

2026 TSLAC New Director Orientation Series

Session 1: Kickoff



Community Guidelines

- ❖ Be curious, open, and respectful when contributing to the discussion.
- ❖ Ask questions! No one knows everything, and together, we know a lot.
- ❖ Take care of yourself. Stretch, eat, drink, use the restroom, take breaks, rest, etc.

Our Plan for Today

- ❖ Welcome and Introduction
- ❖ Get to Know Each Other
 - Biggest Challenge
 - Greatest Success
 - Reflection and Discussion
- ❖ Wrap Up

New Director Workgroup



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Online Learning
Consultant



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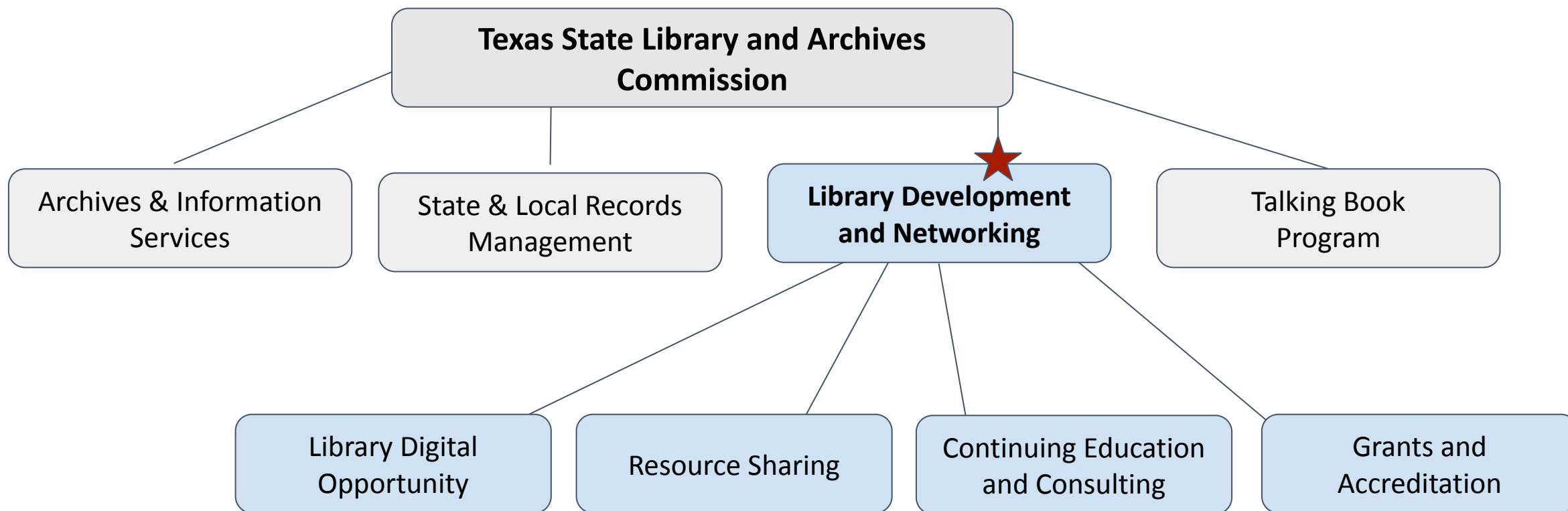


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New Director Training Series Structure

- Monthly Sessions (January through October - details in [User Guide](#))
 - Learning Focus on a specific topic disseminated in advance
 - Followed by online guided discussion and community learning at meetings

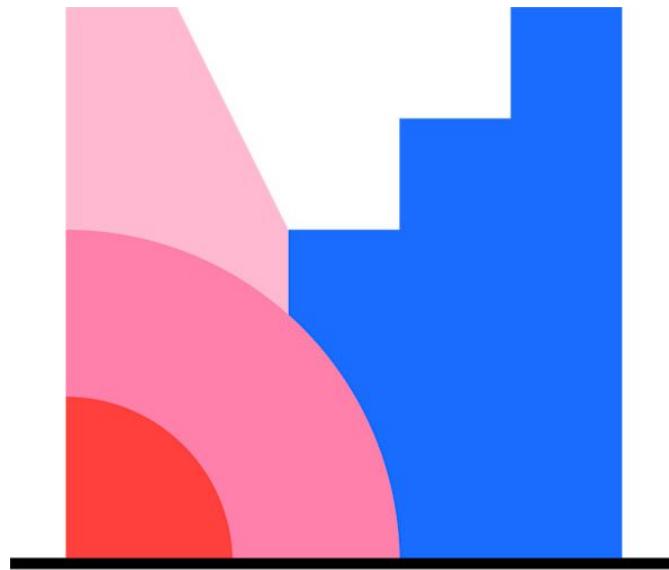
Please share :-)

You will get the most from this series if you are able to actively participate.

Please don't miss the Participation Best Practices in our User Guide.



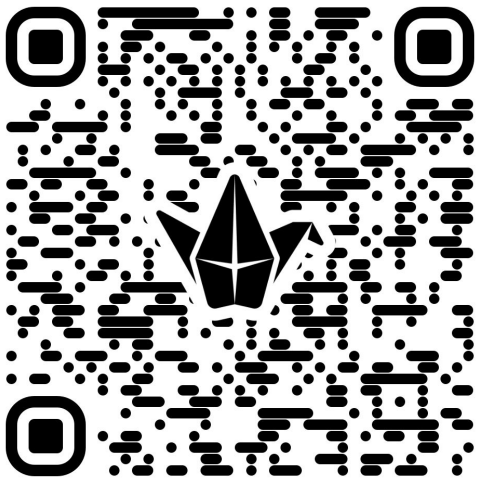
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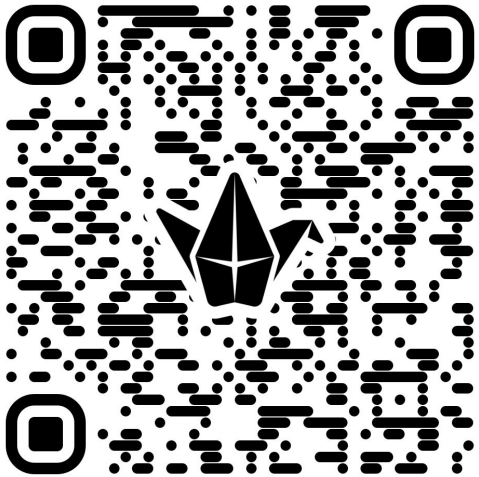
Biggest Challenge

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Reflections

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Upcoming Trainings and Reminders

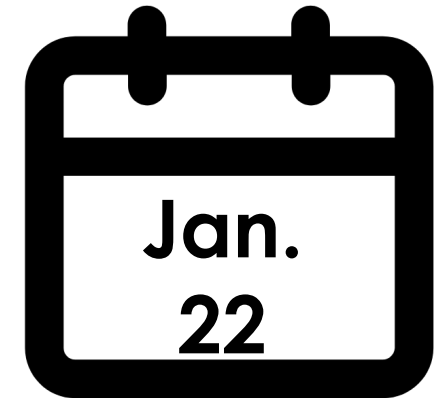
- [Grants News](#) - FY 27 Grant Cycle Opens December 17!
- [Library Management Updates](#)
- [Staff Updates](#)
- [Upcoming Webinars](#)

Our Next Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2026

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Topic: Accreditation and the
Texas Public Libraries Annual Report



Thank you!

