



# PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION

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# What we'll cover

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- ❖ Accreditation and what's in for me?
- ❖ How is the PLA report related to accreditation?
- ❖ What if my library doesn't meet accreditation criteria?

# Accreditation and what's in it for me?

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Does my library have to be accredited?

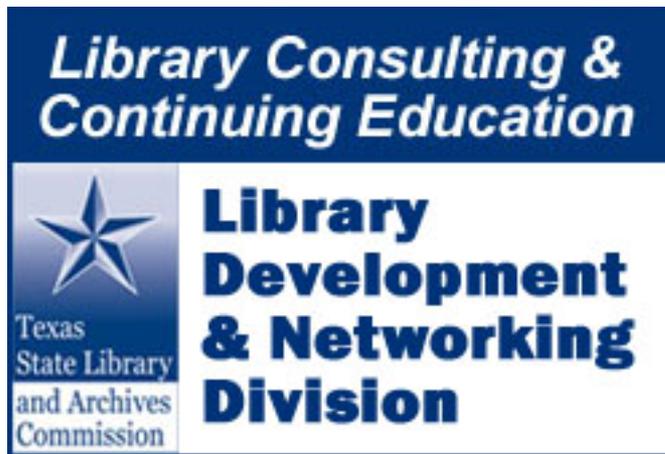
*No, accreditation is completely voluntary.*



# All public libraries eligible

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- ❑ Continuing Education
- ❑ General Library Consulting



<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/landing/ce.html>

# Accreditation and what's in it for me?

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- ❑ Accreditation means a library meets the Minimum Standards for Accreditation of Libraries in the State Library System
- ❑ These are true minimums and do not reflect quality of service

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# Accreditation Task Force

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- ❑ Reviewing the Minimum Criteria for Accreditation
- ❑ Will be asking for comment from public libraries
- ❑ TLA Forum-Joint with the TLA Public Standards taskforce

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/atf>

# Accreditation rules

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- ❑ Minimum Standards for Accreditation of Libraries in the State Library System
  - ❑ Texas Administrative Code –
    - ❑ Title 13, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter C

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# Benefits

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- TexShare database consortium



# Benefits

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- ❑ TexShare card program



# Benefits

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- ❑ Interlibrary Loan program
  - ❑ Texas Navigator Group
  - ❑ Not too late!
  - ❑ Q&A sessions last Thursday of the month at 10am
  - ❑ Reviewing ILL reimbursement program
  - ❑ TLA Conference program – panel of libraries using Navigator



# Benefits

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- ❑ E-rate program



# Benefits

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- May apply for TSLAC competitive grants





# Benefits

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- ❑ Connected to other libraries in the state



# Benefits

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- ❑ Community prestige
  - ❑ Some communities use accreditation to promote quality of life in marketing. Helps community “stand out”

# Accreditation questions are marked

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 <b>.12 Listed Telephone</b> Is this a number that can be accessed through the internet?	This symbol means the question is an accreditation question.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Note at bottom of each page.

 Accreditation-related question

# Questions on Annual report

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- Question 4.2 determines whether met Maintenance of Effort (13 TAC 1.74) and Per Capita Minimum (13 TAC 1.81)
- Question 4.3 determines whether met Local Gov't Support Expenditures (13 TAC 1.77)

# Library doesn't meet criteria-what next?

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## ➤ We will send - Report Errors Workbook

Library Identification	
Annual Report	2012
Library Name	Texline Public Library
City	Texline
TSLAC ID	477
Preliminary Population (Final May 15, 2013)	41
System	TPLS
County	Dallam
Federated Library System (FLS)	N/A
Head Librarian/Director First Name	Library
Head Librarian/Director Last Name	Director
Head Librarian/Director Email	0
Library Email	0
Phone	(806) 362-4849

Report Identification Tabs	
Link to Tab	Description
<a href="#">Reporting Errors</a>	Explanations or corrections needed on submitted report.
<a href="#">Annotations</a>	Notes provided by library in annual report.
<a href="#">Appendix</a>	MOE and Local Government Support Calculations
qryreportdata	For Internal use by Texas State Library and Archives.

Rules for Administering the Library Systems Act
<a href="http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&amp;ti=13&amp;pt=1&amp;ch=1&amp;sch=C&amp;rl=Y">http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&amp;ti=13&amp;pt=1&amp;ch=1&amp;sch=C&amp;rl=Y</a>

TSLAC Website for Annual Report
<a href="http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/arsma/index.html">http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/arsma/index.html</a>

Texas LibPAS Login
<a href="https://tx.countingopinions.com/">https://tx.countingopinions.com/</a>

# Report Errors Workbook-con't

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- Follow instructions in accompanying email
- Contact Valicia or me if will not be able to meet



# Options:

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- Revise report
- Claim indirect
- Appeal
- Lose accreditation





# Revise Report

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- ❑ Go back through report
  - ❑ Look for errors
  - ❑ Review your records
  
- ❑ Deadline for changes is July 31





# Claim Indirect support

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- ❑ Use for MOE/Local Gov't Support/PC Exp
- ❑ Gov't entity providing service documents
- ❑ Not Capital expenditures
- ❑ Not in library budget



# Indirect support

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- ✓ Indirect Support can include only *operating* expenditures
  - ✓ Janitorial services
  - ✓ Purchasing
  - ✓ Accounting
  - ✓ Grounds maintenance

# Indirect support

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- ✓ Indirect Support can include only *operating* expenditures
  - ✓ Utilities
  - ✓ Insurance
  - ✓ Telecommunications



# Appeal

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- ❑ Guidelines for appeals
  - ❑ What happened and why
  - ❑ Special circumstances
  - ❑ Not singled out for budget cuts
  - ❑ When will issue be resolved
  - ❑ Plan



# Appeals

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- TSLAC staff reviews
- LSAB summer meeting (June 2014)
- Library/interested parties may attend & speak
- Board recommendation to State Librarian

# Appeals

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- State Librarian makes determination
- Libraries notified
- Can protest at summer Commission meeting
- Same appeal procedures apply
- Commission final decision



# Unaccredited

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- If unaccredited for a year, MOE resets
- Would complete annual report as usual for the next year



# Unaccredited

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- ❑ Would not be eligible for benefits described earlier



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AMERICAN WEST**



1 year grace period



**TexShare**

*"A Texas Library Resource Sharing Program"*



# Questions?



# Contact information

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