project and foster a love of reading in the community's youth. Program participants of all ages will read a book, watch a movie based on the book, and then discuss the two together in an open discussion.

Dallas Public Library

\$9,500

Dallas is a rapidly aging city with dementia-related conditions on the rise. There has not been a correlated increase in affordable services for cognitively impaired older adults and their caretakers. Access to services is further complicated by the lack of reliable transportation for older adults. The Dallas Public Library will develop regular programming for individuals with dementia and their caretakers.

Honey Grove Library & Learning Center

\$9,200

The "Families Read Together" program will target community members who are interested in developing literacy skills among their families. Designed to target families with limited English proficiency, it will address literacy by providing modeling and direct teaching of parent and child reading time and activities.

Laredo Public Library

\$10,000

The Laredo Public Libraries (LPL) recently became a part of the Build a Better Book (BBB) Network, one of only 2 locations in Texas. This national network of libraries, schools, and makerspaces provides training in the fabrication of accessible materials including books, games, and graphics for people with physical and cognitive disabilities. Funding will support BBB workshops and equipment allowing participants to feel and experience reading through the lens of someone with a visual, physical or learning disability.

North Richland Hills Public Library

\$7,950

The North Richland Hills Library requests funding support for the 2020 Mid-Cities Teen Book Fest (MCTBF). The MCTBF is an annual author festival highlighting middle grade and young adult authors for the teens of the North Texas area.

Speer Memorial Library

\$4,425

Speer Memorial Library would like to provide free copies of book discussion titles to participants of our Morton's Book Club book discussion program so they can 1) own a book, 2) feel free to highlight and write notes on it, and 3) hopefully pass this book along to someone they think might benefit from the book and share the love of reading. Book discussions will be scheduled, on average, every six weeks, to allow ample reading time for participants. The program targets adults and senior citizens.

The Library at Cedar Creek Lake

\$5,000

The library's summer reading program has proven popular in past years, with the number of participants increasing each year. The library anticipates and encourages this trend of growth through expanded hours of programming geared towards benefiting the community and highlighting other educational programs already provided by the library. Grant funding will allow for an increase in summer programming.

TexTreasures Grants — FY 2021

Lamar University

\$3,000

Lamar University's Special Collections is seeking funding to digitize 750 photographic slides and negatives documenting the Big Thicket. 500 of the slides depict fungi from the Big Thicket National Preserve and environs and 250 are of Big Thicket scenes showing history, crusaders who fought to create the first national preserve in the United States, and activities of the Big Thicket Association.

Abilene Christian University

\$25,000

The Christian Chronicle (Dallas, Tx.) has been published continuously since 1943, starting in Dallas, Texas, and is the best single source for news about Churches of Christ, and related news in Texas, the US and around the world. A completed Christian Chronicle digitization project will leverage the best options within the Portal to Texas History platform to present the Chronicle in a way that is both pleasing for the browsing user and highly accessible for the searching user.

Arlington Public Library System

\$8,216

This project seeks to digitize and make available for online browsing the Arlington Journal newspaper covering years from 1897 to 1920 in partnership with the University of North Texas' Texas Digital Newspaper Program & Portal to Texas History.

Austin History Center

\$25,000

The Austin History Center Association (AHCA) is proposing a TexTreasures Original project to identify, digitize, and provide broad access to images from the Austin American-Statesman Photographic Morgue (AAS) that document communities of color in Austin and throughout Texas.

Cleburne Public Library

\$24,820

The Cleburne Public Library is requesting funds to digitize the Cleburne Times Review (CTR), beginning with issues published in 1934 through the end of 1955. This is a multiphase project that will eventually result in the digitization and free accessibility of all issues of the City's newspapers.

Cooke County Library

\$25,000

The Cooke County Library is requesting funds to digitize the Gainesville Daily Register (GDR), beginning with issues published in 1915 through the end of 1923. This is a multiphase project that will result in the digitization and free

accessibility of all issues of the GDR, the oldest surviving newspaper in Gainesville and Cooke County, providing an invaluable resource to those researching events and individuals in North Texas.

Denton Public Library

\$24,820

The Denton Public Library is requesting funds to digitize the Denton Record-Chronicle (DRC), beginning with issues published in 1939 through the end of 1954. This request is a continuation of the Denton Record-Chronicle Digitization Project awarded during the 2020 round of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's TexTreasures grant program.

Houston Public Library

\$35,000

The Houston Public Library (HPL) 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.

Rosenberg Library

\$24,896

In 2019-2020, the Rosenberg Library received a TexTreasures award to digitize 23,000 pages of the Galveston Tribune newspaper. The Rosenberg Library requests funding to continue digitization of the Tribune. The Rosenberg Library owns a nearly complete run of the Tribune, spanning the years 1885 to 1965. This next round would cover another 23,000 pages from approximately 1904 to 1921.

Southern Methodist University

\$25,000

The DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University (SMU), holds the John Miller Morris Collection of Texas Real Photographic Postcards and Photographs ("Morris Collection"). Grant funding will be utilized to digitize and make available on the Internet 1,683 RPPCs showing Texas locations, buildings, people, events, and industries.

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

\$19,754

Special Collections seeks funding to survey, process and create catalog records for the Charles F. H. von Blucher Family Papers. The collection represents the history and contributions of 3 generations of a German American family from 1840-1940.

Texas A&M University Kingsville

\$25,000

South Texas Archives requests funding to continue creating catalog records for the George O. Coalson Annotated Bibliography of South Texas Historical Resources for researchers and classes at TAMUK.

University of North Texas

\$24,914

UNT will continue digitization of the Byrd Williams Family Photography Collection. The images selected for inclusion in Phase II will include preservation scanning of fragile prints such as cyanotypes and Polaroid prints, which are both subject to extreme fading over time, as well as additional scanning of vintage prints and negatives of people and places across Texas.

University of Texas at Arlington

\$24,909

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (FWST) Photograph Collection at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) Libraries Special Collections contains an estimated 4 million negatives documenting Fort Worth, North Texas, and much of West Texas from the mid-1920s to 1991. The University of Texas at Arlington is requesting a third year of funding for 15,000 more images taken between 1950 and 1959.

University of Texas at San Antonio

\$24,146

The cultural heritage exhibits at the Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC) provide a window into the diverse lifeways, customs, music, dance, and foods of the groups that call Texas home. This pilot project will produce one online exhibit, providing a template for subsequent digitization of the ITC's 20+ exhibits and a model for experiential learning and engagement.

Regional ILS Cooperative Grants — FY 2021

Abilene Library Consortium

\$75,000

The Abilene Library Consortium (ALC), 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 project's primary goal is to improve service, lower costs, and allow for the inclusion of libraries of all types across the region. A secondary goal is to share the developed service and support model with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) for use in other Texas regions. Having received a TSLAC FY 2020 ILS Cooperative Grant for the planning stage of this project, the ALC requests funding for system migration and training costs for the 3-5 rural libraries joining with the ALC in 2021.

Special Projects Grants — FY 2021

Amarillo Public Library

\$23,897

Grant funds will support the purchase of supplies and equipment for a Downtown Library Makerspace, as well as training for staff to effectively operate this new array of services. Having a Makerspace at the library will allow community members to use tools and technology not easily accessible elsewhere.

Eules Public Library

\$20,500

The Eules Public Library seeks to expand services by creating a sensory inclusive space and offering sensory inclusive programming and materials to its patrons of all ages and abilities. With guidance from professionals in the HEB ISD Special Education Department and a designation of sensory inclusivity from a nationally known organization, Kulture City, we seek to attain designation as a sensory inclusive space in an effort to expand services and impact in the community, and further our goal of being a true library for all.

