



Texas Library Association (TLA) Conference

School Board Meeting
April 18, 2023

Professional Learning Requirements

- Librarians in Texas are required to complete 200 hours of professional learning every five years.
- As a Texas specific conference, the Texas Library Association (TLA) provides professional learning opportunities related to content and topics specified by the Texas Education Agency.
- Unlike classroom teachers, librarians have limited opportunities for professional development.



TLA Conference Purpose

- TLA was organized 120 years ago to promote, support and improve library services in Texas.
- TLA is the largest state library association in the United States, with over 6,000 members.
- The conference pulls in 4,000-5,000 attendees annually.
- TLA is the state's conference for librarians to stay up-to-date with developments in all aspects of librarianship.
- This year's conference has over 300 sessions offered.



Additional Information

- The majority of CISD librarians are members of TLA and some serve on Round Tables (sub-committees) through TLA.
- Districts in our area (e.g., Tomball and Willis) have librarians attending the conference this year.
- Districts in our area (e.g., Humble, Katy, Klein, and New Caney) have librarians presenting at the conference this year.
- To maintain competitive library programs with knowledgeable staff, TLA is an important part of the ongoing professional learning of librarians.
- CISD librarians in attendance for the 2022 TLA Conference was five.
- CISD librarians attending TLA Conference in 2023 is seven.





Thank you