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 public service areas—the Texas State Archives and Reference Reading Room—are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.
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 website for descriptions and to register at www.tsl.texas.gov/arclworkshops.

- **January**: Introduction to Newspaper Collections
- **February**: Introduction to the Texas State Archives
- **March**: Ancestry.com Texas Collections
- **April**: Introduction to Texas Confederate Pension Records
- **May**: Introduction to Texas Vital Statistics
- **June**: Introduction to Photographic Resources at the Texas State Archives
- **July**: Introduction to Newspaper Collections
- **August**: Introduction to the Texas State Archives
- **September**: Ancestry.com Texas Collections
- **October**: Introduction to Texas Confederate Pension Records
- **November**: Introduction to Texas Vital Statistics
- **December**: Introduction to Photographic Resources at the Texas State Archives