Arlington Public Library System

\$28,750

Arlington Public Library's project will include art classes in our makerspace for children and adults, artist exhibits, and a free non-juried exhibit. This project will strengthen the creative capacity of our community by allowing anyone to learn to express themselves through art, as well as contributing to the local artist community, giving them a place to display their work and to grow as professional artists.

Dallas Public Library

\$75,000

The Creative Learning Spaces project at Dallas Public Library aims to engage teenagers with technology they won't have access to in their homes and schools. The project specifically targets students ages 12-16 in two economically depressed neighborhoods in Dallas. Through hands-on STEM projects with real-world applications, the library will provide them with the opportunity to gain 21st century skills and perhaps discover a talent or interest that could lead to a future career.

Denton Public Library

\$54,058

Denton Public Library is requesting funds to expand and update The Forge makerspace. In 2020, Denton Public Library will be relocating the makerspace to a larger room in the North Branch, effectively doubling the size. The move is an opportunity to expand makerspace offerings with community requested maker equipment and technology, updated furniture, and a staff workstation. The updated makerspace would be a welcoming intersection of technology, design, arts, craft, design, and hands-on-learning.

El Paso Public Library

\$74,998

EPPL Work PLACE (Public Literacy Access for Careers & Entrepreneurship) is modeled after the efforts of urban libraries that have joined with community partners to enhance economic and educational opportunities for small businesses. Networking, funding, and mentorship opportunities for entrepreneurs are facilitated through networking partnerships established between the library and relevant community partners.

Grapevine Public Library

\$75,000

The Grapevine Public Library will create an esports hub in order to provide increased access to high power equipment, high speed data communication, and a collaborative space for team building, learning, socializing, entertaining, practicing, and competing. The hub will ensure that the community has an entryway into the arena of esports and the benefits awarded to its participants. These are experiences currently inaccessible to the underprivileged, underskilled, and underrepresented due to high equipment costs, demanding technology access, brutal competition, and limited opportunities.

Irving Public Library

\$75,000

In order to provide access to technology that promotes lifelong learning, Irving Public Library will transform its digital media labs into complete makerspaces at two library locations. Funding will allow for creation of a “maker movement” through the purchase of equipment, development of curriculum, training for library staff, public access to the spaces, and the start of basic programs and activities.

Judy B McDonald Public Library

\$9,510

The Library Encounter Box is a take on the ever popular subscription box. In this case, a monthly package designed for book and library lovers. The box will provide a taste of library programs and staff insight. Every day we find opportunities to educate our patrons about what we can offer them. As a monthly box, we will have a new theme for each iteration, and there will be boxes for adults, middle and high school students, and elementary students, each with an approach tailored for the needs of the age group.

University of North Texas

\$74,996

The collective historical memory contained in Digital Repositories, such as The Portal to Texas History, should be available to anyone seeking access. This includes audio/visual content (hereafter A/V). Currently, deaf and blind users lack fundamental access. This project seeks to expand access to this material by adding captions, transcriptions, and other accessible alternatives to the existing content.

University of Texas at San Antonio

\$72,777

The UT-San Antonio Libraries proposes a project to develop an open access Digital Literacy Toolkit to give students and adult learners digital skills needed to succeed in college coursework, the workplace, and their personal lives.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants – FY 2021

Texas Supports Libraries (TSL) Grant Program

Allen Memorial Public Library (City of Hawkins) - Texas Supports Libraries

\$27,894

The Allen Memorial Public Library will create a new computer lab and will offer classes that will help individuals navigate the internet and complete job applications online. The Allen Memorial Public Library hopes to teach seniors, the technologically challenged, and every-day people how to use a computer, including programs such as Word and Excel.

Austin Public Library - Understanding for All/Comprensión Por Todos

\$150,072

The Austin Public Library will provide certified, professionally trained translators/interpreters—who are bilingual in Spanish and English—to offer Limited English Proficient community members culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance.

Burnet County Library System - Texas Supports Libraries

\$60,927

Burnet County Libraries will provide improved technology such as new computers with more functionality, faster internet speeds, and installed programs such as Microsoft Office. With improved technology, the community’s home school and public school students will be able to work on school projects, engage in remote learning and connect with their teachers and other students. Adult patrons will be able to access job applications, search local social services, engage in continuing education, and reach out to family and friends.

Cockrell Hill Public Library - Digital Literacy & Patron Autonomy in the Library

\$15,037

The Cockrell Hill Public Library will provide library patrons with the opportunity to learn and use technology at the library, building confidence through direct experience. The library will provide initial instruction on computer technology through computer literacy classes, encouraging participants to use the information that is gained from classes at home.

Driscoll Public Library - Texas Supports Libraries – Computer

\$5,846

The Driscoll Public Library will purchase five new PC workstations. These computers will be used to provide (1) one Telehealth Workstation, (1) one job application station, (1) one station for online testing or licensing via Zoom/ Video and (3) three stations equipped with newer software and apps required to construct online resumes and conduct job searches.

Fannie Brown Booth Memorial Library – Texas Supports Libraries

\$13,138

The Fannie Brown Booth Memorial Library will encourage patrons to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines by providing masks and hand sanitizer to use free of charge when inside the library. Additionally, a Library Book Sanitizer will be deployed. The Library Book Sanitizer will sanitize up to six books at a time in 30 seconds using UV-C light and air pressure. The sanitizer can be used for books, electronics, keyboards, and more.

Fort Worth Public Library - Texas Supports Libraries Program - Workforce Development Grant

\$24,282

The Fort Worth Public Library will implement a workforce development program based on the Northstar Digital Learning curriculum and training. The project includes staff development, public education and training, as well as a professional public marketing strategy to address needs for digital skills, technology education, and opportunity and accessibility.

Harlingen Public Library - Computer Lab and Classroom Project

\$50,000

The Harlingen Public Library will increase access to essential technology for all community members through the creation of a computer lab and classroom. The library will then provide programs based on the technology needs of their community.

Harris County Public Library - Citizen’s Academy

\$27,706

The Harris County Public Library will create a resource guide and educational series to teach participants how to interact with local government resources, including accessing health, housing, food, educational, career development, and mental health resources.

Jeff Davis County Library - Connecting Jeff Davis County to the World

\$9,795

The Jeff Davis County Library will provide scheduled and emergency internet access via satellite Wi-Fi to unserved residents of Jeff Davis County. Library patrons who are equipped with digital devices and Wi-Fi will more easily access social services enrollment, job and student loan applications, telemedicine, as well as other resources.

Joe Barnhart Bee County Library - Bee Connected

\$10,000

The Joe Barnhart Bee County Library will create a tech lending program that would reach individuals with little to no internet service within Bee County.

Lake Travis Community Library - Lake Travis Community Library Hotspots

\$11,125

The Lake Travis Community Library will double the number of mobile hotspots in their collection and better meet community needs for digital access.

Longview Public Library - Helping Longview Community Stay Healthy & Connected to Technology

\$12,458

The Longview Public Library will purchase a Super Book Sanitizer to sanitize computer equipment, such as keyboards and mice, in the computer lab. Additionally, the library will lend 22 mobile hotspot devices to job seekers, public school students, and upwards of 17,000 Longview residents.

Maud Public Library - Digital Literacy Programming

\$20,000

The Maud Public Library will provide free computer classes.

McAllen Public Library - Grab N Go: Job Fair in a Bag

\$35,127

McAllen Public Library will provide laptops and hotspots through a lending program to encourage patrons to utilize technology for their job searches. The program will also feature a drive-by job fair that encourages participants to pick up a kit that will include physical and digital books of MPL’s library catalog for workforce development. Other resources offered will include tips on resume building, interview tips, and best practices on maximizing a job search.

