State Library and Archives
Open for Researchers on Second Saturdays

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has expanded its hours of operation to accommodate researchers. The Commission’s three public service areas – the Texas State Archives, Texas Family Heritage Research Center and the Reference and Information Center are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. The facility is located at 1201 Brazos Street in Austin.

Resources and services available include:

- Archival government records dating back to the 18th century
- Newspapers
- Books
- Journals
- Legal resources
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Historical maps
- Free access to online databases, including TexShare, Ancestry, Fold3, Newspaper Archive (Texas), and newspapers.com
- Genealogical collections
- County histories
- City directories
- U.S. and Texas government publications
- Interlibrary loan service
- Public access computers
- Digital microform reader/printers
- Walk-up book scanner
- Knowledgeable and dedicated staff

Please note: Researchers using original documents in the State Archives for the first time will be required to register and must present valid photo identification and proof of current address.

On Second Saturdays, all archival materials will be removed from the reading room at 3:45 p.m.

Our regular public service hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The library is closed on most federal holidays.

To learn more about the Commission’s collections and agency operations, please visit www.tsl.texas.gov.

Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent to ref@tsl.texas.gov.

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January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14
Second Saturday Reading Room Workshops

You can become research-ready in 20 minutes! Attend our short Saturday morning workshops to learn about a library resource that can help with your research project, assist your genealogy work, or even satisfy your curiosity about historical records. See the list below for the topic of the month and check the calendar for times: www.tsl.texas.gov/calendar/agency.html.

January:  Searching the Census Online
February:  Introduction to Texas Vital Statistics
March:  Introduction to Newspaper Collections
April:  Introduction to Texas County Records
May:  Ancestry.com Texas Collections
June:  Introduction to Texas City Directories
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