

Benefits of Accreditation

- **REGARDLESS OF ACCREDITATION STATUS**, all public libraries are eligible for Continuing Education, Consulting, and Technology Consulting.

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/consulting/index.html>

- **TexShare databases** - TexShare Database Program provides a wealth of electronic database resources to over 700 public, academic, and libraries of clinical medicine throughout the state at a significant cost savings. These electronic databases are powerful research tools available 24 hours a day in the homes or offices of registered patrons of participating Texas libraries. They provide full-text articles from journals, newspapers, magazines, and many other sources. Entire books can be read online. Database topics include homework help for students, health information, business information, biography and genealogy, as well as literature and archival information.

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/databasespage.html>

For monthly, customized reports of database usage, contact the vendors. Contact information is at

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/statistics.html>

- **TexShare card** - The TexShare card program is a reciprocal borrowing program. It is designed to allow the registered users of participating institutions to directly borrow materials from the libraries of other participating institutions.

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/cardpage.html>

- **TexNet Inter-Library Loan program** - TexNet is a statewide interlibrary loan network including academic, public and special libraries throughout Texas. Links below provide additional information on the ILL program, as well as the courier program.

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/landing/ill.html>

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/illcourierpage.html>

- **E-rate** - E-rate is a federal program that provides discounts to public libraries in the U.S. to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/usf.html>

- **Competitive grants** - The Texas State Library provides competitive grants to support innovative practices that enable libraries to develop programs for populations with special needs; promote cooperative services for learning and access to information; promote reading and literacy within local communities; provide seed money for new or innovative programs and services; and provide access to their special or unique holdings and to make information about these holdings available to library users across the state.

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/index.html>

- **Other funding/project opportunities** – Mobile Solutions (FY2013) - provides support for Texas libraries or library consortia interested in building or expanding their mobile presence through mobile accessible library catalogs, mobile accessible library websites, and/or mobile apps. This can include design changes to existing site/catalogs or complete alternatives specifically made for the mobile environment.

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/mobilesolutions>