Midland County Public Library - Digital Outreach Project

\$58,776

Midland County Public Libraries will provide digital literacy training for seniors to empower seniors to use telehealth, connect with friends and family, and avoid the isolation that has become detrimental to the mental health and wellbeing of older adults throughout the pandemic.

New Braunfels Public Library - Texas Supports Libraries

\$12,509

New Braunfels Public Libraries will make hotspots available to areas in the community that demonstrate the most need for internet access. The Wi-Fi Hotspot + Chromebook Lending Program will be available individually or as a bundle for four weeks with one renewal if no other holds exist. Each bundle will come with a “Quick Start” guide. Users with additional questions will be encouraged to attend the library’s Device Advice program.

Nueces County Public Libraries - Path to Citizenship Support

\$49,999

Nueces County Public Libraries will offer free home and office library technology, free citizenship kits, and resources to conduct basic legal research at the Law Library.

Partners Library Action Network (PLAN) - Small/Rural Library Leadership Initiative

\$46,640

The Partners Library Action Network (PLAN), formerly the Central Texas Library System, Inc. or CTLS, will provide a series of leadership development trainings for librarians and library employees who serve small libraries across Texas to help them better deal with the COVID pandemic and serve their communities.

Port Isabel Public Library - Need a JOB? We can HELP!

\$38,149

The Port Isabel Public Library will provide weekly classes to teach patrons how to use a computer for job searches online and register with the Texas Workforce Commission. Classes will also include a resume writing section to help participants update or create a new resume.

Round Rock Public Library System - Texas Supports Round Rock

\$49,999

The Round Rock Public Library will purchase a subscription to O'Reilly Books, hire a digital consultant, add the digital version of Pimsleur Language Program, and install additional hold lockers. The aim is to futureproof workforce development efforts, expand digital formats, and provide safer ways to access library materials for the community.

San Antonio Public Library - Older Adults Device Lending Program

\$180,400

The San Antonio Public Library will continue to pilot a new free device lending program aimed at improving digital literacy and fostering connection during times of social isolation. The program will allow Bexar County residents ages 60 years or older to borrow an iPad from a city-managed senior center. Borrowers can keep the device at home for up to six months to help them connect with friends and family, browse the Internet, connect with a health care provider, engage in leisure activities and use mobile apps. The devices will come with a free wireless connection to access the Internet, as well as access to free tech support and training from program partners.

South Texas College - Student Success Program

\$63,556

The South Texas College will provide up to 200 eligible students a dual-pronged package of technology and supplemental support services to increase the student pass rate. The goal of the proposed project is for participating students to meet or exceed the pass rate of the general student population.

Stonewall County Library - Patron Computers

\$11,000

The Stonewall County Library will provide new computers, allowing patrons to meet their technology needs. As a COVID-19 prevention measure, the library will also provide laptop computers that patrons may use to promote social distancing.

Texas Woman's University - Developing Digital Competencies

\$69,975

Texas Woman's University will offer three workshops to train library staff about digital competencies to enable them to better support students; additionally, TWU plans to offer a Summer Seminar for students to build digital competencies. Students will have access to Virtual Digital Competencies Lab consisting of laptops, mobile hotspots, and the necessary software to attend the Seminar from any location.

The Library at Cedar Creek Lake - Cedar Creek Lake Community Enrichment Pod Program

\$17,961

The Library at Cedar Creek Lake will provide a ventilated sound-controlled privacy pod to offer a quiet and private space for small group use. The pod will be fully equipped for video conferencing through the inclusion of a Chromebase All-in-One Desktop solution. This program will add a level of focus and privacy not currently available for their workforce and educational offerings and allow for the addition of new small group and individual assistance programs that are not currently feasible.

Texas Telehealth Grant Program

Austin Public Library - Health for All

\$50,000

The Austin Public Library will provide telehealth booths--which are private, secure pods within the Austin Public Library System--to individuals who want to consult with their medical providers remotely. Accessing telehealth services via technology will address health access by making digital technology, digital literacy, and internet coverage more accessible to those who need it.

Hillsboro City Library - Telehealth Grant

\$25,000

The Hillsboro City Library will create a telehealth conferencing center to increase access to healthcare by providing the public with a private, dedicated space that is equipped with computers, medical information, and trained library staff. The telehealth conferencing center will include privacy booths that are equipped with furniture, computers, and other teleconferencing essentials.

Jeff Davis County Library - Healthy Jeff Davis County

\$25,000

The Jeff Davis County Library will increase capacity to provide telehealth and related technology assistance by improving the equipment used for telehealth appointments and assuring confidentiality by soundproofing the private meeting room. The library partners with Amistad, a social services agency in El Paso, to offer a private space, computer, internet connection, and technical assistance for a counseling service for veterans and their spouses. The current room is not soundproof and is not as private as it should be.

McAllen Public Library - Care4Me Program

\$25,000

The McAllen Public Library will allow community patrons to utilize the necessary technology and resources to access telehealth services for any doctor's appointments. Residents will be able to utilize a designated space at the library to log in to their personal telehealth provider and attend their appointments and/or follow-ups.

Texas Digital Navigators Grant Program

Austin Public Library - Connectivity for APL's Community

\$250,000

The Austin Public Library will provide one-on-one individualized training to Austin/Travis County residents to remove barriers to social services, language services, health literacy programs, education, and workforce development resources. Participants will develop and improve their digital skills to access the library's resources.

Brownsville Public Library - BPLS- Beyond the Digital Stars

\$80,000

The Brownsville Public Library System will allow patrons to utilize iPads in their own homes through a lending program offered at both library branches. The program helps meet a critical need for internet access in an underserved community. The COVID-19 pandemic amplified the stark need for improved internet access as basic services became available exclusively online.

Dr Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library - Texas Digital Navigators 2022

\$70,000

The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library will hire digital navigators to provide training, workshops, regular contact with community members, equipment set-up/installation, as well as other community-based efforts. Community participants who complete training provided by the digital navigators will be eligible to borrow Chromebooks that are provided thru this grant project.

Dublin Public Library - Digital Navigator

\$70,000

The Dublin Public Library will use the Digital Navigator funds to learn about the technology needs in the community and to address those needs.

Harris County Public Library - HCPL Digital Navigators

\$300,000

The Harris County Public Library will hire four Digital Navigators, one for each commissioner precinct, to design and deliver instruction to support increased internet access. Navigators will also assist residents access technology such as Wi-Fi devices and Chromebooks, supporting the public library's ambitious ECF proposal.

Lakehills Area Library - Texas Digital Navigators Grant

\$70,000

The Lakehills Area Library will provide patrons the ability to use library technology safely from home by offering basic instruction, connectivity, technology, and safety training to patrons. The program will focus on patrons who are over 55 years of age since this age group often demonstrates more need for assistance with basic technology.

Lubbock Public Library - Digital Navigator Program

\$70,000

The City of Lubbock Libraries will provide computer literacy instruction in both libraries as well as the community to help vulnerable populations access digital resources.

Martindale Community Library - Martindale Community Library Digital Navigators 2022

\$70,000

The Martindale Community Library will provide technology and instruction to improve access to the internet for residents of the Martindale area. In order to enhance the use of the equipment, the proposed program will provide trained staff to offer guidance and instruction.

Pottsboro Area Public Library - Digital Navigators 2022

\$70,000

The Pottsboro Area Public Library will provide three Digital Navigators, as well as a Digital Navigator Coordinator to offer in-person and over-the-phone guidance to connect participants to the internet, as well as build their digital skills.

Wilson County Public Libraries - Wilson County Digital Navigator Grant Program

\$110,000

The Wilson County Public Library will hire an additional Librarian who has obtained their Master of Library Sciences Degree and will provide solutions for internet connectivity issues among the rural areas of the county.

