

About the Texas Center for the Book

The mission of the Texas Center for the Book (TCFB) is to celebrate the written word and literary heritage of Texas, while highlighting the importance of books, reading, literacy, and libraries. Established in 1987, the Center builds partnerships with library professionals, educators, authors, publishers, and booksellers who provide support to our shared mission of promoting a love of literature throughout the Lone Star State.

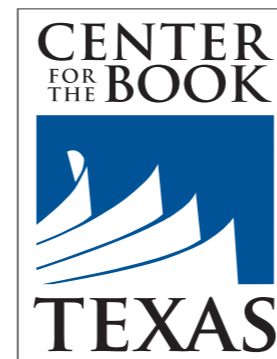
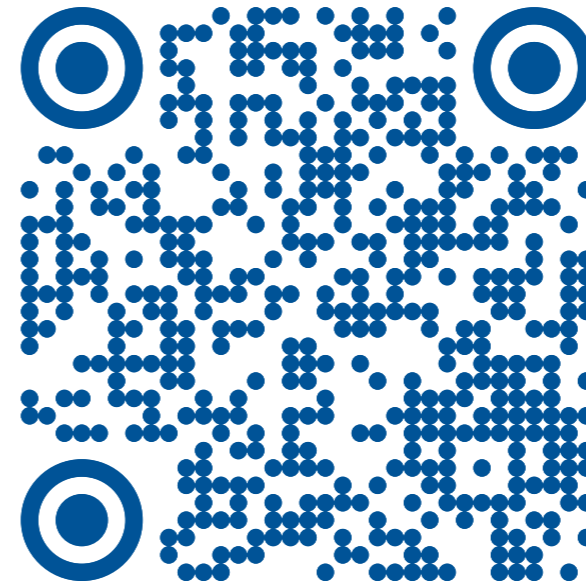
One of 50 state centers affiliated with the **Center for the Book in the Library of Congress**, the TCFB is under the direction of the **Texas State Library and Archives Commission**. The TCFB is supported in part by the **Texas Library and Archives Foundation**.

Read our blog!

Texas Bookshelf Chronicles is the monthly blog of the Texas Center for the Book. We recognize great programs from libraries and librarians and champion efforts to improve literacy and access to literature statewide.

www.tsl.texas.gov/tcfb

Learn more by visiting the Texas Center for the Book online!



TEXAS CENTER FOR THE BOOK

Celebrating books,
reading, literacy,
and libraries



Texas Book Festival

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is proud to be a venue for the annual Texas Book Festival, which was founded by Laura Bush in 1995. The Texas Book Festival honors Texas authors, promotes the joys of reading, and benefits the state's public libraries. We hope to welcome you to the book festival's author events at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building.

www.texasbookfestival.org



Letters About Literature Texas

Has a book made you laugh, brought you to tears or changed your life? Did a book help you see the world, or yourself, in a new way? Write a letter to the author. Letters About Literature Texas is a reading and writing contest for 4th–12th graders.

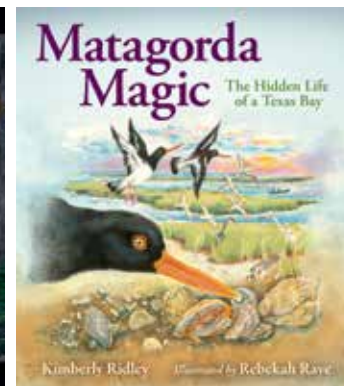
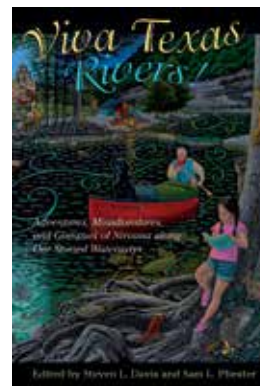
Winners receive prize money and travel assistance to attend the Texas Library Association Annual Conference. This program is supported by the Texas Library and Archives Foundation. Learn more at www.tsl.texas.gov/lettersaboutliterature.

#TXBookChat **LIVE** At TSLAC

We invite you to our #TXBookChat LIVE series, author interviews showcasing a wide variety of authors and books, held at our Public Event Space at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building. These free events take place periodically on Monday afternoons; recordings are shared on our YouTube channel. To learn about upcoming events, follow TSLAC on social media (@tslac everywhere).

Texas Great Reads

Every year, the Library of Congress asks each state Center for the Book to select titles that represent the state's literary landscape to highlight at the National Book Festival, an event showcasing the importance of books and reading. The TCFB selects one adult and one children's title for inclusion in the Great Reads from Great Places list. Check out this year's selection at www.tsl.texas.gov/greatreadtexas.



2025 Texas Great Reads: *Matagorda Magic* (youth selection) by Kimberly Ridley, illustrated by Rebekah Raye; and *Viva Texas Rivers!* (adult selection) edited by Steven L. Davis and Sam L. Pfister.

LONE STAR LIBRARIES



Lone Star Libraries

Lone Star Libraries is our quarterly video and article series that showcases and celebrates exceptional Texas libraries, including The Wittliff Collections at Texas State University and the Armstrong Browning Library & Museum at Baylor University (seen above). Learn more at www.tsl.texas.gov/lonestarlibraries