



Public Libraries Accreditation

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What we'll cover

- ❖ 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?

Does my library have to be accredited?

No, accreditation is completely voluntary.

All public libraries eligible

- Continuing Education
- Technology Consulting
- General Library Consulting

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



Accreditation and what's in it for me?

- ❑ 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

Benefits

☐ TexShare database consortium

☐ Databases, including



Benefits

☐ TexShare card program



Benefits

☐ Interlibrary Loan program



Benefits

☐ E-rate program



Benefits

- ❑ May apply for TSLAC competitive grants

Special Projects

Impact

Texas Reads

TexTreasures

Library Cooperation

TSLAC Library Grants

TSLAC is now accepting applications for all competitive library grants (categories above) for FY2014. Applications are due Feb. 27, 2013. Click on the image to get started.

Benefits



- ❑ Other funding/project opportunities
 - ❑ For 2013, offering Mobile Solutions project

Benefits



- ❑ Connected to other libraries in the state

Benefits



- ❑ Community prestige

- ❑ Some communities use accreditation to promote quality of life in marketing

Accreditation rules

- ❑ Minimum Standards for Accreditation of Libraries in the State Library System
 - ❑ Texas Administrative Code –
 - ❑ Title 13, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter C
 - ❑ [http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=13&pt=1&ch=1&sch=C&rl=Y](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=13&pt=1&ch=1&sch=C&rl=Y)

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Accreditation questions are marked in instructions

 .12 Listed Telephone 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

- 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)

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Library doesn't meet criteria-what next?

➤ We will send - Report Errors Workbook

Library Identification	
Annual Report	2011
Library Name	Foard County Library
City	Crowell
TSLAC ID	472
Preliminary Population (Final May 15, 2012)	1,336
System	NTRLS
County	Foard
Federated Library System (FLS)	N/A
Admin First Name	Jackie
Admin Last Name	Diggs
Admin Email	Foard.Library@esc9.net
Library Email	Foard.Library@esc9.net
Phone	9406841250

Report Identification Tabs	
Link to Tab	Description
Reporting Errors	Problems identified on this report
Annotations	Notes provided through Counting Opinions
Appendix	
qryreportdata	For Internal use by Texas State Library and Archives.

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

TSLAC Website for Annual Report
http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/arsma/index.html

Texas LibPAS Login
http://tx.countingopinions.com/

Report Errors Workbook-con't

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

Options:

- Revise report
- Claim indirect
- Appeal
- Lose accreditation



Revise Report

- Go back through report
 - Look for errors
 - Review your records

Deadline for changes is July 31



Claim Indirect support

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



Indirect support

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

Indirect support

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

Appeal



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

Appeals

- TSLAC staff reviews
- LSAB summer meeting (June 7, 2013)
- Library/interested parties may attend & speak
- Board recommendation to State Librarian

Appeals

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

Unaccredited

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



Unaccredited

❑ Would not be eligible for benefits described earlier



1 year grace period





Questions?

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