Fiscal Year 2022

Snapshot:

Grant Program	Applicant Organization	Total Grant Fund	Legal Entity
FY22 Family Place	Helen Hall Library	\$6,000	City of League City
FY22 Family Place	Laredo Public Library	\$6,000	City of Laredo
FY22 Family Place	Patrick Heath Public Library	\$6,000	City of Boerne
FY22 Family Place	Decatur Public Library	\$6,000	City of Decatur
FY22 Family Place	East Travis Gateway Library District	\$6,000	East Travis Gateway Library District
FY22 Family Place	Centennial Memorial Library	\$6,000	Centennial Memorial Library of Eastland, Texas, Inc.
FY22 Family Place	Nicholson Memorial Library System	\$6,000	City of Garland
Library Technology Academy 2022 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2021 Cohort)	Honey Grove Library & Learning Center	\$10,000	Hall-Voyer Foundation
Library Technology Academy 2022 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2021 Cohort)	Centennial Memorial Library	\$9,999	Centennial Memorial Library of Eastland, Texas, Inc.
Library Technology Academy 2022 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2021 Cohort)	Lake Dallas Library	\$9,964	City of Lake Dallas
Library Technology Academy 2022 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2021 Cohort)	Melissa Public Library	\$9,867	City of Melissa
Library Technology Academy 2022 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2021 Cohort)	Hughes Springs Area Public Library	\$9,960	Hughes Springs Area Foundation

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Library Technology Academy 2022 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2021 Cohort)	Coleman Public Library	\$9,881	City of Coleman
Library Technology Academy 2022 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2021 Cohort)	Bay City Public Library	\$9,906	City of Bay City
Library Technology Academy 2022 (Invitation Only- Projects for 2021 Cohort)	Forest Hill Public Library	\$10,000	Forest Hill Library District
REFORMA Scholarship Program	Harris County Public Library	\$400	Harris County
REFORMA Scholarship Program	Georgetown Public Library	\$400	City of Georgetown
REFORMA Scholarship Program	Hondo Public Library	\$400	City of Hondo
REFORMA Scholarship Program	Georgetown Public Library	\$400	City of Georgetown
REFORMA Scholarship Program	Dr Hector P Garcia Memorial Library	\$400	City of Mercedes
Regional ILS Cooperative Grant 2022	Abilene Library Consortium	\$75,000	Abilene Library Consortium
Regional ILS Cooperative Grant 2022	Burleson Public Library	\$75,000	City of Burleson
Special Projects 25 2022	Austin Public Library	\$25,000	City of Austin
Special Projects 25 2022	DeSoto Public Library	\$1,615	City of DeSoto
Special Projects 25 2022	Sergeant Fernando de la Rosa Memorial Library	\$19,554	City of Alamo
Special Projects 25 2022	Arlington Public Library System	\$15,042	City of Arlington
Special Projects 75 2022	Jeff Davis County Library	\$25,000	Jeff Davis County

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Special Projects 75 2022	Pottsboro Area Public Library	\$24,948	City of Pottsboro
Special Projects 75 2022	Tom Green County Library System	\$74,565	Tom Green County
Special Projects 75 2022	Dallas Public Library	\$74,934	City of Dallas
Special Projects 75 2022	University of North Texas	\$74,516	University of North Texas
Special Projects 75 2022	Irving Public Library	\$51,681	City of Irving
Special Projects 75 2022	Midland County Public Library	\$55,049	Midland County
Special Projects 75 2022	Southlake Public Library	\$42,292	City of Southlake
Special Projects 75 2022	El Paso Public Library	\$74,879	City of El Paso
Special Projects 75 2022	Converse Public Library	\$64,450	City of Converse
Special Projects 75 2022	Honey Grove Library & Learning Center	\$7,400	Hall-Voyer Foundation
Special Projects 75 2022	Texas State Library & Archives Commission	\$9,600	State of Texas
Texas Reads 2022	Marathon Public Library	\$10,000	Marathon Public Library
Texas Reads 2022	Flower Mound Public Library	\$6,641	Town of Flower Mound
Texas Reads 2022	Balch Springs Library- Learning Center	\$10,000	City of Balch Springs
Texas Reads 2022	McAllen Public Library	\$10,000	City of McAllen
Texas Reads 2022	Bedford Public Library	\$10,000	City of Bedford
Texas Reads 2022	Weatherford Public Library	\$6,333	City of Weatherford
Texas Reads 2022	Waco-McLennan County Library	\$7,010	City of Waco
Texas Reads 2022	Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library	\$10,000	City of Edinburg
Texas Reads 2022	Brownsville Public Library	\$9,850	City of Brownsville

Grant Program	Applicant Organization	Total Grant Fund	Legal Entity
Texas Reads 2022	Arlington Public Library System	\$10,000	City of Arlington
Texas Reads 2022	Hughes Springs Area Public Library	\$10,000	Hughes Springs Area Foundation
Texas Reads 2022	Eagle Pass Public Library	\$3,000	City of Eagle Pass
Texas Reads 2022	Cleburne Public Library	\$9,500	City of Cleburne
Texas Reads 2022	El Paso Public Library	\$8,000	City of El Paso
Texas Reads 2022	Dublin Public Library	\$10,000	City of Dublin
TexTreasures Original 2022	Southern Methodist University	\$25,000	Southern Methodist University
TexTreasures Original 2022	Texas A&M University Corpus Christi	\$25,000	Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
TexTreasures Original 2022	Rosenberg Library	\$24,874	Rosenberg Library Association
TexTreasures Original 2022	Denton Public Library	\$24,820	City of Denton
TexTreasures Original 2022	University of Texas at Arlington	\$24,909	University of Texas at Arlington
TexTreasures Original 2022	Cooke County Library	\$25,000	Cooke County
TexTreasures Original 2022	University of North Texas	\$24,914	University of North Texas
TexTreasures Original 2022	Cleburne Public Library	\$24,820	City of Cleburne
TexTreasures Original 2022	Allen Public Library	\$24,820	City of Allen
TexTreasures Original 2022	Houston Community College	\$24,983	Houston Community College
TexTreasures Original 2022	Prairie View A&M University	\$18,342	Prairie View A&M University

Library Technology Academy Grants - FY 2022

Bay City Public Library

\$9,906

The Bay City Public Library vision, as it relates to technology, is to provide current and emergent technology to the community and provide opportunities for technological success and exploration for patrons. With this grant they will create a Mobile Computer Lab to offer in-house and outreach classes through the purchase of Chromebooks, mobile WiFi hotspots, and associated software; they will update all public computers from Office 2010 to 2019, and add videoconferencing equipment for public use in the meeting room.

Centennial Memorial Library

\$9,999

The library goal is to create spaces of comfort and peace for patrons, where they can escape the rat race of the outside world, while still offering areas to complete necessary tasks and provide opportunities to experiment with items that will move them toward future careers. To meet these needs and using input from the community, the library will purchase and implement the following: comfortable seating that includes a charging station for phones, tablets and laptops; a high quality Copier/Scanner/Printer; and a 3D printer.

Coleman Public Library

\$9,881

The Coleman Public Library will be replacing five existing computers in the Main Library lobby with five new computers equipped with Windows 10, 2019 Microsoft Office and Faronics (Deep Freeze) software. They will also establish a new "Work Center" that will include a table and lounge seating area for patrons to access the new printer with Bluetooth capabilities/scanner and charging hub and charging tower.

Forest Hill Public Library

\$10,000

The Forest Hill Library District will implement Radio Frequency Identification or RFID System in the library providing extra security for the protection of materials, allowing staff to work on other projects that will help build the library and create a self-serve model for patrons.

