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## **Texas State Library and Archives Commission to kickoff Centennial Celebration on March 19**

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**AUSTIN, Texas** - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and will kickoff its yearlong celebration with a press conference and birthday celebration on Thursday, March 19, 2009, on the south steps of the Texas State Capitol Building, in Austin at noon.

The general public is invited to hear performances by the Austin Girls' Choir along with the featured speaker Bill Crawford, the author of *Please Pass the Biscuits, Pappy*. He has co-authored *Austin: An Illustrated History*, *Stevie Ray Vaughan: Caught in the Crossfire*, and *Cerealizing America: The Unsweetened Story of American Breakfast Cereal and Texas*. He is a frequent contributor to the *Austin Chronicle*, *Texas Monthly* and other publications.

The agency has selected "1909 – 2009 A Century of Service to Texas," as the slogan for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event will also feature birthday cake and a limited amount of books will be given away to the children in attendance.

"We are excited about celebrating our first century and look forward to beginning a second century of service to Texas in the renovated Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building," said Peggy D. Rudd, TSLAC director and librarian.

The building, which is the TSLAC headquarters, opened in 1962, is currently undergoing a \$15.5 million legislative-appropriated renovation project. It is expected to be completed late in 2009.

The agency is celebrating the act creating the Texas Library and Historical Commission that became effective March 19, 1909, when Governor Thomas M. Campbell signed the bill that created the agency. The bill directed the new agency to aid and encourage public libraries and collect materials related to Texas history.

Renamed in 1979 as the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), the agency continues its mission to safeguard significant resources, provide information services and support research, education and reading, and enhance the capacity for achievement of current and future generations.

More information can be found at [www.tsl.state.tx.us](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us) by clicking the Centennial logo.

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## Calendar of Events

<b>TSLAC CENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>MARCH 19</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Centennial Kickoff Press Conference            Austin, Texas – Texas Capitol (South Steps) – Noon to 1 p.m.</b></p> <p>Cake, party favors and the release of logos, themes and calendar of Centennial events. The public and invited guests are welcomed at the south steps of the Capitol to celebrate the actual date that Governor Thomas Campbell signed the bill creating the Texas Library and Historical Commission, now the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Media kits and TSLAC informational materials to be distributed. The guest speaker is author Bill Crawford and the Austin Girls' Choir will perform.</p>
<b>APRIL 1</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friends of Libraries and Archives of Texas Program            at the Texas Library Association 2009 Annual Conference            George R. Brown Convention Center            Houston, Texas – 10:15 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.</b></p> <p>Dr. David B. Gracy, the Governor Bill Daniel Professor in Archival Enterprise at the University of Texas at Austin, School of Information and two of his colleagues, Pamela Bleisch (Center for American History) and Carol Waggner (University of Wyoming), have agreed to reprise a panel program moderated by State Librarian Peggy D. Rudd and presented at the March 2008 meeting of the Texas State Historical Association. The program focuses on aspects of the history of the commission.</p>
<b>FALL 2009 TBA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>History of the Commission Book Release / Author Speaks            Austin, Texas – Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives Building</b></p> <p>Dr. David B. Gracy, the Governor Bill Daniel Professor in Archival Enterprise at the University of Texas at Austin, School of Information, has contracted with UT Press to publish a history of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The Friends of Libraries and Archives of Texas supported this effort by administering a Summerlee Foundation grant to fund research on the topic. Dr. Gracy submitted the manuscript to the publisher in fall 2008, with publication scheduled for fall or winter 2009. A book release party will be held in the lobby of the Zavala building. Gracy may give a prepared lecture, attendees can meet the author and he will autograph copies of the book.</p>
<b>FALL 2009 TBA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ribbon Cutting / Open House            Austin, Texas – Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives Building</b></p> <p>Celebrate the completion of the renovations to the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building.</p>
<b>FALL 2009 TBA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Texas Book Festival – Austin, Texas – Texas Capitol Grounds</b></p> <p>TSLAC has been a partner in the Texas Book Festival since its inception.</p>

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**ABOUT THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION**

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