

Tentative Schedule (As of 10/8/2024)

8:00	8:30	Register, Network and Visit Sponsors	
8:30	8:45	Welcome	
		Valerie Prilop, TLA President Elect	
8:45	9:00	Wendy Woodland, TLA Director of Advocacy and Communication	
9:00	9:45	Eddie Vega, San Antonio Poet Laureate	
9:45	10:15	VENDOR BREAK	
10:15	11:00	First Session	
	Maple	Read More, Read Proud	Discover how read-alouds can bring the magic back to the classroom, foster engagement, imagination, and deepen connections between readers and listeners.
	Mesquite	What to Expect as a Librarian: Things you wish you learned in library school but were never told	A panel of new and up-and-coming librarians will share their experiences in school, academic and public libraries during their first and second years of their careers.
	Oak	The Cultural Treasure of San Antonio's Central Library El tesoro Cultural de la Biblioteca Central de San Antonio (Session repeated)	A Show-n-Tell of Central Library's Latino Collection and Resource Center. This special hybrid collection is a mix of both scholarly and general audience items representing the Latino American experience in the United States. Gain insight into how we use the community programming and outreach to highlight the collection and engage with patrons. Discover the type of materials within this representative collection that can range in use from leisurely reading cultural and academic research or be used as a teaching resource.

	Pecan	Legislative Session Update	Join us for an informative session on the latest developments impacting Texas libraries. Don't miss the opportunity to stay informed about the future of libraries in Texas.
11:10	11:55	Second Session	
	Maple	Quarterly Subscription Bags, Blind Dates and Take-home Parties	Get patrons and students out of their reading comfort zones and into new authors and genres. Use reader history to send them home with a blind date, snack and novel-tea item.
	Mesquite	Don't Merely Survive - Be Well and Happy in the Library	Get a curriculum guide that can compliment Education for Flourishing Standards and see how students and I successfully used thoughtfully-selected picture books to introduce and inform great discussions on happiness, mental and physical health, purpose and meaning, character and inner-strength and close social relationships.
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	Pecan	Menstrual Equity Project	Learn how to fight period poverty (Yes, it's a real thing) by stocking your library restrooms with FREE menstrual products. Learn from our experiences and see what you can do at your own library to help your impoverished community.
11:55	1:00	LUNCH AND VENDOR BREAK	
1:15	2:00	Third Session	
	Maple	Easy Escape Rooms for All Ages	Escape rooms promote teamwork and problem-solving skills, while providin an immersive entertainment alternative to digital screens. An escape room script and instructions from a successful escape room will be provided - customizable for tweens, teens and adults.
	Mesquite	Supporting Staff with Invisible Disabilities	October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This is the perfect time to celebrate the value and talent of disabled library workers! Learn from the experiences of a disabled librarian, who will provide plenty of research and resources - perfect for supervisors and managers looking to better support their disabled staff members.

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	Pecan	How to Adapt Digital Audiences into Physical Spaces	Frontline library staff will cover social media strategies and software that will introduce newer generations into the library space. We will teach you how to build recognition and familiarity among your patrons using branding and maximizing the potential of your physical library space.
2:10	2:40	VENDOR BREAK	
2:40	3:25	Fourth Session	
	Maple	Cleaning, Collaborating and Curating: Connecting Discover to your catalog to improve user experiences	Three librarians will give a panel discussion on their experience collaborating to improve user experience with their institutional discovery layer. It started with navigating electronic resources to help EBSCO Discover function which led to designing and implementing a 3-5 year cleanup project of the catalog (Sierra) and a wealth of new skills including implementation of an inventory process and systems management.
	Mesquite	Tabletop Gaming in Libraries	According to ALA, gaming “epitomizes the library as a third place... a community place between home and work/school to socialize and play.” Tabletop gaming encompasses a wide variety of genres, including board games, card games, role-playing games, war games, and more. Come and learn the basics of each type of game, and receive recommendations for games for your own library.
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3:35	4:30	Closing Keynote, Meeting and Door Prize Drawings	Dorcas Hand
			Library Ecosystem Thinking: ONE VOICE for Advocacy