Honey Grove Library & Learning Center

\$10,000

The Honey Grove Library Teen/Tech Room Project is to equip, staff, and maintain a viable, up-to-date Teen/Tech room to help serve the technology needs of the community. This project has been designed to meet the needs of patrons as well as provide services for members of the community who are experiencing a "technology gap". When equipped and in use, the Teen/Tech room will address the mission of the library by providing educational programming, technological access and equipment, and a space where community members of all ages can meet with one another in-person and virtually to interact and participate in areas of study and enjoyment.

Hughes Springs Area Public Library

\$9,960

In order to better serve and meet the growing technology needs the Hughes Springs and surrounding communities, the Hughes Springs Area Public Library will create a technology project with four parts: a new circulation system, 10 new laptops with accessories, updated signage, and moving the scanner/printer/fax to the circulation desk.

Lake Dallas Library

\$9,964

The library will focus on connecting the community and empowering seniors and individuals with disabilities to connect online, learn new technology, and make important decisions about how they use the library resources on their own. By lending devices like hotspots, tablets and laptops and providing instructional classes for seniors and patrons with disabilities, the library will help them master new digital literacy skills and connect them to pre-existing library resources like databases and e-books.

Melissa Public Library

\$9,867

In an effort to keep patrons happy, healthy, and engaged, an increased effort will be made toward new technology and virtual programming, including new computing/gaming devices for patrons, as well as face-down camera equipment. Melissa Public Library plans to increase its virtual programming presence by including more interactive videos utilizing a green screen and a tripod with our camera to provide clear and engaging videos for patrons. Melissa Public Library is looking to offer more spacious group and private computer access with separated areas, a gaming console, and shareable laptops and tablets with protective cases, and even a docking station with UV disinfecting and charging capabilities. Computers and laptops will be upgraded to the latest version of Microsoft Office, and Wi-Fi extenders will be added for further network reach.

Texas Reads Grants - FY 2022

Arlington Public Library

\$10,000

The Arlington Public Library will launch One Book, One Arlington, a month-long reading event for the community to read and discuss Channel Kindness: Stories of Kindness and Community. Participants will engage in kindness activities designed to strengthen the community and inspire the people of Arlington to be good neighbors.

Balch Springs Library - Learning Center

\$10,000

The Balch Springs Public Library will hold a Summer Reading Program titled Dive in and Explore @ the Library. The program will feature crafts, educational entertainers, preschool story time, STEM time, movies and other activities provided in both English and Spanish.

Bedford Public Library

\$10,000

The Bedford Public Library will launch the Stories in Motion program to promote early literacy learning, family engagement outdoors, and physical activity by installing a StoryWalk® at two area parks. A StoryWalk® places a deconstructed children's picture book along a popular walking route in the community. The program will give families the opportunity to engage in early literacy activities safely in an outdoor setting.

Brownsville Public Library

\$9,850

The Brownsville Public Library will launch the One Book, One Community, One Brownsville program to promote literacy among the youth of Brownsville. The Brownsville Public Library will provide free copies of Carmela Full of Wishes to community members and encourage engagement and discussion around the importance of positive representations through live readings of the text and a live chat with the author, Matt de la Pena.

Cleburne Public Library

\$9,500

The Cleburne Public Library will launch the Cleburne Reads program to promote a love of reading, communication, and connection within the community. The Cleburne Reads program will feature several book titles with planned book discussions, activities, author appearances and book signings for the community.

Dublin Public Library

\$10,000

The Dublin Public Library will launch book clubs for adults, teens, and children. The goal of the program is to simplify access to materials that aid in developing literacy skills and promote a love of reading in our community. Book club meetings will include virtual author visits, interactive activities related to selected books, and discussion sessions.

Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library

\$10,000

The Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library will launch the Storytelling and Story Reading 101 project to provide a series of professional development workshops for library staff throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Participants will learn and develop storytelling techniques using their voice, props, and puppets, from a professional storyteller. Participants will perform for the community at the Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros community event.

Eagle Pass Public Library

\$3,000

The Eagle Pass Public Library will host a Summer Reading Program for children in the community. The program will provide books, activities, and reading challenges to combat summer slide and foster a love of reading. Top readers in the program will receive recognition at a City Council Meeting.

El Paso Public Library

\$8,000

The El Paso Public Libraries will host its fifth annual WinterFest Reading Challenge in collaboration with other City of El Paso departments. The goal of WinterFest is to encourage reading during the winter months and over holiday breaks. WinterFest includes challenges, activities, and reading lists to encourage community participation.

Flower Mound Public Library

\$6,641

The Flower Mound Public Library, in cooperation with Flower Mound Parks and Recreation, will create a permanent StoryWalk® to support Flower Mound families and children. Featuring rotating stories paired with interactive, creative learning activities, the StoryWalk will support Town and Library goals by expanding access to library services, promoting early literacy learning and family reading habits, and encouraging community engagement through arts and literature.

Hughes Springs Area Public Library

\$10,000

The Hughes Springs Area Public Library will launch age appropriate literacy programming to provide community members with opportunities for active involvement in expansion of literacy skills with an emphasis on early childhood and family literacy, and lifelong learning.

Marathon Public Library

\$10,000

The Marathon Public Library will partner with Marathon Independent School District to provide literacy-focused programs with the goal of providing community members access to library services that support literacy and educational attainment, especially early childhood and family literacy, and lifelong learning. These weekly, monthly, and summer programs will provide children and caregivers with resources and learning opportunities year-round.

McAllen Public Library

\$10,000

The McAllen Public Library (MPL) will use grant funding to bring a guest speaker to their 2022 El día de los niños/ El día de los libros (Día) Celebration. Día, which is an acronym for Diversity in Action, is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds by promoting early literacy and family engagement. The invited bilingual, award-winning author will allow the library to successfully implement their literacy initiative in an economically-disadvantaged region.

Waco-McLennan County Library

\$7,010

Waco-McLennan County Library will install a StoryWalk® at a local park near one of the branch libraries and a local elementary school. StoryWalk® promotes early literacy and family engagement outdoors by placing a deconstructed children’s picture book along a walking route in the community giving families a free, interactive way to engage in literacy activities together.

Weatherford Public Library

\$6,333

The Weatherford Public Library and community partners will install the Weatherford Loves Reading StoryWalk® on a quarter-mile walking trail in Weatherford’s Love Street Park. StoryWalk® promotes early literacy and family engagement outdoors by placing a deconstructed children’s picture book along a walking route in the community giving families a free, interactive way to engage in literacy activities together.

Regional ILS Collaborative Grants - FY 2022

Abilene Library Consortium

\$75,000

The Abilene Library Consortium (ALC), will 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 program is to improve service, lower costs, and allow for the inclusion of libraries of all types across the region. A secondary goal is to share the developed service and support model with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) for use in other Texas regions.

MetroShare Library Consortium

\$75,000

Seven North Texas Area public libraries (Benbrook, Burleson, Forest Hill, Haltom City, Keller, Richland Hills, and Watauga) will form a new library cooperative called MetroShare Libraries. MetroShare Libraries will offer its members a unique opportunity to collaborate in every aspect of public library service—pooling resources, apportioning costs, gaining new users, broadening collections, strengthening program initiatives, and sharing traditional and non-traditional collections and expertise resulting in increased library access and improved quality of life in North Texas.

Special Projects Grants - FY 2022

Arlington Public Library

\$15,042

Books on Wheels is a collaborative book delivery project between the Arlington Public Library and local retirement and senior centers. The library will work closely with the centers to identify ways to best serve retirement community residents, including a revamp of how they deliver library materials and an intergenerational component to the program that includes local high school volunteers connecting with the retirement center population.

