Public service areas—the Texas State Archives and Reference Reading Room—are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on 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
- Microfilm and original newspapers
- Books
- Journals
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Historical maps
- Free access to online databases, including TexShare, Ancestry, Fold3, Newspaper Archive (Texas), and Newspapers.com
- Genealogical collections
- County records and histories
- City directories
- U.S. and Texas government publications
- Interlibrary loan service
- Public access computers
- Digital microform reader/printers
- Self-serve book scanners
- Knowledgeable and dedicated staff

Please note: Researchers using original documents in the State Archives for the first time will be required to register. Texas residents with valid photo identification and proof of current address may register for Interlibrary Loan services and remote access to the TexShare Databases.

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 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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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