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TSLAC Reading Club Poster Art Retrospective on display at Capitol

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AUSTIN, Texas - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) will display its “Reading Club Poster Art Retrospective” at The Texas Capitol - Ground Floor Rotunda, Wednesday, Oct. 29 – Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The retrospective display, exhibited by TSLAC and held in conjunction with the Texas Book Festival, this weekend on the Capitol Grounds, will show off the popular and vividly colored posters from the Texas Reading Club series.

The Texas Reading Club, a TSLAC sponsored program, is designed to encourage youth to read for pleasure and to promote library usage. A statewide theme is selected each year that emphasizes how reading expands young minds and to encourage children to use their imaginations.

The 2008 theme is “Texas Reading Club Jubilee: 1958-2008!” by artist and children’s book illustrator Janet Stevens, a native of Dallas.

The poster shows an armadillo in cowboy boots dancing with a book, in front of the Texas State Capitol building, surrounded with items considered to be staples of Texas. The poster celebrates 50 years of the Texas Reading Club.

Each year, along with the posters, there are handbooks, theme songs, bookmarks, certificates and a video that can be downloaded as resources for libraries and librarians.

Some electronic versions of previous Texas Reading Club posters and art from 1966 to 2008 can be viewed online at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/trc/jubilee/index.html>.

Along with the Texas Reading Club for youth, TSLAC, reaches out to teens through its Texas Teens Read! program. It encourages teens to read during their summer vacations and to become lifelong readers and library users. In collaboration with local libraries, the program establishes the library as a safe, engaging space for teens.

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