Austin Public Library

\$25,000

The Austin Public Library will implement the StoryWalk® project at 3 library branch locations to promote early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in nature. Families, teachers, and students can experience a children’s picture book together while walking along an outdoor path during all seasons. Book pages are laminated, posted in protective frames on aluminum posts, and spaced out on a nature path. As children and adults stroll down the path, they are directed to the next page in the story.

Converse Public Library

\$64,450

The Converse Public Library will create a bookmobile with targeted services, such as books for checkout and internet access, to meet needs in neighborhoods, daycares, senior centers, and schools within the community and in some unincorporated areas within the county. The flexibility inherent in a bookmobile will allow the library to effectively respond to shifting needs within the community.

Dallas Public Library

\$74,934

The Dallas Public Library will launch a Music Equity Program providing access to music education and musical instruments. Through group music lessons, the Dallas Public Library will expose children, adults, and seniors to stringed instruments, group play, and performance.

DeSoto Public Library

\$1,615

The DeSoto Public Library, in partnership with the DeSoto Senior Activity Center, will provide animatronic pet companions for seniors who are confined to home or a care facility and/or facing cognitive challenges. The animatronic pets look and feel like their real counterparts and respond in a similar way to real pets, stimulating emotional and cognitive engagement through therapeutic two-way interaction. Support materials of recorded music and simple, themed reading materials, along with instructions for guided exercises for the participant or caregivers will also be provided.

El Paso Public Library

\$74,879

The El Paso Public Library will add two self-checkout stations at high traffic branches in the city. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in reduced staffing at the library, yet community need has increased. The self-checkout stations will allow staff at these well trafficked branches to effectively meet community need for quick, efficient service.

Honey Grove Library & Learning Center

\$7,400

The Digital Literacy at Honey Grove Library project in partnership with local nursing homes, SNAP centers, schools, and churches, will provide community members with digital literacy classes on topics such as Basic Computer Skills and Internet Safety. The program will provide needed equipment and services to bridge the technology gap and improve digital literacy in the community.

Irving Public Library

\$51,681

The Irving Public Library will launch a makerspace outreach vehicle in an effort to provide access to technology that promotes lifelong learning. The outreach vehicle will provide marketing and build excitement for the library makerspaces and help Irving Public Library reach new users. Planned programming includes maker equipment demonstrations, classes, and maker kit checkout.

Jeff Davis County Library

\$25,000

The Jeff Davis County Library will equip their bookmobile and outreach vehicle, Mobile Comunidad, with satellite wifi equipment. This additional equipment will allow the library to provide needed internet access to underserved residents of Jeff Davis County and allow for expansion of services made available through Mobile Comunidad.

Midland County Public Library

\$55,048

Midland County Public Libraries will create a Community Office and Business Resource Center (COBRC) to provide the community with a professional office space to use for job searches, interviews, and online meetings. Digital literacy classes, resume workshops, and interview skill programs will accompany the community office culminating in a project that allows the library to address workforce development needs in Midland.

Pottsboro Area Public Library

\$24,948

The Pottsboro Library will expand their telehealth site to ensure they can provide health literacy, technologies, and skills necessary to support the health care needs of their community. This program will facilitate access to quality health care in a rural community through a telehealth site and consumer health information programming.

Sergeant Fernando de la Rosa Memorial Library

\$19,554

The Sgt. Fernando De La Rosa Memorial Library will implement the Alamo Community Literacy Initiative. This program will increase literacy stewardship by establishing an Alamo Literacy Day and setting up little free libraries in various locations throughout the community. The library will establish partnerships with various community organizations to encourage project involvement, growth, and sustainability.

Southlake Public Library

\$42,292

The Southlake Public Library will launch the Southlake Neighborhood Outreach Program to create a neighborhood pickup location for library materials in the largest housing development in the Southlake community and to take library programming into residential areas to promote community engagement and a connection to the library.

Tom Green County Library System

\$74,565

The Tom Green County Library, in partnership with other organizations, will launch the West Texas Space VaquerXs, a series of STEM camps providing STEM career focused, hands-on, authentic, NASA-mission-aligned STEM engagement for underserved K-12 students.

University of North Texas

\$74,516

The University of North Texas Libraries will continue ongoing efforts to improve audio/visual (A/V) content accessibility available through The Portal to Texas History. The project addresses the needs of Deaf and Blind users who often lack fundamental access for many A/V materials in digital repositories while also providing benefit to abled users and those with other special needs through efforts to transcribe, translate, describe, interpret, and chapter both research-oriented and primary-source A/V content.

APPENDIX B: OTHER GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS



Texas Center for the Book

Letters About Literature: 2021

Level 1 (Grades 4-6)

1. Reese Owen of Austin wrote to Kate DiCamillo
Book title: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*
2. Caroline Mebane of Austin wrote to Meredith Davis and Rebeka Uwitonze
Book title: *On Her Own Two Feet*
3. Davis Martin of Austin wrote to J.K. Rowling
Book series title: *Harry Potter*

Level 2 (Grades 7-8)

1. Max Yan of Dallas wrote to R. J. Palacio
Book title: *Wonder*
2. Darby Rosetta of Lubbock wrote to Donna Gephart
Book title: *Lily and Dunkin*
3. Abigail Durnin of Leander wrote to Steven Levenson
Book title: *Dear Evan Hansen*

Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

1. Olivia O'Reilly of Houston wrote to Chaim Potok
Book title: *The Chosen*
2. Cara Shield of Beaumont wrote to Mary Oliver
Poem title: *When Death Comes*
3. Andi Lopez of New Braunfels wrote to Jessica Day George
Book series title: *Dragon Slippers*

Letters About Literature: 2022

Level 1 (Grades 4-6)

1. Alexandra Akins of Austin wrote to Wilson Rawls
Book title: *Where the Red Fern Grows*
2. Arhaan V. Iyer of Addison wrote to Jordan Romero
Book title: *No Summit Out Of Sight*
3. Josie Selfridge of Addison wrote to Shel Silverstein
Book title: *The Giving Tree*

Level 2 (Grades 7-8)

1. Kaden Rice of Dallas wrote to Robin Benway
Book title: *Far from the Tree*
2. Elaine Carté-Engel of Dallas wrote to Pam Muñoz Ryan
Book title: *Echo*
3. Emma Ton of Austin wrote to William Kamkwamba
Book title: *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*

Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

1. Shamika Agrawal of Austin wrote to Anuradha D. Rajurkar
Book title: *American Betiya*
2. Emily Hoang of Pasadena wrote to Rick Riordan
Book series: *Heroes of Olympus*
3. Frida Gonzalez of Pasadena wrote to J.K. Rowling
Book series: *Harry Potter*

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.

2022 Literacy Award Winners

- \$2,000 Award: [Teen Bookfest by the Bay](#), an annual book festival which connects teen readers with published authors. The Bookfest encourages interaction between aspiring teen writers and established authors and illustrators. The purpose of the Teen Bookfest by the Bay is to educate, enrich, and entertain area teens and other participants while providing an opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading.
- [Inside Books Project](#) in Austin and [Readers 2 Leaders](#) in Dallas. Each will each receive an award of \$500 in recognition of their efforts to promote reading and combat illiteracy.

2021 Literacy Award Winners

- \$2,000 Award: The [South Texas Literacy Coalition](#) (STLC) is a small but mighty organization recognized throughout the Rio Grande Valley as a literacy champion. Their community literacy events improve the quality of life of families throughout South Texas by focusing on early literacy experiences in a fun and engaging environment. The events consist of several components such as a StoryWalk®, in which they display titles by local children’s authors, games, activities, prizes, a photobooth, and the distribution of thousands of new, free books. Along with this, South Texas Literacy Coalition invites local authors and nonprofit organizations to host booths and activities to engage with youth and educate families on the services they provide.
- Honorable mention award recipients the [Inside Books Project](#), based in Austin, and [Temple Literacy Council](#) in Temple will each receive an award of \$500 in recognition of their efforts to promote reading and combat illiteracy.

Lone Star Día Grants 2022

This Texas Center for the Book grant program is made possible through a partnership with First Book and the generosity of the Edouard Foundation and the Texas Library and Archives Foundation and happens every even-numbered calendar year.

The 2022 Lone Star Día Grant program awarded 40 libraries and literacy nonprofits across the state. Participating organizations hosted a wide variety of events to celebrate Lone Star Día, with many public and school libraries collaborating with community nonprofit organizations, teachers, parents, and local authors. Many events drew significant participation, with family-friendly activities, arts and crafts, music, food, book readings, and giveaways of new books to children in the community. In 2022, Lone Star Día Grants enabled nearly 7,000 people to attend these events and distributed more than 3,500 books to deserving children.

Snapshot:

Library / Organization Name	City	State / Province / Region	Postal / Zip Code
McBee Elementary/Austin ISD	Austin	TX	78758
Hondo Public Library	Hondo	TX	78861
Sylvia Mendez CREW Leadership Academ	Dallas	TX	75217
Wunderlich Intermediate Library	Houston	TX	77066
Garza-Peña Elementary Library	San Juan	TX	78589
Harlingen Public Library	Harlingen	TX	78550
D. Brown Memorial Library	Rosebud	TX	76570
Thornton Elementary School	Arlington	TX	76010
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ARTS ACADEMY	Dallas	TX	75215
Dallas ISD	Dallas	TX	75224
Rosemont Lower School	Dallas	TX	75208
Solar Prep Girls	Dallas	TX	75206
Callison Elementary Library	Round Rock	TX	78664
Tolbert Elementary School Library, Dallas ISD	Dallas	TX	75233

Library / Organization Name	City	State / Province / Region	Postal / Zip Code
Barbara Jordan Elementary Library	Dallas	TX	75224
T.W. Browne Middle School	Dallas	TX	75233
Longfellow Middle School Dallas ISD	Dallas	TX	75209
CBE	Dallas	TX	75240
Bonham Elementary	Abilene	TX	79605
Willow Bend Elementary	Lubbock	TX	79416
City of Charlotte/Charlotte Public Library	Charlotte	TX	78011
Fort Worth ISD- Daggett Montessori School	Fort Worth	TX	76110
West Birdville Elementary	Haltom City	TX	76117
RISD Academy	Dallas	TX	75240
Ramirez Elementary	Pharr	TX	78577
Kelly-Pharr Elementary	Pharr	TX	78577
Northlake Elementary School Library	Dallas	TX	75238
Joe A Hall High School & Community Library	Venus	TX	76084
PSJA Southwest ECHS	Pharr	TX	78577
Carmen Anaya Elementary	Pharr	TX	78577
Raul Yzaguirre Middle School	San Juan	TX	78589
PSJA Collegiate HS	San Juan	TX	78589
Nueces County Public Libraries	Robstown	TX	78380
PSJA North Early College High School	Pharr	TX	78577
PSJA THOMAS JEFFERSON T-STEM	Pharr	TX	78577
Ethel L Whipple Memorial Library	Los Fresnos	TX	78566

Library / Organization Name	City	State / Province / Region	Postal / Zip Code
Kirbyville Public Library	Kirbyville	TX	75956-0294
Rio Grande City Public Library	Rio Grande City	TX	78582
Rudy Silva Elementary	Weslaco	TX	78596
Memorial Parkway Junior High	Katy	TX	77450

Texas Historical Records Advisory Board

The nine-member Texas Historical Records Advisory Board (THRAB) was established in 1976 by Governor Dolph Briscoe to fulfill two objectives. First, it enables the state to receive monies from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) in support of archival and records management programs. Second, it serves as a catalyst for improving archival and records storage conditions within the state. In 1997, the board was officially established in state statute within the Texas Government Code, Chapter 441, Subchapter N.

Board members, appointed in accordance with federal and state requirements, have experience or interest in the collection, management, administration and accessibility of historical records. They are dedicated to the preservation and use of Texas' documentary heritage. The State Archivist (Director of the Archives and Information Services Division) serves as coordinator for the Board, and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides staff support.

Archival Awards

2022

David B. Gracy II Distinguished Archival Service Award

This 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.

[Society of Southwest Archivists](#)

Advocacy for Archives Award

This award acknowledges an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to ensure the preservation and availability of the historical record of Texas.

[Texas Archival Resources Online \(TARO\)](#)

Archival Award of Excellence

This award recognizes significant achievements in preserving and improving access to historical records in any format by a Texas archival institution and individual achievements.

[Harry Ransom Center](#)

2021

Advocacy for Archives Award

Mellela Bell, Senior Archivist, [Archives of the Big Bend](#), Sul Ross University

Archival Award of Excellence

Individual: Kaitlyn Price, Registrar, [Dallas Historical Society](#)

TSLAC Research Fellowship in Texas History

The Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) administers applications for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission Research Fellowship in Texas History. The fellowship includes a \$2,000 stipend and is awarded for the best research proposal utilizing the collections of the State Archives in Austin.

2021 TSLAC Research Fellowship in Texas History Recipients

- Marc Molina, UT-El Paso, “20th century Environmental Change in the Tamaulipan Mezquital: Railroads, Agriculture, and Colonialism”:
- Leroy Myers, University of Oklahoma, “Other Indians and Freedmen”: The Legacy of Black Migration to Oklahoma, 1840-1907:
- Bobby Cervantes, University of Kansas, “Las Colonias: The Housing of Poverty in the Modern Americas”

2022 TSLAC Research Fellowship in Texas History Recipients

- Andrew Busch, “High Tech Texas: Public Institutions, Regional Economic Development, and the Myth of Free Markets”
- Caitlyn Jones, “Texas Women and International Women’s Year”
- Christopher Phillips, “Dissent and Disorder in the Southern Confederacy”

Publications

Agency Strategic Plan - Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027

Agency Strategic Plan - Fiscal Years 2021 to 2025

Agency Strategic Plan - Fiscal Years 2019 to 2023

2021-2025 Strategic Plan for the Texas State Archives

2021 Texas Public Libraries Annual Report

2022 Texas Public Libraries Annual Report

FY 2021 Annual Internal Audit Report

FY 2020 Annual Internal Audit Report

FY 2020 Internal Audit Plan

Required Reports Prepared by State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education (Fiscal Year 2021)

LSTA Five-Year Evaluation

LSTA Five Year Plan (2023-2027)

Blogs

- **The Director’s Report with Gloria Meraz:** Insights and observations written by Gloria Meraz, 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 collection, and news about upcoming events and programs.

- **Texas Talking Book Program:** Read book reviews and recommendations by staff of the Texas 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 news on new arrivals on the bookshelf, the travels of the Public Awareness Coordinator, the information available from the Disability Reference Center, and much more.

Conferences Hosted

- e-Records Conference, November 18, 2022, “Discovering the Path Forward”
- e-Records Conference, virtual, November 17-18, 2021, “Accelerating Towards the Texas of Tomorrow”

State Agencies

Texas Education Agency (TEA): TSLAC collaborates with TEA in areas related to school library programs Educational Technology, Program Integration Strategy, and Curriculum Division in areas related to learning, reading, teacher and student resources, programming, digital access, and services for students with visual disabilities or learning conditions impairing reading.

Office of the Attorney General (OAG): TSLAC’s General Counsel and State Archives 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.

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR): TSLAC partners with DIR every year to host the annual Texas e-Records Conference to promote electronic records management in Texas government.

Bullock Texas State History Museum: TSLAC is the primary lender of materials to the Bob Bullock Museum. In FY 2021 and 2022, TSLAC loaned documents, government records, photographs, and artifacts to support the Bullock’s exhibits on Texas history.

Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO): TSLAC and the BDO have collaborated over the last two years on strategies to increase broadband deployment and meet the state’s goal for a more connected state and populations with robust digital literacy skills.

ESC 20 serves as the primary partner in the deployment of TSLAC’s TexQuest program. ESC serves as a central point for signing on district, assisting with administration, providing training to school personnel, and developing school resources.

Funders and Support Groups

The Texas Library and Archives Foundation (TxLAF) is the official support group for TSLAC. TxLAF is administered by a volunteer board who raise funds to promote learning, literacy, and the preservation of Texas history. In FY 2021 TxLAF provided support for two exhibit events supporting the “A Home for Texas History” lobby exhibit at the Zavala Building; 2021 and 2022 Texas Center for the Book Literacy Award and Honorable Mentions; and 2021 and 2022 TSLAC Research Fellowships in Texas History.

The **Edouard Foundation** supported TSLAC initiatives for many years through contributions to the Texas Library and Archives Foundation. In FY 2021, the foundation continued its support through TSLAC history fellowships and literary programs.

Associations and Non-Profits

Texas Library Association (TLA) is a 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 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.

Texas Book Festival (TBF) has been a long-standing partner. TSLAC and TBF collaborated in programming for both the 2021 (online) and 2022 (in-person) festivals.

Texas Rural Funders and the **Tocker Foundation** have been long advocates for the needs of rural libraries. Recently, working with other private funders, these organizations and TSLAC have engaged in strategy discussion on how to partner to increase support for public libraries in small communities.

Archives Research and Information Services

TSLAC Exhibits

- *A Home for Texas History*: February 22 – August 15, 2022, Opening Event: April 7, 2022 (Austin)
- *Not Alone: Working Together in the Fight Against Human Trafficking*: April 25 – May 28, 2022 (Liberty)
- Hull-Daisetta Rotary Building permanent exhibit: Opened April 30, 2022 (Liberty)
- *Cabinet of Curiosities*: July 9, 2021 – January 14, 2021 (Austin)
- *Atascosito: The History of Southeast Texas* permanent exhibit (Liberty)

Free Online Research Webinars

- Locating US Documents
- Introduction to the State Archives: Finding Materials, Part 1
- Introduction to the State Archives: Finding Materials, Part 2
- Introduction to Photographic Resources at the Texas State Archives
- Locating County Records
- Locating Texas Documents
- Introduction to Newspapers
- African American Genealogy Resources
- Republic of Texas Resources
- Introduction to the Sam Houston Regional Library and Resource Center
- Introduction to Maps at TSLAC
- Introduction to the Texas Digital Archive

APPENDIX F: TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND PROFESSIONAL FORUMS



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 May 18, June 25, and October 29, 2020; June 28, 2021; and June 14, 2022.
- 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 September 8, October 27, and December 1, 2020; March 9, June 8, and December 7, 2021; and March 1 and June 7, 2022.
- 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 23, 2020; February 25, June 2, and October 21, 2021; and February 16 and June 7, 2022.
- 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 on May 1, 2020; and January 15 and April 16, 2021.
- SLRM hosts an annual meeting in May each year with **state agency records management officers** and other staff.
- SLRM hosted the first annual meeting for **local government 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.
- ARIS organizes an annual update with **Regional Historical Resource Depository Institutions**.

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, American Library Association, Texas Library Association, Society of American Archivists, Society of Southwest Archivists, Texas State Historical Association, Chief Officers of the State Library Agencies, and many more at the local, state, national, and international level.

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Agency Locations

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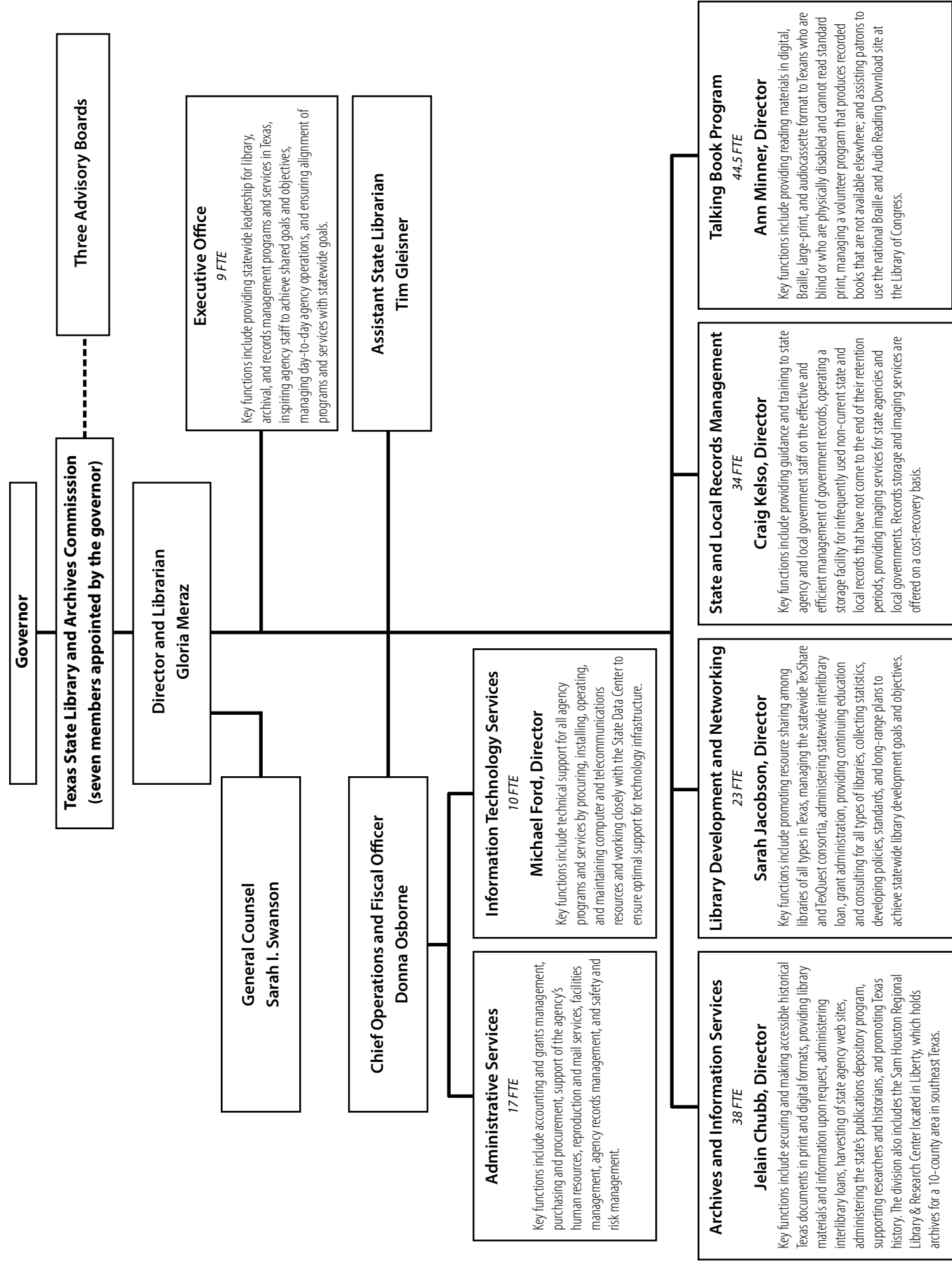
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